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

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

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: **Chapter 11**
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: **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**
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**SUMMARY OF SECOND INTERIM APPLICATION OF
COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC
AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR**

Basic Information	
Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Petition Date:	June 30, 2024
Retention Date:	June 30, 2024
Date of Order Approving Employment:	September 9, 2024
This Interim Application	
Time Period Covered:	September 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024
Total Hours Billed:	60.10
Total Fees Requested:	\$9,647.00
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Fees Requested Over Budget:	None
Blended Rate:	\$167.50/hour
Rate Increases Not Previously Approved/Disclosed:	None
Total Professionals:	4
Total Professionals Not in Staffing Plan:	0



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Total Professionals Billing Less Than 15 Hours:	3
Historical	
Fees Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$3,847.50
Expenses Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$230.70
Allowed Fees Paid to Date:	\$3,847.50
Allowed Expenses Paid to Date:	\$230.70
Fees Paid Pursuant to Monthly Statements, Not Yet Allowed:	\$0.00
Expenses Paid Pursuant to Monthly Statements, Not Yet Allowed:	\$0.00

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DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), submits this application (the “Application”) for interim allowance of compensation for professional services rendered by CKSMM to the Debtor for the period from September 1, 2024 through and including November 30, 2024 (the “Second Interim Application Period”), and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Second Interim Application Period pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court

of the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered on September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 162] (the “Interim Compensation Order”). In support of this Application, CKSMM represents as follows:

I. JURISDICTION, VENUE AND PREDICATES FOR RELIEF

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Court”) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the *Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia*, dated August 15, 1984. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157, and the Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-1.

II. BACKGROUND

3. On June 30, 2024 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in this Court commencing this chapter 11 case.

4. The Debtor continues to manage its business as debtor in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory committee has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

5. On July 22, 2024, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) [Docket No. 69].

6. On September 9, 2024, the Court entered the Interim Compensation Order, which approved the compensation procedures set forth therein (the “Compensation Procedures”).

7. On September 11, 2024, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC as Counsel for the Debtor Effective as of the Petition Date* [Doc. No. 187], authorizing the Debtor to employ and retain CKSMM as its special asbestos counsel, effective as of the Petition Date.

8. Pursuant to the Compensation Procedures, professionals retained in this case are authorized to file monthly fee statements and serve such statements on the Notice Parties (as defined in the Compensation Procedures). Provided that no objection to a monthly fee statement is timely filed, the Debtor is authorized to pay such professional an amount equal to eighty percent (80%) of the fees and one-hundred percent (100%) of the expenses requested in such monthly fee statement.

9. Additionally, pursuant to the Compensation Procedures, beginning with the period ending on August 31, 2024, and at three-month intervals thereafter, professionals retained in this case are authorized to file interim fee applications with the Court. The Compensation Procedures provide that the second interim fee application should cover the period from September 1, 2024 through and including November 30, 2024.

10. The Compensation Procedures also provide that all Retained Professionals (as defined in the Compensation Procedures), to the extent applicable, shall make reasonable efforts to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* (the "Appendix B Guidelines") in connection with the interim and final fee applications filed in these cases.

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

11. CKSMM submits this Application (a) for interim allowance of reasonable compensation for the actual, reasonable and necessary professional services that it has rendered as

special asbestos counsel for the Debtor in this case for the period from September 1, 2024, through and including November 30, 2024, and (b) for reimbursement of actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in representing the Debtor as special asbestos counsel during that same period. For the period covered by this Application, CKSMM seeks fees for services rendered in the amount of \$9,647.00. For the same period, CKSMM seeks actual, reasonable and necessary expenses totaling \$0.00.

12. The Application is supported by the following Exhibits, which are attached hereto and patterned on the Appendix B Guidelines:

- (i) Exhibit A contains a summary schedule of the time expended by all CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Second Interim Application Period.
- (ii) Exhibit B contains a summary schedule of hours and fees covered by this Application, categorized by project code.
- (iii) Exhibit C contains a summary schedule of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Second Interim Application Period.
- (iv) Exhibit D contains a disclosure of “customary and comparable compensation” charged by CKSMM’s professionals and paraprofessionals. As requested in the Appendix B Guidelines, Exhibit D provides a summary of the blended hourly rates of the timekeepers (segregated by rank) included in this Application compared to the blended hourly rates for similar non-bankruptcy domestic timekeepers at CKSMM.
- (v) Exhibit E contains the budget and staffing plans for CKSMM for this chapter 11 case during the Second Interim Application Period.
- (vi) Exhibit F contains the monthly fee statements properly served by CKSMM during the Second Interim Application Period (the “Monthly Statements”).

