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IN RE:

BAKER & TAYLOR, LLC,

Debtor

Case No.: 26-12863
Judge: Christine M. Gravelle
Chapter 11

**ORDER (I) SETTING BAR DATES FOR SUBMITTING PROOFS OF CLAIM,
INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT UNDER SECTION 503(B)(9), (II)
ESTABLISHING AMENDED SCHEDULES BAR DATE AND REJECTION DAMAGES
BAR DATE, (III) APPROVING THE FORM, MANNER AND PROCEDURES FOR
FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM, (IV) APPROVING NOTICE THEREOF AND (V)
GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered (2) through (11), is hereby
ORDERED.

DATED: June 11, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine M. Gravelle", is written over a horizontal line.
Honorable Christine M. Gravelle, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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Upon the motion (the “Motion”)¹ of the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”) for entry of an order (this “Order”) (a) setting Bar Dates for creditors to submit Proofs of Claim in the Chapter 11 Case, (b) approving the procedures described herein for submitting Proofs of Claim in the Chapter 11 Case and the form of Proof of Claim attached hereto as Exhibit 1, (c) approving the form and manner of service of the notice of the Bar Dates, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (the “Bar Date Notice”), and (d) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion is permissible pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtor’s notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in support of the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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2. Except as otherwise provided herein and notwithstanding Local Rule 3003-1, all Persons and Entities including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, and trusts, that assert a Claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Debtor that arose before the Petition Date, including Claims pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code (each, a “503(b)(9) Claim”), shall submit a written proof of such Claim so that it is actually received by Omni Agent Solutions (“Omni” or the “Notice and Claims Agent”) **before 5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on July 17, 2026** (the “General Claims Bar Date”), in accordance with this Order.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, Proofs of Claim submitted by Governmental Units (as defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code) must be submitted so as to be actually received by the Notice and Claims Agent before 5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on September 14, 2026 (the “Governmental Bar Date”).

4. Any Person or Entity that holds a Claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease must submit a Proof of Claim based on such rejection on or before the later of (a) the applicable Bar Date and (b) any date this Court may fix in the applicable order authorizing such rejection and, if no such date is provided, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of entry of such order, unless otherwise ordered by the Court (the “Rejection Damages Bar Date”). The Debtor will provide notice of the Rejection Damages Bar Date to the contract or lease counterparty whose contract or lease is being rejected at the time the Debtor rejects such executory contract or unexpired lease. For the avoidance of doubt, counterparties to unexpired leases of

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nonresidential real property shall not be required to file a Proof of Claim against the Debtor unless and until the applicable lease is rejected by the Debtor.

5. In the event the Debtor amends or supplements its Schedules, the Debtor shall give notice of any such amendment to the holders of any Claim affected thereby, and such holders shall submit their Claims by the later of (a) the applicable Bar Date and (b) 5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on the date that is thirty (30) calendar days after such Person or Entity is served with notice that the Debtor has amended its Schedules in a manner that affects such Person or Entity (any such date, the “Amended Schedules Bar Date”).

6. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(2) any holder of a Claim that is not excepted from the requirements of this Order and fails to timely submit a Proof of Claim in the appropriate form shall be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from (a) voting on any chapter 11 plan filed in these Chapter 11 Cases on account of such Claim, (b) participating in any distribution in these Chapter 11 Cases on account of such Claim, and (c) receiving further notices regarding such Claim. For the avoidance of doubt, any Person or Entity asserting a Claim entitled to priority pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9) that fails to file a General Claim Form in accordance with this Bar Date Order shall not be entitled to any priority treatment on account of such claim in these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9), regardless of whether such claim is identified on the Debtor’s Schedules as not contingent, not disputed and not liquidated.

