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

In re:	§	Chapter 11
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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	Case No. 19-34054-sgj
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Reorganized Debtor.	§	
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**Appellant The Dugaboy Investment Trust's Statement of Issues to be Presented and
Amended Designation of Items to be Included in the Record on Appeal From the
Bankruptcy Court's Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests**



Pursuant to Rule 8009(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Appellant The Dugaboy Investment Trust (“Appellant”), having filed a Notice of Appeal [Docket No. 4423] on October 6, 2025, from the Bankruptcy Court’s September 22, 2025 *Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests* [Docket No. 4401], and having received the Clerk’s letter of October 23, 2025 requesting corrections to the record designations, submits this *Statement of Issues to be Presented and Amended Designation of Items to be Included in the Record on Appeal*, and respectfully requests that the Clerk prepare and forward the listed items to the District Court for inclusion in the record in connection with this appeal.¹

STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE PRESENTED ON APPEAL

1. Did the Bankruptcy Court misapply the absolute-priority rule in determining that the Hunter Mountain Investment Trust’s (HMIT’s) Class 10 interests were entitled to 100% of any excess funds left over after all senior creditor classes were paid in full, in disregard of equity interests that allocated 99.5% to HMIT and 0.5% to Dugaboy?
2. Did the Bankruptcy Court err when it allocated potential excess funds in a way that effectively gave HMIT *more than* 100% of what it was entitled to, in contravention of black-letter law holding that a senior class cannot receive more than 100% without the consent of the junior class? *See In re Idearc, Inc.*, 423 B.R. 138, 170 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2009).
3. Did the Bankruptcy Court err in determining the value of Dugaboy’s interest only as a fixed dollar amount, rather than a *pro rata* percentage reflecting its equity ownership share?
4. Did the Bankruptcy Court err in allowing Highland to use a valuation methodology for determining the allowed amount of Dugaboy’s claim based on limited partners’ pre-petition capital accounts, which were derived from untested and unvetted figures created for tax purposes that bore little if any relation to true market value, when nothing in the confirmed Reorganization Plan allowed for such a method?
5. Did the Bankruptcy Court err in believing that “res judicata” required it to use the same methodology to value Dugaboy’s Class 11 interests as it had previously used to value HMIT’s Class 10 interests?

¹ Because of its voluminous nature, Docket No. 4255 will be delivered to the Clerk on a flash drive that will arrive tomorrow.

6. Did the Bankruptcy Court err at the hearing on September 18, 2025, when it invoked “res judicata” to threaten Dugaboy’s counsel with Rule 11 sanctions for “recycling” arguments previously made by the “revolving door of lawyers” that had represented Dugaboy over the previous several years, thus seeking to impose a chilling effect on Dugaboy’s right to zealous advocacy by its chosen counsel?
7. Did the Bankruptcy Court’s Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests (Docket No. 4401) constitute a “final” judgment or order, thereby giving the District Court jurisdiction for appellate review of the Bankruptcy Court’s Order denying Dugaboy’s Motion to Recuse?

DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL

1. Notice of Appeal for Bankruptcy Case No. 19-34054-sgj11 [Docket No. 4423] filed by Appellant;
2. Bankruptcy Court’s *Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests* [Docket No. 4401];
3. Docket entries kept by the bankruptcy clerk in case no. 19-34054-sgj11;
4. Any opinion, findings of fact, and conclusions of law of the bankruptcy court relating to the issues on appeal, including transcripts of all oral rulings; and
5. Each of the additional documents and items designated below:

Date Filed	Docket No.	Description/Docket Text
2/22/2021	1943	Order confirming the fifth amended chapter 11 plan, as modified and granting related relief (RE: related document(s) 1472 Chapter 11 plan filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., 1808 Chapter 11 plan filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P.). Entered on 2/22/2021 (Okafor, M.)
9/14/2022	3521-5	Claimant Trust Agreement
2/27/2024	4199	Stipulated and Agreed Order resolving (A) HCLOM, Ltd.’s Scheduled claims 3.65 and 3.66; and (B) Highland Capital Management, L.P.’s (1) Objection and (2) Motion for a bad faith

		finding and an award of attorney's fees against HCLM, Ltd., and James Dondero in connection therewith (related document #3657, 4176) Entered on 12/27/2024. (Dugan, Sue)
5/19/2025	4216	Motion to compromise controversy with the HMIT Entities. (Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith) Filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (Attachments: #1 Exhibit A--Proposed Order (Annable, Zachery))
5/19/2025	4217	Declaration re: (Declaration of Gregory V. Demo in Support of Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith) filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (RE: related document(s) 4216 Motion to compromise controversy with the HMIT Entities. (Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith)). (Attachments: #1 Exhibit 1 (Annable, Zachery))
5/19/2025	4217-1	Proposed Settlement Agreement
6/9/2025	4230	Objection to (related document(s): 4216 Motion to compromise controversy with the HMIT Entities. (Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith) filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust) filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust. (Hesse, Gregory)
6/20/2025	4251	Exhibit List for the June 25, 2025 Hearing filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4230 Objection). (Lang, Michael)
6/20/2025	4252	Witness List for the June 25, 2025 Hearing filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4230 Objection). (Lang, Michael)
6/20/2025	4255 <i>(to be submitted to</i>	Witness and Exhibit List filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (RE: related