IV. BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

13. During the Second Interim Application Period, CKSMM provided numerous services to the Debtor, including but not limited to preparing and filing in various jurisdictions

across the United States, thirty-eight Suggestions of Bankruptcy and coordinating on a national level with the Debtor's pre-petition counsel regarding open items pertaining to the same; analyzing pending asbestos-related claims asserted against the Debtor prior to the Petition Date and discussing same with U.S. Trustee's office, including determining whether cases were still open or abandoned in Louisiana; analyzing and assisting in preparing responses and objections relating to discovery requests from the Committee and other interested parties related to the Debtor's insurer settlement approval motions and providing responsive documents related to same; and communicating with the Debtor and the Debtor's other professionals regarding administrative and strategic issues arising in this case pertaining to the matters noted above, among others.

14. In performing the services detailed in this Application, CKSMM has endeavored to ensure that its professionals comply with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures or orders of the Court.

15. Pursuant to the terms of the Interim Compensation Order, CKSMM properly filed and served three Monthly Statements during the Second Interim Application Period as follows:

Period Covered by Monthly Statement	Total Fees	Total Expenses	Date Served and Docket No.	Objection Deadline	Amount of Fees Received (80%)	Amount of Expenses Received (100%)
September 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024	\$1,945.00	\$0.00	10/21/2024 [Docket No. 308]	11/04/2024	\$0.00	\$0.00
October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024	\$6,961.50	\$0.00	11/21/2024 [Docket No. 382]	12/05/2024	\$0.00	\$0.00
November 1, 2024 - November 30, 2024	\$740.50	\$0.00	12/23/2024 [Docket No. 450]	01/06/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00

16. In accordance with the Compensation Procedures, as set forth in the Interim Compensation Order, and as set forth in Local Rule 2016-1, the Monthly Statements included (i) a detailed itemization of the service hours expended by matter and professional and (ii) a summary schedule of hours and fees categorized by project code. The Monthly Statements also included a detailed chronological itemization of the services rendered by each professional and paraprofessional, calculated by tenths of an hour and categorized in accordance with the appropriate project code. As set forth above, a copy of CKSMM's Monthly Statements are attached hereto as Exhibit F.

17. CKSMM has endeavored to represent the Debtor in the most expeditious and economical manner possible. Tasks have been assigned to attorneys at CKSMM so that the work has been performed by those most familiar with the particular matter. Moreover, CKSMM has endeavored to coordinate with the other professionals involved in this case so as to minimize any duplication of effort and to minimize attorneys' fees and expenses to the Debtor. CKSMM believes it has been successful in this regard.

18. No agreement or understanding exists between CKSMM and any other person for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in or in connection with this case.

V. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO APPENDIX B GUIDELINES

19. The following is provided in response to the questions set forth in ¶ C.5 of the Appendix B Guidelines:

Question: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please explain.

Response: No.

Question: If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted for the

time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client?

Response: Not applicable.

Question: Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied their hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Response: No.

Question: Does this fee application include time or fees related to reviewing the time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application.). If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

Question: Does this fee application include time or fees for reviewing time records to redact any privileged or other confidential information? If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

Question: If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention: (i) Did your client review and approve those rate increases in advance? (ii) Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11-458?

Response: No rate increases for this Application.

VI. Notice

20. Notice of this Application has been provided in accordance with the terms of the Interim Compensation Order. CKSMM submits that no other or further notice need be provided.

WHEREFORE, CKSMM respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto (i) approving this Application, (ii) providing that CKSMM be allowed on an interim basis the sum of \$9,647.00 as compensation for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtor and the sum of \$0.00 for reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses, (iii) authorizing and directing the Debtor to pay CKSMM the outstanding amount of such sums, and (iv) for such other relief as the Court deems proper and just.