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7. The following procedures for the submission of Proofs of Claim asserting Claims against the Debtor in these Chapter 11 Cases shall apply:

- a. Contents. Each Proof of Claim must: (i) be written in English; (ii) be denominated in U.S. Dollars; (iii) conform substantially with a Proof of Claim Form provided by the Debtor or Official Form 410; and (iv) be signed or electronically transmitted through the interface on Omni's website at <https://omniagentsolutions.com/BakerTaylor-Claims> by the claimant or by an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant;
- b. Section 503(b)(9) Claim. In addition to the requirements set forth above, any Proof of Claim asserting a 503(b)(9) Claim must also: (i) include the value of the goods delivered to and received by the Debtor in the twenty days prior to the Petition Date; (ii) attach documentation of the date on which the goods were delivered to and received by the Debtor; (iii) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which the 503(b)(9) Claim is being asserted; (iv) attach documentation of any reclamation demand made to the Debtor under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable); and (v) set forth whether any portion of the 503(b)(9) Claim was satisfied by payments made by the Debtor pursuant to any order of the Court authorizing the Debtor to pay prepetition Claims;
- c. Receipt of Service. Claimants submitting a Proof of Claim through non-electronic means who wish to receive a proof of receipt of their Proofs of Claim from the Notice and Claims Agent must also include with their Proof of Claim a copy of their Proof of Claim and a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- d. Supporting Documentation. Each Proof of Claim must include supporting documentation in accordance with Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d). If, however, such documentation is voluminous, such Proof of Claim may include a summary of such documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not included with the Proof of Claim. Debtor's counsel or its successor and assigns, including any trustee appointed in this bankruptcy case, may request such documentation, which shall be provided no later than 10 calendar days from the date of such request.

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8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Persons or Entities need not submit a Proof of Claim on behalf of a Claim in these Chapter 11 Cases on or prior to the applicable Bar Date if the Claim falls into one of the following categories:

- a. any Claim that has already been asserted in a Proof of Claim against the Debtor with the Notice and Claims Agent in a form substantially similar to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410;
- b. any Claim that is listed on the Schedules filed by the Debtor, provided that (i) the Claim is not scheduled as “disputed,” “contingent,” or “unliquidated”; and (ii) the claimant does not disagree with the amount, nature, and priority of the Claim as set forth in the Schedules;
- c. any Claim that has previously been allowed by order of this Court;
- d. any Claim that has already been paid in full by the Debtor;
- e. any Claim for which a different deadline has previously been fixed by this Court;
- f. any Person or Entity that holds an equity interest in the Debtor, which interest is based exclusively upon the ownership of common or preferred stock, membership interests, partnership interests, warrants, options, or rights of purchase, or who sells or subscribes to such a security or interest; provided that any holder of an equity interest in the Debtor who wishes to assert a Claim (as opposed to an ownership interest) against the Debtor (including a Claim relating to such equity interest or the purchase or sale of such equity interest), must file a Proof of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date;
- g. any Claim held by a current employee of the Debtor if an order of the Court authorizes the Debtor to honor such Claim in the ordinary course of business as a wage, commission, or benefit; provided, however, that a current or former employee must submit a Proof of Claim by the General Claims Bar Date for all other Claims arising before the Petition Date, including Claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, and retaliation;

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- h. any Professional Compensation Claim;²
- i. any Claim held by a current officer or director for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement;
- j. any Claim by a Person or Entity that is exempt from filing a Proof of Claim pursuant to an order of the Court in this chapter 11 case;
- k. any Claim held by any Person or Entity solely against a non-Debtor entity; and
- l. any landlord counterparty of an unexpired non-residential real property lease where the lease has not yet been rejected as of the General Bar Date; provided further, for the avoidance of doubt, if a landlord counterparty's lease is rejected, the Rejection Damages Bar Date shall apply to all claims arising under the lease in question, and entities holding such claims shall not be required to file a Proof of Claim with respect to prepetition amounts unless and until such unexpired lease has been rejected.

9. Nothing in this Order shall prejudice the right of the Debtor or any other party in interest to dispute or assert offsets or defenses to any Claim reflected in the Schedules.

10. The Bar Date Notice, substantially in the form attached to this Order as Exhibit 2, and the Proof of Claim Form, substantially in the forms attached to this Order as Exhibit 1, are

² "Professional Compensation Claims" means, at any given moment, all Claims for accrued fees and expenses (including success fees) for services rendered by a Professional (as defined herein) through and including the effective date of any confirmed plan of reorganization, to the extent such fees and expenses have not been paid pursuant to any other order of the Court and regardless of whether a fee application has been filed for such fees and expenses. To the extent the Court denies or reduces by a final order any amount of a Professional's fees or expenses, then the amount by which such fees or expenses are reduced or denied shall reduce the applicable Professional Compensation Claim.