	<i>Clerk on flash drive)</i>	document(s) 4216 Motion to compromise controversy with the HMIT Entities. (Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith)). (Attachments: #1 Exhibit 1 , #2 Exhibit 2 , #3 Exhibit 3 , #4 Exhibit 4 , #5 Exhibit 5 , #6 Exhibit 6 , #7 Exhibit 7 , #8 Exhibit 8 , #9 Exhibit 9 , #10 Exhibit 10 , #11 Exhibit 11 , #12 Exhibit 12 , #13 Exhibit 13 , #14 Exhibit 14 , #15 Exhibit 15 , #16 Exhibit 16 , #17 Exhibit 17 , #18 Exhibit 18 , #19 Exhibit 19 , #20 Exhibit 20 , #21 Exhibit 21 , #22 Exhibit 22 , #23 Exhibit 23 , #24 Exhibit 24 , #25 Exhibit 25 , #26 Exhibit 26 , #27 Exhibit 27 , #28 Exhibit 28 , #29 Exhibit 29 , #30 Exhibit 30 , #31 Exhibit 31 , #32 Exhibit 32 , #33 Exhibit 33 , #34 Exhibit 34 , #35 Exhibit 35 , #36 Exhibit 36 , #37 Exhibit 37 , #38 Exhibit 38 , #39 Exhibit 39 , #40 Exhibit 40 , #41 Exhibit 41 , #42 Exhibit 42 , #43 Exhibit 43 , #44 Exhibit 44 , #45 Exhibit 45 , #46 Exhibit 46 , #47 Exhibit 47 , #48 Exhibit 48 , #49 Exhibit 49 , #50 Exhibit 50 , #51 Exhibit 51 , #52 Exhibit 52 , #53 Exhibit 53 , #54 Exhibit 54 , #55 Exhibit 55 , #56 Exhibit 56 , #57 Exhibit 57 , #58 Exhibit 58 , #59 Exhibit 59 , #60 Exhibit 60 , #61 Exhibit 61 , #62 Exhibit 62 , #63 Exhibit 63 , #64 Exhibit 64 , #65 Exhibit 65 , #66 Exhibit 66 , #67 Exhibit 67 , #68 Exhibit 68 , #69 Exhibit 69 , #70 Exhibit 70 , #71 Exhibit 71 , #72 Exhibit 72 , #73 Exhibit 73 , #74 Exhibit 74 , #75 Exhibit 75 , #76 Exhibit 76 , #77 Exhibit 77 , #78 Exhibit 78 , #79 Exhibit 79 , #80 Exhibit 80 , #81 Exhibit 81 , #82 Exhibit 82 , #83 Exhibit 83 , #84 Exhibit 84 , #85 Exhibit 85 , #86 Exhibit 86 , #87 Exhibit 87 , #88 Exhibit 88 , #89 Exhibit 89 , #90 Exhibit 90 , #91 Exhibit 91 , #92 Exhibit 92 , #93 Exhibit 93 , #94 Exhibit 94 , #95 Exhibit 95 , #96 Exhibit 96 , #97 Exhibit 97 , #98 Exhibit 98 , #99 Exhibit 99 , #100 Exhibit 100 , #101 Exhibit 101 , #102 Exhibit 102 , #103 Exhibit 103 , #104 Exhibit 104 , #105 Exhibit 105 , #106 Exhibit 106 , #107 Exhibit 107 , #108 Exhibit 108 , #109 Exhibit 109 , #110 Exhibit 110 , #111 Exhibit 111 , #112 Exhibit 112 , #113 Exhibit 113 , #114 Exhibit 114 , #115 Exhibit 115 , #116 Exhibit 116 , #117 Exhibit 117 , #118 Exhibit 118 , #119 Exhibit 119 , #120 Exhibit 120 , #121 Exhibit 121 , #122 Exhibit 122 , #123 Exhibit 123 (Annable, Zachery)
6/20/2025	4256	Witness and Exhibit List filed by Creditor Hunter Mountain Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4216 Motion to compromise controversy with the HMIT Entities. (Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11

