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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION OF W. BRAD NES TO PRACTICE,
PRO HAC VICE, UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2090-1(E)(3)**

Jeffrey A. Liesemer (“**Movant**”) hereby moves (by this “**Motion**”) this Court, in accordance with Rule 2090-1(E)(3) of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, for entry of an order, substantially in the form of order attached hereto as Exhibit A (“**Order**”), authorizing W. Brad Nes, a partner of the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, (“**Morgan Lewis**”), 1717 Main Street, Suite 3200, Dallas, TX 75201-7347, to appear *pro hac vice* to represent the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (“**Committee**”) in the above-captioned case (“**Bankruptcy Case**”) and any related proceedings.

In support of this Motion, Movant states as follows:



1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. Movant is a member in good standing of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia and an attorney admitted to practice before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

3. W. Brad Nes is a member in good standing of the bars of Texas and the District of Columbia and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the United States District Courts for the Northern, Western, and Southern Districts of Texas, the United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Third Circuit, Fourth Circuit, and Tenth Circuit. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against him in any jurisdiction.

4. Movant requests that this Court authorize Mr. Nes to appear and be heard at hearings and otherwise to participate in the Bankruptcy Case and all related proceedings on behalf of the Committee.

5. The Committee has selected Mr. Nes and other attorneys of Morgan Lewis to serve as the Committee's special insurance counsel.

6. Mr. Nes's application is appended to this Motion as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

7. Notice of this Motion will be provided via CM/ECF electronic notification to all parties registered to receive such notice in the Bankruptcy Case as of the time of service. Given the nature of the relief requested, Movant submits that no further notice is necessary.

For the reasons explained above, Movant requests that this Court enter an Order (a) authorizing Mr. Nes to appear *pro hac vice* in the Bankruptcy Case and all related proceedings on behalf of the Committee and (b) granting the Movant such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

Dated: August 30, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer

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EXHIBIT A

Proposed Order

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Upon the *Motion for Admission of W. Brad Nes to Practice, Pro Hac Vice, Under Local Bankruptcy Rule 2090-1(E)(3)* (“**Motion**”), filed by Jeffrey A. Liesemer of the law firm of Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered, and the Court having determined that (i) it has jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (ii) this is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (iii) adequate notice of the Motion was given and no other or further notice is necessary, and (iv) the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish good cause for the relief to be granted herein, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED.
2. The application attached to the Motion as Exhibit B is APPROVED.

3. W. Brad Nes is permitted to appear and practice before this Court *pro hac vice* as special insurance counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in the above-captioned chapter 11 case and any related proceedings in accordance with Rule 2090-1(E)(3) of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

4. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: _____, 2024
Richmond, Virginia

THE HONORABLE KEITH L. PHILLIPS
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

WE ASK FOR THIS:

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer

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**CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT
UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer

EXHIBIT B

Application

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
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APPLICATION TO QUALIFY AS A FOREIGN ATTORNEY UNDER
LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2090-1(E)(3)

In Case No.: 24-32428 (KLP), * Case Name In re Hopeman Brothers, Inc.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

FULL NAME (no initials, please) William Bradley Nes
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Name(s) of federal court(s) in which I have been admitted Please see attached.

I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the following United States District Court(s): Please see attached.

I certify that the rules of the federal court in the district in which I maintain my office extend a similar *pro hac vice* admission privilege to members of the bar of the Eastern District of Virginia.

I have not been reprimanded in any court nor has there been any action in any court pertaining to my conduct or fitness as a member of the bar.

I hereby certify that, within 90 days before the submission of this application, I have read the Local Rules of this Court and that my knowledge of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence is current.

/s/ Brad Nes
(Applicant's Signature)

I, the undersigned, do certify that I am a member of the bar of this Court, not related to the applicant; that I know the applicant personally, that the said applicant possesses all of the qualifications required for admission to the bar of this Court; that I have examined the applicant's personal statement. I affirm that his/her personal and professional character and standing are good, and petition the court to admit the applicant *pro hac vice*.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer
(Signature)

8/30/2024
(Date)

Jeffrey A. Liesemer
(Typed or Printed Name)

**Pro hac vice* admission in a case shall include an adversary proceeding(s) in the case.

W. BRAD NES
FEDERAL COURT ADMISSIONS

Court	Date Admitted	Status
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia	10/5/2009	Active
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas	07/13/2006	Active
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit	03/20/2012	Active
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit	01/28/2014	Active
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit	03/17/2017	Active
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit	05/17/2011	Active
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas	12/4/2006	Active
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas	7/29/2022	Active