

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

**Securities and Exchange Commission v. Gina Champion-Cain and
ANI Development, LLC**

Champion-Cain · No. 19-CV-1628 TWR (AHG · Decided October 16, 2025)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted a motion to seal a portion of the fifteenth interim fee application of Receiver's counsel. The court also approved, on an interim basis, the Receiver's and Allen Matkins's requested fees and expenses and authorized payment from receivership assets.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE Case No.: 19-CV-1628 TWR (AHG)
COMMISSION, 12 ORDER (1) GRANTING MOTION Plaintiff, 13 TO SEAL, AND (2)
APPROVING v. FIFTEENTH INTERIM FEE 14 APPLICATIONS GINA CHAMPION-CAIN
and ANI 15 DEVELOPMENT, LLC, (ECF Nos. 1085, 1086, 1088, 1089) 16 Defendants, 17
AMERICAN NATIONAL 18 INVESTMENTS, INC., 19 Relief Defendant.

20 21 Presently before the Court are the unopposed Fifteenth Interim Fee Applications of 22
Krista L. Freitag, Court-Appointed Receiver (ECF No. 1085), and Allen Matkins Leck 23 Gamble
Mallory & Natsis LLP (“Allen Matkins”), General Counsel to the Receiver, Krista 24 L. Freitag
(ECF Nos. 1086 (public), 1089 (lodged sealed version)), for Payment of Fees 25 and
Reimbursement of Expenses (together, the “Fee Applications”), as well as a Motion 26 for
Permission to File Portion of Fifteenth Interim Fee Application of Allen Matkins Under 27 Seal
 (“Mot. to Seal,” ECF No. 1088).

The Court vacated the hearing and took the 28 / / / 1 Applications and Motion to Seal under
submission on the papers without oral argument 2 || pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7.1(d)(1). (See
ECF No. 1090.) 3 With regard to the Motion to Seal, having reviewed the document in question
and 4 || good cause appearing, see Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1099
5 || (9th Cir.

2016); (see also ECF Nos. 310, 537, 639, 723, 774, 780, 908, 946, 962, 968, 1008, 6 ||/1016, 1048,
1080), the Court GRANTS the Motion. Accordingly, the Clerk SHALL 7 || FILE UNDER SEAL
the document previously lodged under seal at ECF No. 1089. 8 As for the Fee Applications,

having carefully reviewed the Fee Applications and the 9 || record, the Court GRANTS the Fee Applications.

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS: 10 1. The Receiver's fees and costs for the Fifteenth Application Period are 11 || ALLOWED AND APPROVED, on an interim basis, in the amounts of \$24,525.15 and 12 |/\$1,871.93, respectively; 13 2. Allen Matkins's fees and costs for the Fifteenth Application Period are 14 || ALLOWED AND APPROVED, on an interim basis, in the amounts of \$127,755.90 and 15 \$7,476.15, respectively; 16 3.

The Receiver is AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to pay herself 17 ||\$19,620.12 in fees and \$1,871.93 in costs from assets of the Receivership Estate, which 18 |}amounts reflect an interim payment of 80% of the allowed fees and 100% of the allowed 19 || costs; and 20 4.

The Receiver is AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to pay Allen Matkins 21 \$102,204.72 in fees and \$7,476.15 in costs from assets of the Receivership Estate, which 22 ||amounts reflect an interim payment of 80% of the allowed fees and 100% of the allowed 23 || costs. 24 IT IS SO ORDERED. 25 ||Dated: October 16, 2025 ——— (2 26 [on \ % (re 27 Honorable Todd W. Robinson 38 United States District Judge