		U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith)). (Phillips, Louis)
6/20/2025	4257	Witness and Exhibit List filed by Interested Parties Crown Global Life Insurance, Ltd, The Dallas Foundation (RE: related document(s) 4216 Motion to compromise controversy with the HMIT Entities. (Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith)). (Attachments: #1 Exhibit 1 - Charitable DAF/CLO HoldCo Organization Chart, #2 Exhibit 2 - Rand Structure Chart, #3 Exhibit 3 - July 9, 2021 Memo on DAFs and Sponsoring Orgs, #4 Exhibit 4 - Charitable Respondents Response and Disclosures (Okin, Matthew)
6/23/2025	4271	Amended Witness and Exhibit List filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (RE: related document(s) 4253 List (witness/exhibit/generic)). (Attachments: #1 Exhibit 66, #2 Exhibit 67 (Annable, Zachery)
6/23/2025	4272	Amended Witness and Exhibit List filed by Interested Parties Crown Global Life Insurance, Ltd, The Dallas Foundation (RE: related document(s) 4257 List (witness/exhibit/generic)). (Attachments: #1 Exhibit 5, #2 Exhibit 66, #3 Exhibit 7 7,4 Exhibit 8, 8, Exhibit 9 (Curry, David)
6/23/2025	4273	Objection to (related document(s)): 4255 List (witness/exhibit/generic) filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust) filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust. (Ohlinger, Ali)
6/23/2025	4275	Omnibus Reply to (related document(s): 4229 Objection filed by Creditor Patrick Daugherty, 4230 Objection filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust, 4231 Objection filed by Interested Party The Dallas Foundation, Interested Party Crown Global Life Insurance, Ltd) filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust. (Annable, Zachery)
6/23/2025	4277	Amended Witness and Exhibit List filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (RE: related document(s) 4255 List (witness/exhibit/generic)). (Attachments: #1 Exhibit 124 , #2 Exhibit 125 (Annable, Zachery)

6/24/2025	4279	Witness and Exhibit List with Respect to Hearing to be Held on June 25, 2025 filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4213 Motion to extend time to (Motion for an Order Further Extending Duration of Trusts) (RE: related document(s) 4144 Order on motion to extend/shorten time)). (Attachments: #1 Exhibit 1 (Deitsch-Perez, Deborah))
6/24/2025	4280	Amended Witness and Exhibit List (Highland Capital Management, L.P., Highland Claimant Trust, and Litigation Sub-Trust Second Amended Witness and Exhibit List with Respect to Hearing to Be Held on June 25, 2025) filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (RE: related document(s) 4255 List (witness/exhibit/generic), 4277 List (witness/exhibit/generic)). (Attachments:#1 Exhibit 126 (Annable, Zachery))
6/25/2025	4293	Court admitted exhibits date of hearing June 25, 2025 (RE: related document(s) 4216 Motion to compromise controversy with the HMIT Entities. (Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith) Filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (Court Admitted Debtors Exhibits #1 through #9; #11 through #56 & #58 through #123 & #126 offered by attorney John Morris; Court Also Admitted Patrick Daugherty Exhibits #1 through #42 offered by attorney Drew K. York: Court also admitted Dugaboy Investment Trust Exhibit #3, which was a letter offered by attorney Michael J. Lang.) (Edmond, Michael) Modified on 6/30/2025 (emi).Modified on 6/30/2025 (emi). (Entered: 06/27/2025))
6/25/2025	4296	Transcript of hearing held June 25, 2025, before Chief Judge Stacey C.G. Jernigan [Docket No. 4296] re: Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement with HMIT Entities (4216) [Docket No. 4297]
6/27/2025	4290	Stipulation by Highland Claimant Trust, Highland Litigation Sub-Trust and The Dugaboy Investment Trust. filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (RE: related document(s) 4223 Objection). (Annable, Zachery)
6/27/2025	4291	Stipulation withdrawing objection of The Dallas Foundation and Crown Global Life Insurance, LTD to Motion for Entry of an

