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Division.

Willie WILLIAMS, etc., Plaintiffs,
v.
Michael LANE, et al., Defendants.

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Opinion

MEMORANDUM ORDER

SHADUR, District Judge.

*1 Fee Master William Conlon, Esq. has asked this Court's approval to utilize the services of an associate

Footnotes

¹ It is of course recognized that Fee Master Conlon's agreement to serve at a \$175 hourly rate represents a charge substantially below current market rates, and this Court should not be misunderstood as being insufficiently appreciative of that fact. It also follows from that discounted rate that the appropriate rate for a lawyer with just over four years' experience should not be measured against the \$175 yardstick as though the latter figure fairly reflected the experience and expertise of Fee Master Conlon. But having said that, the fact remains that nothing has been submitted to indicate the appropriateness of the \$130 figure for Ms. Roach.

with Fee Master Conlon's law firm, Kathleen Roach, in carrying out his obligations under the Order of Reference. It is contemplated that Ms. Roach would be compensated at \$130 per hour for her services.

This Court of course approves (as Order of Reference ¶ 4 has contemplated) the performance of appropriate services by persons other than Fee Master Conlon himself. To the extent that any supporting services that do not demand Fee Master Conlon's expertise can be performed by another lawyer at correspondingly lower rates, both efficiency and economy are served. This Court is not, however, prepared to approve the requested \$130 hourly rate without further input in that respect.¹

Accordingly this Court approves the utilization of Ms. Roach's services from and after November 16, 1989. It defers the establishment of an hourly rate for those services pending the provision of further information as to what rate is both reasonable and appropriate.