Dated: January 14, 2025

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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**ORDER GRANTING SECOND INTERIM APPLICATION OF COURINGTON,
KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC, AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS
COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

Upon consideration of the Second Interim Fee Application (the “Application”)¹ of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), for the period from September 1, 2024, through and including November 30, 2024 (the “Second Interim Application Period”); and the Court having reviewed the Application and the Monthly Statements that were served by CKSMM during the Second Interim Application Period, and finding that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and determining that proper and adequate notice has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and after due

¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Application is GRANTED.
2. CKSMM is allowed interim compensation in the amount of \$9,647.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$0.00 for the Second Interim Application Period as requested in the Application.
3. The Debtor is authorized and directed to disburse to CKSMM payment in the amount of the difference between the allowed amounts and the actual monthly payments previously received by CKSMM for fees and expenses incurred during the Second Interim Application Period.
4. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.
5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Order.
6. This Order shall be effective immediately upon entry.

Dated: _____, 2025

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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
Henry P. (Toby) Long, III

Exhibit A

PROFESSIONALS RENDERING SERVICES
(September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024)

Name of Professional	Position	Department	First Bar Admission Date	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation	Rate Increases Since the Petition Date
Kaye N Courington	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1988	\$225.00	22.60	\$5,085.00	None
James Matherne	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1999	\$225.00	3.80	\$855.00	None
Catherine Roberts	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel		\$110.00	33.20	\$3,652.00	None
Charise Williams	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel		\$110.00	0.50	\$55.00	None
				Total:	60.10	\$9,647.00	
Blended Rate:					\$167.50		

Exhibit B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
(September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024)

Project Code	Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B110	Case Administration	0.40	\$495.00
B150	Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	0.10	\$22.50
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.40	\$90.00
B170	Fee/Employment Objections	1.30	\$292.50
B190	Other Contested Matters	6.60	\$8,724.50
B210	Business Operations	0.10	\$22.50
	Total:	60.10	\$9,647.00

Exhibit C

EXPENSE SUMMARY
(September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024)

Expense Category	Service Provider (if applicable)	Unit Cost (if applicable)	Total Expenses
n/a			
		Total:	\$0.00

Exhibit D

CUSTOMARY AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES
(September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024)

Category of Timekeeper	Blended Hourly Rate¹	
	Billed (Firm for preceding year, excluding the Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights group)	Billed (This Application)
All Partners (Equity Partner)	\$225.00	\$225.00
Counsel	N/A	N/A
Associate (4-6 years since first admission)	\$190.00	\$0.00
Jr. Associate (1-3 years since first admission)	\$170.00	\$0.00
Paralegal	\$110.00	\$110.00
Aggregated (Blended Rates):	\$174.00	\$167.50

¹ Consistent with ¶ C.3 of the Appendix B Guidelines, the blended hourly rates set forth in Exhibit D are calculated by dividing the dollar value of hours billed by the number of hours billed for the relevant timekeepers during the applicable time period. Exhibit D also segregates the timekeepers by rank using the categories set forth in Exhibit A to the Appendix B Guidelines. The data for the “preceding year” is based on information from Hunton’s last completed calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

In addition, as requested by ¶ C.3 of the Appendix B Guidelines, the blended hourly rates identified in Exhibit D for non-bankruptcy domestic timekeepers at Hunton includes discounted or alternative engagements, other than pro bono engagements and engagements for clients who are employees or charitable organizations that are billed at materially discounted rates.

Exhibit E

BUDGET
COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC
(September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024)

Period	Estimated Fees
September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024	\$20,000.00

STAFFING PLAN
COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC
(September 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024)

Category of Timekeeper (as maintained by the firm)	Number of Timekeepers Expected to Work on the Matter During the Budgeted Period	Average Hourly Rate
Partners	2	\$225.00
Counsel	0	N/A
Associates	0	N/A
Paralegal	2	\$110.00

Exhibit F

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**SECOND MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS,
MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL
FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FROM
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 11, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 187]
Time Period Covered:	September 1, 2024 through and including September 30, 2024
Total Fees Requested:	\$1,556.00 (80% of \$1,945.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly ¹

¹ Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement shall be served in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined herein) and objections to payment of the amounts described in this Monthly Fee Statement shall be addressed in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

Pursuant to sections 330, and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedures of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), and the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 187] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “Monthly Fee Statement”) for the allowance of compensation for the reasonable and necessary legal services rendered by CKSMM for the period from September 1, 2024 through and including September 30, 2024 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that CKSMM incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$1,945.00 and payment in the amount of \$1,556.00 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM has attached the following:
 - **Exhibit A** is a summary schedule of hours and fees covered by this Monthly Fee Statement, categorized by project code.
 - **Exhibit B** is a summary schedule of the time expended by all CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
 - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Fee Period.
 - **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period.