		order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. Section 363 approving settlement with the HMIT Entities and authorizing actions consistent therewith (RE: related document(s) 4232 Response filed by Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P., Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust, Interested Party Highland Litigation Sub-Trust, 4282 Stipulation filed by Creditor Hunter Mountain Investment Trust). Entered on 6/27/2025 (Okafor, M.)
6/30/2025	4297	Order approving settlement between the Highland Entities and the HMIT Entities and authorizing actions consistent therewith (related document # 4216) Entered on 6/30/2025. (Okafor, M.)
7/10/2025	4308	Notice Letter from the Office of the Texas Attorney General Requesting a Stay filed by Interested Party State of Texas. (Stone, Johnathan)
7/14/2025	4311	Notice of appeal of Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C § 363 Approving Settlement Between the Highland Entities and the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith. Fee Amount \$298 filed by Creditor The Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4297 Order on motion to compromise controversy). Appellant Designation due by 07/28/2025. (Lang, Michael)
7/16/2025	4323	Notice regarding the record for a bankruptcy appeal to the U.S. District Court. (RE: related document(s) 4311 Notice of appeal of Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C § 363 Approving Settlement Between the Highland Entities and the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith. filed by Creditor The Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4297 Order on motion to compromise controversy). Appellant Designation due by 07/28/2025.) (Whitaker, Sheniqua)
7/17/2025	4326	Motion to Stay 9019 Order filed by Creditor The Dugaboy Investment Trust. Objections due by 8/7/2025. (Lang, Michael) Modified text on 7/21/2025 (mdo).
7/17/2025	4329	Notice of docketing notice of appeal. Civil Action Number: 3:25-cv-01876-K. (RE: related document(s) 4311 Notice of appeal of Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C § 363 Approving Settlement Between the Highland Entities and the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith. filed by Creditor The Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4297 Order on motion to compromise controversy). Appellant Designation due by 07/28/2025.) (Whitaker, Sheniqua)

7/21/2025	4333	Memorandum of opinion (RE: related document(s) 4308 Notice (generic) filed by Interested Party State of Texas, 4326 The Dugaboy Investment Trust's Motion to Stay 9019 Order filed by Creditor The Dugaboy Investment Trust). Entered on 7/21/2025 (Okafor, M.)
8/4/2025	4353	Notice of appeal. Fee Amount \$298 filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4333 Memorandum of opinion). Appellant Designation due by 08/18/2025. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A) (Harper, Geoffrey)
8/8/2025	4362	Motion to allow claims (Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests) Filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A--Proposed Order) (Annable, Zachery)
8/12/2025	4368	Amended appellant designation of contents for inclusion in record on appeal and statement of issues on appeal. filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4365 Appellant designation). (Harper, Geoffrey)
8/15/2025	4371	Notice of hearing filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust (RE: related document(s) 4362 Motion to allow claims (Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests) Filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A--Proposed Order)). Hearing to be held on 9/18/2025 at 02:30 PM at https://us-courts.webex.com/meet/jerniga for 4362, (Annable, Zachery)
8/29/2025	4378	Order Approving Motion to Conform Plan to Fifth Circuit Mandate (related document # 4302) Entered on 8/29/2025. (Okafor, M.)
9/8/2025	4384	Response opposed to (related document(s): 4362 Motion to allow claims (Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests) filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust) filed by Creditor The Dugaboy Investment Trust. (Harper, Geoffrey)
9/11/2025	4389	Stipulation by Highland Claimant Trust and The Dugaboy Investment Trust. filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust (RE: related document(s) 4384 Response). (Annable, Zachery)
9/15/2025	4393	Reply to (related document(s): 4384 Response filed by Creditor The Dugaboy Investment Trust) (Reply in Support of Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests) filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust. (Annable, Zachery)

9/15/2025	4394	Amended Witness and Exhibit List (Highland Claimant Trust's Witness and Exhibit List with Respect to Hearing to Be Held on September 18, 2025) filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust (RE: related document(s) 4362 Motion to allow claims (Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests)). (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 # 2 Exhibit 2 # 3 Exhibit 3 # 4 Exhibit 4 # 5 Exhibit 5 # 6 Exhibit 6 # 7 Exhibit 7 # 8 Exhibit 8 # 9 Exhibit 9 # 10 Exhibit 10) (Annable, Zachery)
9/15/2025	4395	Witness and Exhibit List for Hearing to be Held on September 18, 2025 filed by Partner Dugaboy Investment Trust (RE: related document(s) 4362 Motion to allow claims (Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests)). (Harper, Geoffrey)
9/18/2025	4398	Court admitted exhibits date of hearing September 18, 2025 (RE: related document(s) 4362 Motion to allow claims (Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests) filed by Other Professional Highland Claimant Trust (Court Admitted Debtors/Highland Capital Mgmt., L.P. exhibits #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9 & #10 offered by attorney John Morris, found at doc. #4394.) (Edmond, Michael)
9/22/2025	4401	Order Granting Motion for Order Fixing Allowed Amount of Class 11 Interests (related document # 4362) Entered on 9/22/2025. (Grandstaff, Travis)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 23, 2025, a copy of this document was served electronically via the Court's CM/ECF system to the parties registered or otherwise entitled to receive electronic notices in this case.

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