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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.	\$ Chapter 11 \$ Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
	§ Case No. 19-34034-sgj11
Debtor.	§
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	\$ \$ \$ \$
Plaintiff,	§
v.	§ Adv. No. 21-03010-sgj
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	§
FUND ADVISORS, L.P. and NEXPOINT	§
ADVISORS, L.P.,	§
Defendants.	§ §

JOINT NOTICE OF APPEAL

COME NOW NexPoint Advisors, L.P. and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (together, the "Advisors"), the defendants in the above styled and numbered Adversary Proceeding, and, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 158(a), hereby appeal to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas that certain *Judgment* ("Judgment") entered by the Bankruptcy Court on September 14, 2022 at docket no. 126.

A copy of the Judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

The names of the parties to the Order, their roles in the appeal, and the contact information for their counsel are as follows:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of September, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on the 20th day of September, 2022, true and correct copies of this document, including any exhibit(s), were electronically served via the Court's CM/ECF system on all parties entitled to such notice, including counsel for the appellee.

By: <u>/s/ Davor Rukavina</u>
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CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

ENTERED

THE DATE OF ENTRY IS ON

THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed September 13, 2022

United States Bankruptcy Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Reorganized Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ § 8	Adversary Proceeding No.
VS.	8 §	21-03010-sgj
	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND	§	
ADVISORS, L.P., AND NEXPOINT ADVISORS,	§	
L.P.,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

JUDGMENT

¹ The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (8357). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

This matter having come before the Court following the consolidation of (a) certain breach of contract claims asserted by Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Highland" or "Plaintiff") against Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("HCMFA") and NexPoint Advisors, L.P. ("NexPoint" and together with HCFMA, the "Defendants," and Plaintiff and Defendants together, the "Parties") in the above-referenced adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding"), with (b) the administrative expense claims asserted by HCMFA and NexPoint against Highland in the Application for Allowance of Administrative Claim [Main Docket No. 1826];² and the Court having held an evidentiary hearing on April 12 and 13, 2022 (the "Trial") and considered (a) Defendants' arguments and contentions set forth in the Advisors' Trial Brief [AP Docket No. 90]; (b) Plaintiff's arguments and contentions set forth in *Highland's Proposed* Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law [AP Docket No. 91]; (c) the Joint Pretrial Order [AP Docket No. 96] filed by the Parties; (d) the exhibits admitted into evidence during the Trial [AP Docket No. 115]; (e) the credibility of the witnesses who testified during the Trial; (f) the arguments presented by counsel during closing arguments held on April 27, 2022; and (g) all prior proceedings arising in or concerning the claims asserted in the Adversary Proceeding, and for the reasons set forth in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in Support of Judgment: (A) Granting Breach of Contract Claims Asserted by the Reorganized Debtor; and (B) Denying Defendants' Request for Allowance of Administrative Expense Claims [AP Docket No. 124] (the "Findings") issued by the Court on August 30, 2022; the Court hereby enters the following final judgment (the "Final Judgment").

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

² See Stipulation (A) Amending Scheduling Order and (B) Consolidating and Resolving Certain Matters, Adv. Pro. No. 21-03010-sgj, Docket No. 36 (references to the docket maintained in the Adversary Proceeding are hereafter referred to as "AP Docket No.").

- 1. HCMFA owes Highland the aggregate sum of \$1,756,000, and Highland shall have a money judgment against HCMFA in that amount.
- 2. NexPoint owes Highland the aggregate sum of \$840,000, and Highland shall have a money judgment against NexPoint in that amount.
- 3. All relief requested by the Defendants in the *Application for Allowance of Administrative Claim* [Main Docket No. 1826], including with respect to (i) all alleged overpayments and (2) all alleged breaches of contract by Highland, is denied and all claims that were asserted or could have been asserted therein are dismissed with prejudice.
- 4. The amounts set forth to be paid in this Final Judgment shall bear interest, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961, from the date of the entry of this Final Judgment, at a rate of 3.48 percent. Interest shall be computed daily to the date of payment, except as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 2516(b) and 31 U.S.C. § 1304(b), and shall be compounded annually.

END OF JUDGMENT

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Notice of Appeal Filed By: NexPoint Advisors, L.P. and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P.

Appellee(s)

Re: [126] Judgment

The Notice of Appeal was noticed to the parties, indicated by attachment, by either electronic transmission or U.S. mail on September 30, 2022.

DATED: 9/30/22 FOR THE COURT:

Robert P. Colwell, Clerk of Court

by: /s/Sheniqua Whitaker, Deputy Clerk