Representations

2. Although every effort has been made to include all fees and expenses incurred in the Fee Period, some fees and expenses might not be included in this Monthly Fee Statement due to delays caused by accounting and processing during the Fee Period. CKSMM reserves the right to make further application to this Court for allowance of such fees and expenses not included herein. Subsequent fee statements and applications will be filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, and Interim Compensation Order.

Notice

3. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been provided to all necessary parties in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

WHEREFORE, CKSMM respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$1,556.00, consisting of (i) \$1,556.00, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by CKSMM during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: October 21, 2024

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EXHIBIT A

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B110	Case Administration	0.40	\$90.00
B150	Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	0.10	\$22.50
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.40	\$90.00
B170	Fee/Employment Objections	1.30	\$292.50
B190	Other Contested Matters	6.60	\$1,427.50
B210	Business Operations	0.10	\$22.50
Total		8.90	\$1,945.00

EXHIBIT B

Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period

The CKSMM attorneys who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Professional	Position	Year Admitted	Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	6.00	\$1,350.00
James M Matherne	Partner	1999	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	2.40	\$540.00
Totals					8.40	\$1,890.00

CKSMM paraprofessionals who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Charise W Deshotels	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$110.00	0.50	\$55.00
Totals				0.50	\$55.00

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
None	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES:	N/A

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period



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FEDERAL TAX ID# 36-4695739

October 16, 2024

Hopeman Brothers, Inc
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6 Auburn Court
Brookline, MA 02446-6380

Invoice No.: 46538
Billed through: September 30, 2024
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$4,078.20
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$0.00
Net balance forward	\$4,078.20

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

		<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
09/03/24	JMM B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03902			
09/03/24	JMM B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03909			
09/03/24	JMM B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03905			
09/03/24	JMM B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03889			
09/03/24	JMM B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03886			
09/04/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Review and analyze petitions for direct action suits for Roussel, Boling, and Hoffman Lawsuits			
09/05/24	CWD B190	0.50	\$110.00	\$55.00
	Gather direct action Petitions for bankruptcy counsel and analyze email from KNC re same			
09/06/24	KNC B170	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Attend telephone conference with Joseph Rovira re: Bankruptcy hearing statements			
09/06/24	KNC B170	1.10	\$225.00	\$247.50
	Analyze and revise Reply Memo in Objection to firm retention.			
09/06/24	KNC B170	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Analyze correspondence from Tyler Brown re: Bankruptcy hearing statements			
09/10/24	KNC B190	3.00	\$225.00	\$675.00
	Prepare for and attended Hopeman Bankruptcy hearing.			
09/16/24	KNC B210	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Chris Lascell re: most recent People's Bank statement			
09/16/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Philip Hoffman re: second supplemental and the			

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09/16/24	stay for the bankruptcy. KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Draft correspondence to Mickey Landry re: Hopeman being served and the stay due to the bankruptcy. JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 02398 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 02074 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04926 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 01344 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 01342 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 01368 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/16/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 01375 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/20/24	Analyze Courington Retention Order, Interim Compensation Order, sample Interim Fee Application as Special Investigation Counsel, and HuntonAK's First Monthly Fee statement. KNC B160	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00	
09/23/24	Draft correspondence to Toby Long regarding response deadline for Discovery Requests on HII KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
09/23/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04610 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/23/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04547 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/23/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04543 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/23/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04327 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/23/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04323 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/24/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04545 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/24/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04540 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/25/24	Analyze draft Motion and Order to Withdraw Jeff Burg as Counsel of Record for matter 09920 filed at courts' insistence despite stay KNC B110	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
09/25/24	Analyze draft Motion and Order to Withdraw Jeff Burg as Counsel of Record for matter 10040 filed at courts' insistence despite stay KNC B110	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
09/26/24	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: 1st Amending Petition for Damages in Cantrelle case and representation of Liberty Mutual. KNC B150	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/26/24	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 00907 JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
09/26/24	JMM B190 A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	

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	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 00263					
09/26/24	JMM	B190	A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 00426					
09/26/24	JMM	B190	A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 00980					
09/27/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Catherine Rankin re: notifying Plaintiff of stay.					
				8.90		\$1,945.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP

KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	6.00 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$1,350.00
CWD	Deshotels, Charise W.	0.50 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$55.00
JMM	Matherne, James M.	2.40 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$540.00
Fee Recap Totals		8.90 hrs		\$1,945.00

