

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)

(Jointly Administered)

**DECLARATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF DAVID J. LAURENT,
ESQUIRE ON BEHALF OF BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC**

David J. Laurent declares and says:

1. I am a Shareholder of **Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC** located at 301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, One Oxford Centre, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (the “**Firm**”).

2. Patriot Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession in the above referenced proceedings (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) have requested that the Firm provide legal services to the Debtors, and the Firm has consented to provide those services.

3. The Firm may have performed services in the past and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases, for persons that are claimants or other parties in interest in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases. The Firm currently represents Caterpillar, Inc., Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation, and Caterpillar Global Mining in connection with the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases.

4. Except as indicated in the following sentence, neither I nor any partner or associate of the Firm, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, holds or represents any

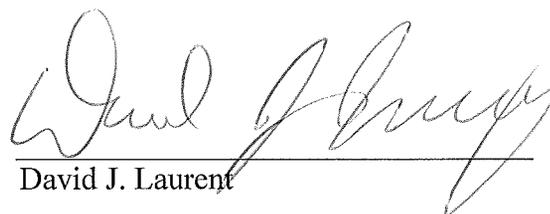
interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be employed. The Firm represents other clients who, like some of the Debtors, contribute to UMWA multi-employer plans. To the extent any of the Debtors withdraw from these plans and seek to have their withdrawal liability discharged, in whole or in part, all of the other companies that contribute to these plans may be adversely affected.

5. Neither I nor any partner or associate of the Firm has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any person other than partners and associates of the Firm.

6. The Debtors owe the Firm \$6,678.50 for prepetition services.

7. The Firm is conducting further inquiries regarding its retention by any creditors of the Debtors, and upon conclusion of that inquiry, or at any time during the period of its employment, if the Firm should discover any facts bearing on the matter described herein, the Firm will supplement the information contained in this Declaration.

8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Declaration was executed on August 14, 2012.


David J. Laurent

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RETENTION QUESTIONNAIRE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.* (the “Debtors”)

DO NOT FILE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WITH THE COURT.
RETURN IT FOR FILING BY THE DEBTORS TO:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
450 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017
Attn: Marshall S. Huebner and Brian M. Resnick

All questions **must** be answered. Please use “none,” “not applicable,” or “N/A,” as appropriate. If more space is needed, please complete on a separate page and attach.

1. Name and address of firm:

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
301 Grant Street, 20th Floor, One Oxford Centre
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Date of retention: December 2008

Brief description of services to be provided: Litigation regarding possible claims under coal contracts and the defense of claims filed by current and former employees.

2. Arrangements for compensation (hourly, contingent, etc.)

Hourly Rate

- (a) Range of hourly rates (if applicable): \$250 - \$650
(b) Estimated average monthly compensation based on prepetition retention (if firm was employed prepetition): Unknown

3. Prepetition claims against any of the Debtors held by the firm:

May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Total
\$168.50	\$ 190.00		\$ 358.50
	\$1,120.00	\$ 200.00	\$1,320.00
	\$ 760.00	\$4,240.00	\$5,000.00
			\$6,678.50

Source of claim: Prepetition legal fees

4. Prepetition claims against any of the Debtors held individually by any of the firm's attorneys: None
5. Stock of any of the Debtors currently held by the firm: None
6. Stock of any of the Debtors currently held individually by any of the firm's attorneys: None
7. Disclose the nature and provide a brief description of any interest adverse to the Debtors or to their estates for the matters on which the firm is to be employed:
None
8. Name of individual completing this form: David J. Laurent, Esq