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**IN THE 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 JOSHUA D. WEINBERG
TO PRACTICE, *PRO HAC VICE*, UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2090-1(E)(3)**

James W. Burke (“Movant”) hereby moves 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 attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorizing Joshua D. Weinberg, to appear *pro hac vice* in this case and any related proceedings for the purpose of representing Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company and First State Insurance Company (together, “Hartford”). In support of this motion, Movant states as follows:



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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. Movant has appeared as counsel of record for Hartford in this case.

3. Mr. Weinberg is Movant's law firm partner. Mr. Weinberg is a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of New York and the Bar of the District of Columbia, and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, and the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against him in any jurisdiction.

4. Movant requests that this Court authorize Mr. Weinberg to appear and be heard at hearings and otherwise participate in this case and all related proceedings.

5. Movant and Mr. Weinberg will serve as co-counsel to Hartford in the case and all related proceedings.

6. Mr. Weinberg'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 case as of the time of service. Given the nature of the relief requested, Movant submits that no further notice is necessary.

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

Dated: July 9, 2025

/s/ James W. Burke

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date, I submitted the foregoing through the Court's CM/ECF system, causing a true and correct copy to be electronically delivered and served on all parties registered to receive electronic notices in this case via that system.

Dated: July 9, 2025

/s/ James W. Burke

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EXHIBIT A

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Upon the motion (the “Motion”) of James W. Burke for the admission of Joshua D. Weinberg to practice, *pro hac vice*, under Rule 2090-1(E)(3) of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the Court finds that (i) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); (iii) adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and (iv) good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the relief requested in the Motion after having given due deliberation upon the Motion and all of the proceedings had before the Court in connection with the Motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

1. The Motion is GRANTED.

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

3. Joshua D. Weinberg is permitted to appear and practice before this Court *pro hac vice* as counsel to Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company and First State Insurance Company in this 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 the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2025
Richmond, Virginia

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

WE ASK FOR THIS:

/s/ James W. Burke

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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/ James W. Burke

EXHIBIT B

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

APPLICATION TO QUALIFY AS A FOREIGN ATTORNEY UNDER
LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 2090-1(E)(3)

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

PERSONAL STATEMENT

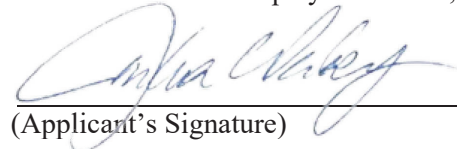
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Name(s) of federal court(s) in which I have been admitted See attached sheet.

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

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.


(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/ James W. Burke July 9, 2025
(Signature) (Date)

James W. Burke
(Typed or Printed Name)

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

Court Use Only:

The motion for admission is GRANTED _____ or DENIED _____

(Judge's Signature) (Date)

Joshua D. Weinberg Bar Memberships

State Courts

Jurisdiction	Number	Admission Date
New York	2929511	12/7/1998
District of Columbia	464512	9/13/1999

Federal Courts

Jurisdiction	Number	Admission Date
U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit	46681	2/16/2000
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit		6/20/2000
District Court for the District of Columbia	464512	5/9/2016
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	1183237	2/27/2018
District Court for the District of New Mexico	2266	3/8/2022
District Court for the Western District of New York		1/12/2023
District Court for the Northern District of New York	704445	4/11/2023