

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Case number (if known) _____ Chapter 11☐ Check if this an amended filing**Official Form 201****Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy**

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name MONTESQUIEU CORPORATION

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names and *doing business as* names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 33-0714025

4. Debtor's address Principal place of business Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

8929 Aero Dr
San Diego, CA 92123

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

San Diego
County

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL) _____

6. Type of debtor

☒ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)☐ Other. Specify: _____

Debtor **MONTESQUIEU CORPORATION**
Name

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7. Describe debtor's business A. Check one:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- ☒ None of the above

B. Check all that apply

- ☐ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)
- ☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)
- ☐ Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor.
See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.

8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing? Check one:

- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 9
- ☒ Chapter 11. Check all that apply:
- ☐ Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,566,050 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that).
- ☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☐ A plan is being filed with this petition.
- ☐ Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- ☐ The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- ☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.
- ☐ Chapter 12

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

- ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____
District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes.

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list

Debtor	See Attachment	Relationship	_____
District	_____	When	_____
		Case number, if known	_____

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11. Why is the case filed in this district?*Check all that apply:*

- ☐ Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- ☒ A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?☒ No☐ Yes.

Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Why does the property need immediate attention? (*Check all that apply.*)☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.

What is the hazard? _____

☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).☐ Other _____**Where is the property?** _____

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Is the property insured?☐ No☐ Yes. Insurance agency _____

Contact name _____

Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information**13. Debtor's estimation of available funds***Check one:*

- ☒ Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- ☐ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors☒ 1-49☐ 50-99☐ 100-199☐ 200-999☐ 1,000-5,000☐ 5001-10,000☐ 10,001-25,000☐ 25,001-50,000☐ 50,001-100,000☐ More than 100,000**15. Estimated Assets**☐ \$0 - \$50,000☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million☒ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million☐ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion☐ More than \$50 billion**16. Estimated liabilities**☐ \$0 - \$50,000☒ \$50,001 - \$100,000☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million☐ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million☐ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion☐ More than \$50 billion

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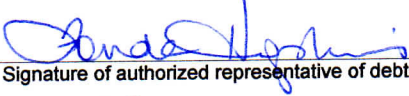
Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures**WARNING** – Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.**17. Declaration and signature
of authorized
representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on **March 20, 2019**
MM / DD / YYYY**X** 
Signature of authorized representative of debtor
Title **CEO****Fonda Hopkins**
Printed name**18. Signature of attorney** **X** **/s/Mette Kurth**
Signature of attorney for debtorDate **March 20, 2019**
MM / DD / YYYY**Mette Kurth**
Printed name**Fox Rothschild LLP**
Firm name**919 N. Market St., Suite 300**
Wilmington, DE 19899-2323
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP CodeContact phone **(302) 654-7444**Email address **mkurth@foxrothschild.com****6491 DE**
Bar number and State

**UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
MONTESQUIEU, INC.
WG BEST WEINKELLEREI, INC. DBA MONTESQUIEU WINERY
AND
MONTESQUIEU CORP.**

The undersigned, being all of the directors of Montesquieu, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, WG Best Weinkellerei, Inc. dba Montesquieu Winery, a California corporation and Montesquieu Corp., a California corporation (collectively, the “**Company**”) do hereby adopt the following resolutions, which resolutions shall have the same force and effect as if adopted by a vote of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) at a duly convened meeting held for such purposes:

WHEREAS, the Board, acting pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware or, with respect to WG Best Weinkellerei, Inc. dba Montesquieu Winery and Montesquieu Corp., the laws of the State of California, has considered the financial and operational aspects of the business of the Company;

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the historical performance of the Company, the market for the Company’s products, and the current and long-term liabilities of the Company;

WHEREAS, the Board has, over the last several months, reviewed the materials presented to it by management of the Company, with input from the Company’s legal (including the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP), regarding the need to undertake a financial restructuring of the Company;

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the financial and strategic alternatives available to the Company in the current circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the judgment of the Board, it is desirable and in the best interests of the Company, its respective creditors, employees, equity holders and other interested parties that the Company commence chapter 11 cases by filing voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code for the Company in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware;

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized on behalf of the Company to execute, verify and file all petitions, schedules, lists, and other papers or documents, and to further take any and all actions and steps deemed by any such Authorized Officer to be necessary or desirable in connection with the Company’s chapter 11 case, and otherwise to fulfill the obligations of the Company pursuant thereto;

RESOLVED, that the Board has previously authorized the engagement of legal counsel in connection with the proposed reorganization, and hereby further ratifies and approves the engagement of Fox Rothschild LLP ("Fox") as bankruptcy counsel to represent and assist the Company in carrying out its duties under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and to take any and all actions to advance the Company's rights in connection therewith, and the Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers prior to and immediately upon the filing of the bankruptcy, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of Fox;

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers of the Company be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to employ any other professionals necessary to assist the Company in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code; and in connection therewith, the Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers prior to or immediately upon the filing of the chapter 11 case and cause to be filed appropriate applications with the bankruptcy court for authority to retain the services of any other professionals, as necessary, and on such terms as are deemed necessary, desirable and proper;

RESOLVED, that any and all actions heretofore taken by any Authorized Officer or the directors of the Board of the Company in the name and on behalf of the Company in furtherance of the purpose and intent of any or all of the foregoing resolutions be, and hereby are, ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects.

13, IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have duly executed this Consent as of March 2019.

DIRECTORS

Kenneth B. Best W.B. Best,
Winkler
Sandra J. Smith

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FORM 201. VOLUNTARY PETITION
Pending Bankruptcy Cases Attachment

Debtor	MONTESQUIEU, INC.	Relationship to you	AFFILIATE
District	DELAWARE	When	3/20/19
Case number, if known			
Debtor	WG BEST WEINKELLERIE	Relationship to you	AFFILIATE
District	DELAWARE	When	3/20/19
Case number, if known			