TASK CODE RECAP

B110	Case Administration	0.40 hrs	\$90.00
B150	Meetings of and Communications	0.10 hrs	\$22.50
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.40 hrs	\$90.00
B170	Fee/Employment Objections	1.30 hrs	\$292.50
B190	Other Constested Matters (excl	6.60 hrs	\$1,427.50
B210	Business Operations	0.10 hrs	\$22.50
Task Code Total		8.90 hrs	\$1,945.00

BILLING SUMMARY:

TOTAL FEES	\$1,945.00
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	\$1,945.00
NET BALANCE FORWARD	\$4,078.20
TOTAL NOW DUE	\$6,023.20

Beginning Trust Balance: \$3,308.70

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

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

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: **Chapter 11**
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: **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**
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**THIRD MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS,
MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL
FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FROM
OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 31, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 11, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 187]
Time Period Covered:	October 1, 2024 through and including October 31, 2024
Total Fees Requested:	\$5,569.20 (80% of \$6,961.50)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00

Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly ¹
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Pursuant to sections 330, and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedures of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), and the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 187] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “Monthly Fee Statement”) for the allowance of compensation for the reasonable and necessary legal services rendered by CKSMM for the period from October 1, 2024 through and including October 31, 2024 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that CKSMM incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$6,961.50 and payment in the amount of \$5,569.20 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM has attached the following:
 - **Exhibit A** is a summary schedule of hours and fees covered by this Monthly Fee Statement, categorized by project code.

¹ Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement shall be served in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined herein) and objections to payment of the amounts described in this Monthly Fee Statement shall be addressed in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

- **Exhibit B** is a summary schedule of the time expended by all CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
- **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Fee Period.
- **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period.

Representations

2. Although every effort has been made to include all fees and expenses incurred in the Fee Period, some fees and expenses might not be included in this Monthly Fee Statement due to delays caused by accounting and processing during the Fee Period. CKSMM reserves the right to make further application to this Court for allowance of such fees and expenses not included herein. Subsequent fee statements and applications will be filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, and Interim Compensation Order.

Notice

3. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been provided to all necessary parties in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

WHEREFORE, CKSMM respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$5,569.20, consisting of (i) \$5,569.20, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by CKSMM during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: November 21, 2024

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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EXHIBIT A

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B110	Case Administration	1.60	\$360.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	45.90	\$6,601.50
Total		47.50	\$6,961.50

EXHIBIT B

Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period

The CKSMM attorneys who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Professional	Position	Year Admitted	Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	13.90	\$3,127.50
James M Matherne	Partner	1999	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	1.20	\$270.00
Totals					15.10	\$3,397..50

CKSMM paraprofessionals who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Catharine Roberts	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$110.00	32.40	\$3,564.00
Totals				32.40	\$3,564.00

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
None	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES:	

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period



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FEDERAL TAX ID# 36-4695739

November 18, 2024

Hopeman Brothers, Inc
Attn: Chris Lascell
6 Auburn Court
Brookline, MA 02446-6380

Invoice No.: 46818
Billed through: October 31, 2024
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$6,023.20
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$3,308.70
Net balance forward	\$2,714.50

<u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u>				<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/10/24	KNC	B110		0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
			Telephone call with Jose Tanenbaum of JTS re: database access			
10/11/24	KNC	B110		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
			Attend telephone conference with Jose Tanenbaum of JTS re: database access			
10/11/24	KNC	B110		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
			Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Administrative Agreement			
10/11/24	KNC	B110		0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
			Draft correspondence to Christopher Lascell re: Database Access Request and Optimum access pricing			
10/13/24	KNC	B110		0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
			Attend telephone conference with Christopher Lascell re: database access			
10/13/24	KNC	B110		0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
			Draft emails/texts with Jose Tanenbaum re: database access			
10/17/24	KNC	B110		0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
			Analyze correspondence from Toby Long re: database access request			
10/02/24	JMM	B190	A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
			Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03255			
10/02/24	JMM	B190	A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
			Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 02395			
10/02/24	JMM	B190	A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
			Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03906			
10/02/24	JMM	B190	A103	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
			Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04324			

