

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
Lexington Division

In re:

Lexington Blue, Inc.,

Debtor.

Case No. 25-50863
Chapter 11

Notice of Subpoena to Fifth Third Bank

Please take notice that, pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9016, the United States Trustee, by counsel, has issued the attached subpoena upon Fifth Third Bank for the production of documents on or before July 23, 2025 at the Office of the United States Trustee, 100 E. Vine St., Suite 500, Lexington, KY 40507, or via email to Bradley.Nerderman@usdoj.gov.

Dated: July 2, 2025

Paul A. Randolph
Acting United States Trustee

By: /s/ Bradley M. Nerderman
Tim Ruppel
Assistant U.S. Trustee
Bradley M. Nerderman
Trial Attorney
Office of the U.S. Trustee
100 E. Vine St., Suite 500
Lexington, KY 40507
(859) 233-2822

Certificate of Service

I certify that on July 2, 2025, I served a copy of the foregoing via ECF noticing upon all parties registered to receive notice electronically.

/s/ Bradley M. Nerderman

Bradley M. Nerderman

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern

District of

Kentucky

In re Lexington Blue, Inc.

Debtor

(Complete if issued in an adversary proceeding)

Case No. 25-50863

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Plaintiff

v.

Adv. Proc. No. _____

Defendant

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A BANKRUPTCY CASE (OR ADVERSARY PROCEEDING)

To: Fifth Third Bank at 5050 Kingsley Drive, Mail Drop 1MOC2Q, Cincinnati, OH 45263

(Name of person to whom the subpoena is directed)

☒ **Production:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material: See Attached Order Authorizing Examination of Fifth Third Bank Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004

PLACE

United States Trustee; 100 E. Vine Street, Suite 500, Lexington, KY 40507

DATE AND TIME

07/23/25

12:30 pm

☐ **Inspection of Premises:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

PLACE

DATE AND TIME


The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, made applicable in bankruptcy cases by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9016, are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and 45(g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 07/02/25

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk



Attorney's signature

The name, address, email address, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party)

United States Trustee

, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Bradley Nerderman, 100 E. Vine Street, Suite 500, Lexington, KY 40507; Bradley.Nerderman@usdoj.gov; 859-233-2822

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or the inspection of premises before trial, a notice and a copy of this subpoena must be served on each party before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)
(made applicable in bankruptcy cases by Rule 9016, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure)

(c) Place of compliance.

(1) *For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition.* A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

(A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or

(B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person

(i) is a party or a party's officer; or

(ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) *For Other Discovery.* A subpoena may command:

(A) production of documents, or electronically stored information, or things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and

(B) inspection of premises, at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) *Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions.* A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction — which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees — on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) *Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.*

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises — or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

(i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.

(ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) *Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.*

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

(i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;

(ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

(i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

(i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and

(ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) *Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information.* These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) *Claiming Privilege or Protection.*

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

(i) expressly make the claim; and

(ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

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(g) **Contempt.** The court for the district where compliance is required — and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court — may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

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**Order Authorizing Examination of Fifth Third Bank
Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2004**

Upon consideration of the motion of the United States Trustee for an order authorizing the examination of Fifth Third Bank pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2004, and it appearing that cause exists for the examination, it is hereby

ORDERED that Fifth Third Bank shall submit to examination at a reasonable time, place, and manner specified by the United States on prior written notice, and it is further

ORDERED that Fifth Third shall designate an individual competent to testify regarding the contents of the documents to be produced as set forth below, and it is further

ORDERED that for purposes of this Order, the Lexington Blue Entities are defined as include the following:

- a. Lexington Blue, Inc.
- b. Lexington Blue Lexington, LLC.

- c. Lexington Blue Louisville, LLC.
- d. Lexington Blue Cincinnati, LLC.
- e. Lexington Blue University, LLC.
- f. Lexington Blue University, Inc.
- g. Lean Dad Development, LLC.
- h. Wide Awake Consulting, LLC.
- i. The Groundzkeeper, LLC, and it is further

ORDERED that the United States Trustee is authorized to issue a subpoena to Fifth Third Bank compelling production of the following documents prior to the scheduled examination:

- a. All statements and canceled checks from all bank and investment accounts used by any of the Lexington Blue Entities, however titled, or in which any of the Lexington Blue Entities have signatory authority, from July 1, 2022 to June 27, 2025.
- b. All signature cards maintained by Fifth Third Bank for any of the Lexington Blue Entities.

The affixing of this Court's electronic seal below is proof this document has been signed by the Judge and electronically entered by the Clerk in the official record of this case.



Signed By:
Gregory R. Schaaf
Bankruptcy Judge
Dated: Tuesday, July 1, 2025
(grs)