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

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<b>In re:</b>	:	<b>Chapter 11</b>
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<b>HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,</b>	:	<b>Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)</b>
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<b>Debtor.</b>	:	
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**SIXTH 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 JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2025**

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:	January 1, 2025 through and including January 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$2,918.40 (80% of \$3,648.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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 January 1, 2025 through and including January 31, 2025 (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 \$3,648.00 and payment in the amount of \$2,918.40 (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 \$3,648.00, consisting of (i) \$2,918.40, 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: February 24, 2025

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period**

<b>Matter Code</b>	<b>Matter Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Fees Requested</b>
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	0.10	\$22.50
B150	Meetings of and Communications	0.70	\$157.50
B190	Other Contested Matter	17.10	\$3,468.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17.90</b>	<b>\$3,648.00</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period**

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

Period include:

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Year Admitted</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Hourly Billing Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours Billed</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>
Troy N Bell	Partner	1990	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	13.00	\$2,925.00
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	1.60	\$360.00
<b>Totals</b>					<b>14.60</b>	<b>\$3,285.00</b>

CKSMM paraprofessionals who rendered professional services in these cases during the

Fee Period include:

<b>Paraprofessional</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Hourly Billing Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours Billed</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>
Catharine Roberts	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$110.00	3.30	\$363.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>3.30</b>	<b>\$363.00</b>

**EXHIBIT C**

**Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period**

Type	Expenses
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**EXHIBIT D**

**Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period**





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February 18, 2025

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

**Invoice No.: 48179**  
**Billed through: January 31, 2025**  
**Account No.: 201670 003867**

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$19,255.67
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$0.00
Net balance forward	\$19,255.67

<u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u>		<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/28/25	KNC B120 Draft correspondence to Tyler Brown and Chris Lascell re: status of Hopeman Settlement Fund	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
01/21/25	KNC B150 Prepare and attend telephone conference with Bankruptcy counsel re: preparation for mediation	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
01/29/25	TNB B190 Attend Day 4 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	1.40	\$225.00	\$315.00
01/29/25	TNB B190 Communication with counsel for Paramount Global regarding Traylor Morgan's testimony regarding stoves (Traylor Morgan case)	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
01/28/25	TNB B190 Communication with counsel for co-defendant, regarding Mr. Traylor Morgan's testimony re: Avondale	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
01/14/25	TNB B190 Plan for and prepare for Day 3 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
01/14/25	TNB B190 Analyze Avondale Ship list in preparation for continuation perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
01/10/25	TNB B190 Analyze communication from Jourdan Curet, counsel for Johnson & Johnson regarding the continued perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
01/31/25	TNB B190 Analyze petition for damages re Wendell Navarre	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00

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01/31/25	KNC	B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Prepare correspondence to Tyler Brown re: course of action on deposition of Wendell Navarre				
01/07/25	CAR	B190	1.90	\$110.00	\$209.00
	Analyze work history and discovery documents for Traylor Morgan dates of employment and ships that Hopeman performed joiner work based on Hopeman work history book and spreadsheet of invoices in preparation of his perpetuation deposition.				
01/14/25	CAR	B190	0.50	\$110.00	\$55.00
	Review information on Sal Mancusso identified by Traylor Morgan in his perpetuation deposition as a co-worker to confirm his asbestos exposure from Hopeman at Avondale Shipyards in the 1960's.				
01/14/25	CAR	B190	0.50	\$110.00	\$55.00
	Research information on Aaron Neville, identified by Traylor Morgan in his perpetuation deposition as a co-worker to confirm his asbestos exposure from Hopeman at Avondale Shipyards in the 1960's.				
01/14/25	CAR	B190	0.40	\$110.00	\$44.00
	Review information on the Apollo Ships referenced in Traylor Morgan and identified the ships as the Huntsville and Watertown conversion that Hopeman worked on to assist with comparing dates that plaintiff's exposure time period.				
01/09/25	KNC	B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: status of Stay				
01/31/25	KNC	B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: deathbed deposition of Wendell Navarre, exclusion in the bankruptcy stay				
01/06/25	TNB	B190	1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	Review and analyze notes from Day 1 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan in preparation for Day 2 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan				
01/07/25	TNB	B190	3.40	\$225.00	\$765.00
	Attend Day 2 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan				
01/13/25	TNB	B190	2.00	\$225.00	\$450.00
	Review and analyze the rough draft of Day 2 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan in preparation for Day 3 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan				
01/14/25	TNB	B190	3.00	\$225.00	\$675.00
	Attend Day 3 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan				
01/07/25	KNC	B190 A108	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re summary of perpetuation deposition of Frank Larousse				
				<b>17.90</b>	<b>\$3,648.00</b>

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP**

TNB	Bell, Troy N	13.00 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$2,925.00
KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	1.60 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$360.00
CAR	Roberts, Catharine	3.30 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$363.00

**Fee Recap Totals** 17.90 hrs \$3,648.00

**TASK CODE RECAP**

B120 Asset Analysis and Recovery	0.10 hrs	\$22.50
B150 Meetings of and Communications	0.70 hrs	\$157.50
B190 Other Contested Matters	17.10 hrs	\$3,468.00

**Task Code Total** 17.90 hrs \$3,648.00

**BILLING SUMMARY:**

TOTAL FEES \$3,648.00

TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL \$3,648.00

NET BALANCE FORWARD \$19,255.67

**TOTAL NOW DUE** **\$22,903.67**