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10/02/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 01982					
10/02/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 01983					
10/02/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 01954					
10/04/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 02269					
10/04/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04787					
10/04/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 00877					
10/04/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 04312					
10/04/24	JMM B190 A103			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for plaintiff 03894					
10/10/24	KNC B190			0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
	Review Discovery Responses to Committee Discovery					
10/10/24	KNC B190			0.60	\$225.00	\$135.00
	Preparation for call re: Discovery Responses to Committee discovery					
10/10/24	CAR B190			0.20	\$110.00	\$22.00
	Attend telephone conference with Daniel Beyer to discuss the status of Hopeman's database discovery responses to the Bankruptcy proceedings.					
10/10/24	CAR B190			0.50	\$110.00	\$55.00
	Attend meeting with K. Courington to discuss discovery responses to the Bankruptcy proceedings and the status of Hopeman's Database.					
10/10/24	KNC B190			0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Attend meeting with Catharine Roberts re: Discovery Responses					
10/11/24	KNC B190			1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	Prepare for and attend telephone conference with Toby Long re: Discovery Responses and Database					
10/11/24	KNC B190			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Responses and Objections of the Debtor to HII' 1st Set of Requests for Production of Documents					
10/11/24	KNC B190			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Hunton re Objections and Responses to 1st set of Discovery Requests of the Debtor to HII's. Related to the Settlement Motions					
10/11/24	KNC B190			0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Draft correspondence to Catharine Roberts re: Hopeman Verdicts					
10/11/24	KNC B190			0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Analysis of HHI's Objections and Responses to 1st set of Discovery Requests of the Debtor to HHI, Related to the Settlement Motions					
10/11/24	CAR B190			0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00
	Review email request from K. Courington regarding discovery responses to the Bankruptcy proceedings and researched the Administrative agreement dated 10/14/2022.					
10/11/24	CAR B190			0.20	\$110.00	\$22.00
	Continue discussions with K. Courington regarding request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings to identify pertinent documents responsive to the request.					
10/11/24	CAR B190			0.20	\$110.00	\$22.00
	Review email request from K. Courington regarding discovery responses to the Bankruptcy proceedings, Hopeman hull delivery book and work history					

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10/11/24	book. CAR B190	0.30	\$110.00	\$33.00	
	Draft email to K Courington regarding Hopeman hull delivery book and work history book and attached same.				
10/11/24	CAR B190	0.60	\$110.00	\$66.00	
	Analyze email from K. Courington regarding discovery responses to the Bankruptcy proceedings and provide description of Hopeman's documents storage in Virginia.				
10/11/24	CAR B190	0.70	\$110.00	\$77.00	
	Analyze email from K. Courington regarding discovery responses to the Bankruptcy proceedings and provide information on Hopeman's past verdicts in Louisiana.				
10/11/24	CAR B190	0.30	\$110.00	\$33.00	
	Analyze email from K. Courington regarding discovery responses to the Bankruptcy proceedings and provide information on Hopeman's database.				
10/11/24	KNC B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Toby Long re: Discovery Request Call				
10/11/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Analyze correspondence from Malcolm Brisker re: Hopeman Verdicts				
10/11/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Chris Lascell re: Responses and Objections to HII Discovery Requests				
10/11/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analysis of correspondence from Catharine Roberts re: Warehouse index				
10/14/24	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00	
	Analyze old verdicts in Philadelphia to assist with responses to request for production of documents for the Bankruptcy proceedings.				
10/14/24	CAR B190	1.10	\$110.00	\$121.00	
	Analyze Hopeman's previous discovery responses to provide a detail description of asbestos materials in response to the request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings.				
10/14/24	CAR B190	3.10	\$110.00	\$341.00	
	Analyze and provide a description of the JTS database in response to the request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings.				
10/14/24	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00	
	Analyze request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings to identify pertinent documents responsive to the request.				
10/15/24	CAR B190	4.50	\$110.00	\$495.00	
	Analyze documents in responses to request for production of documents for the Bankruptcy proceedings				
10/15/24	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00	
	Analyze statement that Hopeman's database contains historical records no information regarding pending cases in responses to request for production of documents for the Bankruptcy proceedings.				
10/15/24	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00	
	Continue analyzing potential responses to request for production of documents for the Bankruptcy proceedings.				
10/16/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Attend telephone conference with Plaintiff counsel re: demand				
10/16/24	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00	
	Analyze and produce documentation for request for production No 18 regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings responsive to the request.				
10/16/24	CAR B190	3.10	\$110.00	\$341.00	
	Analyze and produce documentation for request for production No 19 regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings responsive to the request.				