"Professional" means any Entity: (a) retained or employed by a Debtor or an official committee pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with sections 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, whose fees and expenses are subject to allowance by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to sections 328, 329, 330, and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (b) whose compensation and reimbursement are allowed by order of the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 503(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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hereby approved.

11. The Debtor shall cause the Bar Date Notice to be served within three (3) business days of entry of this Order by email and/or first-class mail, as applicable, in accordance with the Case Management Procedures on:

- a. the Master Service List
- b. all known creditors and other known holders of potential Claims against the Debtor as of the date of entry of the Order, including all Persons or Entities listed in the Schedules for which the Debtor have mailing addresses or email addresses;
- c. all Entities that have filed Proofs of Claim in these Chapter 11 Cases as of the date of entry of the Order;
- d. all Entities that have filed pleadings in these Chapter 11 Cases as of entry of the Order, whether or not such party has filed a notice of appearance;
- e. all known non-Debtor equity and interest holders of the Debtor as of the date of entry of the Order;
- f. all Entities who are party to executory contracts and unexpired leases with the Debtor;
- g. all Entities who are party to litigation with the Debtor;
- h. all current and certain former employees (to the extent that contact information for former employees is available in the Debtor's records);
- i. all regulatory authorities that regulate the Debtor's businesses, including consumer protection, environmental, and permitting authorities; and
- j. all taxing authorities for the jurisdictions in which the Debtor maintain or conduct business.

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12. After the initial emailing and mailing of the Bar Date Notice and Proof of Claim Form, the Debtor shall, to the extent the Debtor have alternative contact information for the claimant, make supplemental mailings of notices, including in the event that: (a) notices are returned by the post office with forwarding addresses; (b) notices served by email are confirmed to be undeliverable; (c) certain parties acting on behalf of parties in interest (e.g., banks and brokers with respect to equity or interest holders) decline to distribute notices to these parties and instead return their names and addresses to the Debtor for direct mailing; and (d) additional potential claimants or parties in interest become known to the Debtor. In this regard, the Debtor may make supplemental mailings of the Bar Date Notices and Proof of Claim Forms in these and similar circumstances at any time up to seven (7) calendar days in advance of the applicable Bar Date, with any such mailings being deemed timely and the appropriate Bar Date being applicable to the recipient creditors, and such claimants shall submit their Claims by the later of (i) the applicable Bar Date, or (ii) on the date that is thirty (30) calendar days after such person or entity is re-served with the Bar Date Notice and Proof of Claim Forms.

13. Any Person or Entity who desires to rely on the Schedules will have the responsibility for determining that such Person's or Entity's Claim is accurately listed in the Schedules.

14. Entry of this Order is without prejudice to the right of the Debtor to seek a further order of this Court fixing a date by which holders of Claims or interests not subject to the General

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Claims Bar Date established herein must submit such Proofs of Claim or interest or be barred from doing so.

15. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing contained in this Motion or any actions taken pursuant to any order granting the relief requested by this Motion is intended or should be construed as (a) an implication or admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any particular claim against the Debtor under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtor's or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is a priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this Motion or any order granting the relief requested by this Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission by the Debtor or other party in interest as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtor's estate; (g) a waiver or limitation of the Debtor's or any other party in interest's, claims, causes of action, or other rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; (h) an approval, assumption, adoption, or rejection of any agreement, contract, lease, program, or policy under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (i) a concession by the Debtor or other party in interest that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) that may be satisfied pursuant to the relief requested in this Motion are valid, and the rights of all parties in interest are expressly reserved to contest the extent, validity, or perfection

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or seek avoidance of all such liens; or (j) otherwise affecting the Debtor's rights under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease.

16. The Debtor is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

17. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

18. The requirement set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) that any motion be accompanied by a memorandum of law is hereby deemed satisfied by the contents of the Motion or otherwise waived.

19. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.