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

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**In re:** :  
 : **Chapter 11**  
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**HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,** : **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**  
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 : **Debtor.** :  
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**ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BLANK ROME LLP  
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE  
AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

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Upon consideration of the application (the "Application")<sup>1</sup> of the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "Debtor"), for entry of an order authorizing the Debtor to retain and employ Blank Rome LLP ("Blank Rome") as its counsel, effective as of the Petition Date, as more fully set forth in the Application; and the Court having reviewed the Application, the Brinkman Declaration, the Lascell Declaration, and the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the *Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia*, dated August 15, 1984; and consideration of the Application and

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.



the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Application having been provided in accordance with the Local Bankruptcy Rules; and this Court having found that notice of the Application and the opportunity to be heard on the relief sought in the Application were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other or further notice need be provided; and upon the Brinkman Declaration, the Lascell Declaration, and the record of the hearing, if any, on the Application; and all objections to the relief requested in the Application having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and the Court having determined that Blank Rome represents and holds no interest materially adverse to the Debtor or its estate and is disinterested under section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code (as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is **HEREBY**

**ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Application is granted as set forth in this order (the “Order”).
2. Pursuant to sections 327(e), 328(a), 329, and 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, rules 2014 and 2016 of the Bankruptcy Rules, and rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules, the Debtor is hereby authorized to employ and retain Blank Rome as Special Insurance Counsel under the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and the Brinkman Declaration effective as of the Petition Date.
3. The terms and conditions of the retention of Blank Rome set forth in the Application and in the Brinkman Declaration are reasonable, and Blank Rome shall be compensated in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, any applicable Bankruptcy Rule, any applicable Local Bankruptcy Rule, and any orders of the Court.

4. Blank Rome is authorized, but not directed, to continue to hold the Advance Payment Retainer and apply such Advance Payment Retainer, to the extent necessary, to pay any allowed fees, costs, and expenses relating to services rendered by Blank Rome to the Debtor subsequent to the Petition Date in accordance with the Application.

5. Blank Rome intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filing under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications filed by Blank Rome in the course of its engagement.

6. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.

7. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from or related to the implementation or interpretation of this Order.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024  
Richmond, Virginia

Sep 9 2024

/s/ Keith L Phillips  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Entered On Docket: Sep 9 2024

WE ASK FOR THIS:

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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/ Henry P. (Toby) Long, III  
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