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10/16/24	CAR B190	1.10	\$110.00	\$121.00	
	Analyze and produce documentation for request for production No 20 regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings responsive to the request.				
10/16/24	CAR B190	1.90	\$110.00	\$209.00	
	Analyze and produce documentation for request for production No 21 regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings responsive to the request.				
10/16/24	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00	
	Continue to draft list of top shipyards that Hopeman worked at to include time frame assist with the request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings to identify pertinent documents responsive to the request.				
10/16/24	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00	
	Draft list of top shipyards that Hopeman worked at to assist with the request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings to identify pertinent documents responsive to the request.				
10/16/24	CAR B190	1.10	\$110.00	\$121.00	
	Continue communications with K. Courington regarding request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings to identify pertinent documents responsive to the request.				
10/16/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analysis of correspondence from Jennifer Limjuco re: Attorney Jeffrey M. Burg, counsel of record in three cases before Judge Zainey				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Telephone call with Toby Long re: Discovery Responses to the Committee numbers 18-23 of Request for Production				
10/17/24	KNC B190	5.50	\$225.00	\$1,237.50	
	Analyze "50000 series" of documents for atty-client privileged information" (series of voluminous documents regarding debtors use of asbestos at various locations and times)				
10/17/24	KNC B190	1.50	\$225.00	\$337.50	
	Prepare for and attend telephone conference with Toby Long of Hunton re: responses to the committee's req for prod of docs 18-23 and email to Toby Long re same.				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Top shipyards for Hopeman Brothers				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Request No. 20 Hopeman Bankruptcy Discovery Responses				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Request for Production No. 19				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Request for Production No. 18				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Catharine Roberts re: Top Shipyards for Hopeman Brothers				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Catharine Roberts re: Request No. 20 Hopeman Bankruptcy Discovery Responses				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Catharine Roberts re: No. 21 Revised Shipyards				
10/17/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Catharine Roberts re: Indexes				
10/17/24	CAR B190	0.40	\$110.00	\$44.00	
	Continue analyzing documents regarding request for production of				

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	documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings.				
10/17/24	CAR B190	0.40	\$110.00	\$44.00	
	Prepare documents regarding request for production of documents regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings.				
10/17/24	CAR B190	5.50	\$110.00	\$605.00	
	Continue analyzing documents from JTS database for Hopeman for the response to request for production No 19 regarding the Bankruptcy proceedings responsive to the request.				
10/18/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Prepare for and attend telephone conference with Toby Long re: Hopeman Discovery Responses				
10/18/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to Tina Canada re: Trial Transcripts, Corporate Testimony, and HB's Discovery Responses				
10/18/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Toby Long re: Trial Transcripts, Corporate Testimony, and HB's Discovery Responses				
10/21/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Analyze correspondence from Jose Tenenbaum re: JTS HB Database				
10/28/24	KNC B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50	
	Analyze HBI Response to Objection to HII 1st RFP				
		47.50		\$6,961.50	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP

KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	13.90 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$3,127.50
JMM	Matherne, James M.	1.20 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$270.00
CAR	Roberts, Catharine	32.40 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$3,564.00

Fee Recap Totals	47.50 hrs	\$6,961.50
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TASK CODE RECAP

B110	Case Administration	1.60 hrs	\$360.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	45.90 hrs	\$6,601.50

Task Code Total	47.50 hrs	\$6,961.50
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BILLING SUMMARY:

TOTAL FEES	\$6,961.50
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	\$6,961.50
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NET BALANCE FORWARD		\$2,714.50	
TOTAL NOW DUE		<u>\$9,676.00</u>	

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

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

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: **Chapter 11**
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: **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**
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**FOURTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS,
MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL
FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FROM
NOVEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 11, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 187]
Time Period Covered:	November 1, 2024 through and including November 30, 2024
Total Fees Requested:	\$592.40 (80% of \$740.50)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly ¹

¹ Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement shall be served in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined herein) and objections to payment of the amounts described in this Monthly Fee Statement shall be addressed in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

Pursuant to sections 330, and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedures of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), and the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 187] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “Monthly Fee Statement”) for the allowance of compensation for the reasonable and necessary legal services rendered by CKSMM for the period from November 1, 2024 through and including November 30, 2024 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that CKSMM incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$740.50 and payment in the amount of \$592.40 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM has attached the following:
 - **Exhibit A** is a summary schedule of hours and fees covered by this Monthly Fee Statement, categorized by project code.
 - **Exhibit B** is a summary schedule of the time expended by all CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
 - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Fee Period.
 - **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period.

Representations

2. Although every effort has been made to include all fees and expenses incurred in the Fee Period, some fees and expenses might not be included in this Monthly Fee Statement due to delays caused by accounting and processing during the Fee Period. CKSMM reserves the right to make further application to this Court for allowance of such fees and expenses not included herein. Subsequent fee statements and applications will be filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, and Interim Compensation Order.

Notice

3. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been provided to all necessary parties in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

WHEREFORE, CKSMM respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$592.40, consisting of (i) \$592.40, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by CKSMM during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: December 23, 2024

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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EXHIBIT A

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B110	Case Administration	0.20	\$45.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	3.50	\$695.50
Total		3.70	\$740.50

EXHIBIT B

Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period

The CKSMM attorneys who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Professional	Position	Year Admitted	Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	2.70	\$607.50
James M Matherne	Partner	1999	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	0.20	\$45.00
Totals					2.90	\$652.50

CKSMM paraprofessionals who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Catharine Roberts	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$110.00	0.80	\$88.00
Totals				0.80	\$88.00

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
None	N/A
TOTAL EXPENSES:	N/A

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period



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December 16, 2024

Hopeman Brothers, Inc
Attn: Chris Lascell
6 Auburn Court
Brookline, MA 02446-6380

Invoice No.: 47402
Billed through: November 30, 2024
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$9,676.00
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$769.50
Net balance forward	\$8,906.50

<u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u>				<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/04/24	KNC	B110		0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Draft correspondence to B. Blum re: Administrative Agreement for the Angelos firm regarding established date and values stipulated for claims					
11/01/24	JMM	B190	A101	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for matter 03888					
11/01/24	JMM	B190	A101	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Revise and execute Suggestion of Bankruptcy for matter 03895					
11/04/24	CAR	B190		0.40	\$110.00	\$44.00
	Research Hopeman and Angelos Administrative Agreement regarding the Hopeman Brothers bankruptcy proceedings.					
11/05/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to T. Long re: Continental litigation					
11/05/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to T. Long re: list of pending claims versus list of settled/verdict claims					
11/05/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Review correspondence from T. Brown re: status of stay on LM as Insurer of Wayne but not Hopeman					
11/05/24	KNC	B190		0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
	Prepare for and attend telephone conference with T. Long re: list of pending claims versus list of settled/verdict claims and Continental litigation					
11/05/24	CAR	B190	A102	0.40	\$110.00	\$44.00
	Follow up research regarding discovery regarding Hopeman Brothers bankruptcy proceedings.					
11/07/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to T. Brown re: Plaintiff's Motion for Stay					
11/11/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to T. Long re: Privilege Law Back Letter to HII					

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11/11/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Prepare for and participate in telephone conference with T. Long re: Privilege Law Back Letter to HII			
11/12/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to S. Galante attaching Second Interim Order to Stay for review			
11/12/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to T. Brown re: recommended course of action on Plaintiff's request for filing			
11/12/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to S. Galante re: status of filing			
11/12/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Telephone conference with S. Galante re: Second Interim Order to Stay			
11/12/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Review correspondence from S. Boehm re: replacing "November 1 Production" with "November 11 Production"			
11/12/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Review correspondence from T. Long re: First and Second Interim Stay Orders			
11/12/24	KNC B190	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
	Telephone conference with W. Stout re: Database of SCS with no disease			
11/19/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to R. Kraft re: Hopeman documents			
11/22/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Review correspondence from T. Brown re: status of Hopeman documents			
		3.70		\$740.50

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP

KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	2.70 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$607.50
JMM	Matherne, James M.	0.20 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$45.00
CAR	Roberts, Catharine	0.80 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$88.00
Fee Recap Totals		3.70 hrs		\$740.50

TASK CODE RECAP

B110	Case Administration	0.20 hrs	\$45.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	3.50 hrs	\$695.50
Task Code Total		3.70 hrs	\$740.50

BILLING SUMMARY:

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TOTAL FEES		\$740.50	
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL		\$740.50	
NET BALANCE FORWARD		\$8,906.50	
TOTAL NOW DUE		\$9,647.00	