

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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In re: :
LAWRENCE G. WILLIAMS : BK No. 90-12125
Debtor : Chapter 7

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ORDER DENYING FEE APPLICATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Before the Court is the Fee Application of the Debtor's special tax counsel Dennis L. Stein, seeking fees in the amount of \$224,535 and expenses of \$4,696, and various objections thereto. Because the litigation involving the Internal Revenue Service's proof of claim is still pending, we believe that the Applicant's request is premature. It is impossible at this juncture to determine what, if any, benefit Applicant's services have conferred upon the estate. Accordingly, the Application is DENIED, without prejudice.

Dated at Providence, Rhode Island, this 16th day
of
January, 1998.

/s/ ANV
Arthur N. Votolato
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge