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

<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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**SUMMARY OF FOURTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF  
BLANK ROME LLP AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL  
FOR DEBTOR AND DEBTOR IN POSSESSION**

<b>Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Blank Rome LLP
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
<b>This Interim Application</b>	
Time Period Covered:	March 1, 2025 through and including May 31, 2025
Total Hours Billed:	12.00
Total Fees Requested:	\$11,718.00
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Fees Requested Over Budget:	None
Blended Rate:	\$976.50/hour
Rate Increases Not Previously Approved/Disclosed:	None



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Total Professionals:	1
Total Professionals Not in Staffing Plan:	None
Total Professionals Billing Less Than 15 Hours:	None
<b>Historical</b>	
Fees Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$130,240.80
Expenses Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$0.00
Allowed Fees Paid to Date:	\$34,292.25
Allowed Expenses Paid to Date:	\$0.00
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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**FOURTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF  
BLANK ROME LLP AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR AND  
DEBTOR IN POSSESSION, FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD  
FROM MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MAY 31, 2025**

Blank Rome LLP (“Blank Rome”), special insurance 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 Blank Rome to the Debtor for the period from March 1, 2025 through and including May 31, 2025 (the “Fourth Interim Application Period”), and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by Blank Rome during the Fourth 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”), and 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, Blank Rome 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 therein (the “Compensation Procedures”).

7. On September 9, 2024, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Blank Rome as Special Insurance Counsel for the Debtor Effective as of the Petition Date* [Doc. No. 164], authorizing the Debtor to employ and retain Blank Rome as its special insurance 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.

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 this case.

### **III. RELIEF REQUESTED**

11. Blank Rome submits this Application (a) for interim allowance of reasonable compensation for the actual, reasonable and necessary professional services that it has rendered as special insurance counsel for the Debtor in this case for the period from March 1, 2024, through and including May 31, 2025, and (b) for reimbursement of actual, reasonable and necessary

expenses incurred in representing the Debtor during that same period. For the period covered by this Application, Blank Rome seeks fees for services rendered in the amount of \$11,718.00. For the same period, Blank Rome 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 Blank Rome professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fourth 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 Blank Rome during the Fourth Interim Application Period.
- (iv) Exhibit D contains a disclosure of “customary and comparable compensation” charged by Blank Rome 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 Blank Rome.
- (v) Exhibit E contains the budget and staffing plans for Blank Rome for this chapter 11 case during the Fourth Interim Application Period.
- (vi) Exhibit F contains the monthly fee statements properly served by Blank Rome during the Fourth Interim Application Period (the “Monthly Statements”).

#### **IV. BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED**

13. During the Fourth Interim Application Period, Blank Rome provided numerous services to the Debtor, including but not limited to (i) advising the Debtor and the Debtor’s other professionals regarding insurance coverage for asbestos-related claims; (ii) assisting the Debtor and its bankruptcy counsel with insurance aspects of the agreement to resolve mediation with the Unsecured Creditors’ Committee arising from the Debtor’s former motion to approve a settlement

with the Chubb Insurers; (iii) assisting the Debtor and its bankruptcy counsel with review and consideration of insurance aspects of Trust Agreement and Trust Distribution Procedures in connection with proposed Plan of Reorganization; (iv) assisting the Debtor and its bankruptcy counsel with responses to certain discovery requests served by certain Hopeman insurers in connection with the proposed Plan of Reorganization; and (v) regularly 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.

14. In performing the services detailed in this Application, Blank Rome 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, Blank Rome properly filed and served three Monthly Statements during the Fourth Interim Application Period as follows:

<b>Period Covered by Monthly Statement</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Date Served and Docket No.</b>	<b>Objection Deadline</b>	<b>Amount of Fees Received (80%)</b>	<b>Amount of Expenses Received (100%)</b>
March 1-31, 2025	\$2,343.60	\$0.00	04/28/25 [Docket No. 680]	05/12/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
April 1-30, 2025	\$6,151.95	\$0.00	05/28/25 [Docket No. 812]	06/11/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
May 1-31, 2025	\$3,222.45	\$0.00	07/15/2025 [Docket No. 991]	07/29/2025	\$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 Blank Rome's Monthly Statements are attached hereto as Exhibit F.

17. Blank Rome has endeavored to represent the Debtor in the most expeditious and economical manner possible. Tasks have been assigned to attorneys at Blank Rome so that the work has been performed by those most familiar with the particular matter or task and by the lowest hourly rate professional appropriate for a particular matter. Moreover, Blank Rome 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. Blank Rome believes it has been successful in this regard.

18. No agreement or understanding exists between Blank Rome 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: As set forth in the *Declaration of Kyle Philip Brinkman in Support of the Application of Debtor for Entry of an Order(I) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Blank Rome LLP as Special Insurance Counsel for Effective as of*



*the Petition Date and (II) Granting Related Relief* (the “Brinkman Declaration”) [Doc. No. 71, Ex. A], the hourly rates and corresponding rate structure used by Blank Rome have been discounted from its standard rate structure for this engagement consistent with the engagement prior to the Debtor’s bankruptcy.

**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 excess of budget for this Application.

**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: Yes, and as previously set forth in the *Third Interim Application of Blank Rome LLP as Special Insurance Counsel for Debtor and Debtor in Possession* filed first after that increase, the client (i) approved these specific rate increases; and (ii) agreed to permit future annual rate increases when retaining Blank Rome.

## **VI. NOTICE**

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

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**WHEREFORE**, Blank Rome respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto (i) approving this Application, (ii) providing that Blank Rome be allowed on an interim basis the sum of \$11,718.00 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 Blank Rome the outstanding amount of such sums, and (iv) for such other relief as the Court deems proper and just.

Dated: July 15, 2025  
Washington DC

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**ORDER GRANTING FOURTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF  
BLANK ROME LLP AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR AND  
DEBTOR IN POSSESSION, FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD  
FROM MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MAY 31, 2025**

Upon consideration of the Fourth Interim Fee Application (the “Application”)<sup>1</sup> of Blank Rome LLP (“Blank Rome”), special insurance counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), for the period from March 1, 2024, through and including May 31, 2025 (the “Fourth Interim Application Period”); and the Court having reviewed the Application and the Monthly Statements that were served by Blank Rome during the Fourth 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 deliberation thereon; and good and

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

sufficient cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Application is GRANTED.
2. Blank Rome is allowed interim compensation in the amount of \$11,718.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$0.00 for the Fourth Interim Application Period as requested in the Application.
3. The Debtor is authorized and directed to disburse to Blank Rome payment in the amount of the difference between the allowed amounts and the actual monthly payments previously received by Blank Rome for fees and expenses incurred during the Fourth 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

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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

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Professionals Rendering Services**

March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025

<b>Name of Professional</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>First Bar Date</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Hourly Billing Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours Billed</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	976.50	12.0	\$11,718.00
<b>Total:</b>					<b>12.0</b>	<b>\$11,718.00</b>
<b>Blended Rate:</b>						<b>\$976.50</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025

<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	2.1	\$2,050.65
B190	Other Contested Matters excluding assumption/rejection motions)	9.9	\$9,667.35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12.0</b>	<b>\$11,718.00</b>



**EXHIBIT C**

**EXPENSE SUMMARY**

March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Service Provider (if applicable)</b>	<b>Unit Cost (if applicable)</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
N/A			
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**EXHIBIT D**

**CUSTOMARY AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES**

(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

	<b>Blended Hourly Rate<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Category of Timekeeper</b>	<b>Billed</b> (Firm for preceding year, excluding the Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights group )	<b>Billed</b> (This Application)
All Partners (Equity Partner)	\$866.38	<b>\$976.50</b>
Counsel	\$721.78	N/A
Associate (7+ years)	\$656.39	N/A
Associate (4-6)	\$613.22	N/A
Associate (1-3)	\$553.49	N/A
Paralegal	\$349.73	N/A
Legal Assistant	337.50	N/A
<b>Aggregated (Blended Rates):</b>	<b>\$739.24</b>	<b>\$976.50</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 Blank Rome’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 Blank Rome 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**  
**BLANK ROME LLP**  
(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

<b>Period</b>	<b>Estimated Fees</b>
March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025	\$24,510.00

**STAFFING PLAN**  
**BLANK ROME LLP**  
(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

<b>Category of Timekeeper (as maintained by the firm)</b>	<b>Number of Timekeepers Expected to Work on the Matter During the Budgeted Period</b>	<b>Average Hourly Rate</b>
Partners	1	\$976.50
Counsel	0	N/A
Associates	0	N/A
Paralegal	0	N/A

**EXHIBIT F**

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**EIGHTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF BLANK ROME LLP  
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF  
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES INCURRED FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Blank Rome LLP
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 9, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 164]
Time Period Covered:	March 1 through March 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$1,874.88 (80% of \$2,343.60)
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. 162] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, special insurance 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 Blank Rome for the period from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that Blank Rome LLP incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, Blank Rome seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$2,343.60 and payment in the amount of \$1,874.88 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). Blank Rome incurred no expenses during the Fee Period and therefore does not seek allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses pursuant to this Monthly Fee Statement.

**Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred**

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Blank Rome 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 Blank Rome professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by Blank Rome during the Fee Period.

- **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by Blank Rome 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. Blank Rome 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, Blank Rome respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$1,874.88 consisting of (i) \$1,874.88, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Blank Rome during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: April 28, 2025  
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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>
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.5	\$488.25
B190	Other Contested Matters excluding assumption/rejection motions)	1.9	\$1,855.35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2.4</b>	<b>\$2,343.60</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period**

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

Professional	Position	First Bar Date	Section	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	976.50	2.4	\$2,343.60
<b>Totals</b>					2.4	\$2,343.60

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

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
N/A				0	0
<b>Totals</b>				0	0

**EXHIBIT C**

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

Type	Expenses
N/A	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>0</b>

**EXHIBIT D**

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

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BROOKLINE, MA 02446-6380

INVOICE DATE: APRIL 17, 2025  
CLIENT ID: 200433  
MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003 03358  
INVOICE NUMBER: 2273549

**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS  
INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
10/10/2024	2228873	\$26,238.15	\$0.00	\$26,238.15
11/08/2024	2235663	\$23,372.55	\$0.00	\$23,372.55
12/18/2024	2246604	\$15,492.15	\$0.00	\$15,492.15
01/13/2025	2249528	\$10,925.10	\$0.00	\$10,925.10
02/20/2025	2259192	\$1,660.05	\$0.00	\$1,660.05
03/20/2025	2266169	\$18,260.55	\$0.00	\$18,260.55
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>				<b>\$95,948.55</b>
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 3/31/25			\$2,343.60	
<b>CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL</b>				<b>\$2,343.60</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD</b>				<b>\$98,292.15</b>

ACH/WIRE		Mail
Bank Name	Citizens Bank	Blank Rome LLP
Address:	Philadelphia, PA	Attn: Finance Department
Account Title:	Blank Rome LLP	One Logan Square
Account Number:	6238669326	130 North 18 <sup>th</sup> St
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 ATTN: CHRISTOPHER LASCELL  
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INVOICE DATE: APRIL 17, 2025  
 CLIENT ID: 200433  
 MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003  
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**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS  
 INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

**FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
<b>TASK: B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS</b>					
03/12/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.10	97.65
03/18/25	REVIEW AND FINALIZE BLANK ROME'S MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.20	195.30
03/20/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL AND C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.20	195.30
<b>TOTALS FOR B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS</b>				<b>0.50</b>	<b>488.25</b>
<b>TASK: B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)</b>					
03/03/25	ANALYZE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO UCC TERM SHEET (.2); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM N. MILLER REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.1); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM C. SYMONS AND K. SIEG REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.2); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM P. BARRETT AND J. ROVIRA REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.60	585.90
03/05/25	ANALYZE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO UCC TERM SHEET (.2); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM K. SIEG REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.30	292.95
03/06/25	ANALYZE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO UCC TERM SHEET (.3); ANALYZE EMAIL	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.60	585.90

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FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
	CORRESPONDENCE FROM D. COX, N. MILLER, T. BROWN, P. BARRETT, AND JUDGE HUENNEKENS REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.3)				
03/07/25	ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM T. BROWN, T. PHILLIPS, AND JUDGE HUENNEKENS REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.20	195.30
03/19/25	ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM R. VAN EPPS	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.20	195.30
	<b>TOTALS FOR B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)</b>			<b>1.90</b>	<b>1,855.35</b>
	<b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>				<b>\$2,343.60</b>

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL

**\$2,343.60**

TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEEs
KYLE BRINKMAN	976.50	2.40	2,343.60
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>2.40</b>	<b>\$2,343.60</b>



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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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**NINTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF BLANK ROME LLP  
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF  
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES INCURRED FROM APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Blank Rome LLP
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 9, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 164]
Time Period Covered:	April 1 through April 30, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$4,921.56 (80% of \$6,151.95)
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. 162] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, special insurance 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 Blank Rome for the period from April 1 through April 30, 2025 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that Blank Rome LLP incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, Blank Rome seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$6,151.95 and payment in the amount of \$4,921.56 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). Blank Rome incurred no expenses during the Fee Period and therefore does not seek allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses pursuant to this Monthly Fee Statement.

**Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred**

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Blank Rome 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 Blank Rome professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by Blank Rome during the Fee Period.

- **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by Blank Rome 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. Blank Rome 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, Blank Rome respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$4,921.56 consisting of (i) \$4,921.56, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Blank Rome during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: May 28, 2025  
Washington DC

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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>
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	1.6	\$1,562.40
B190	Other Contested Matters excluding assumption/rejection motions)	4.7	\$4,589.55
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6.3</b>	<b>\$6,151.95</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period**

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

Professional	Position	First Bar Date	Section	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	976.50	6.3	\$6,151.95
<b>Totals</b>					6.3	\$6,151.95

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

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
N/A				0	0
<b>Totals</b>				0	0

**EXHIBIT C**

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

Type	Expenses
N/A	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>0</b>

**EXHIBIT D**

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



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6 AUBURN COURT  
BROOKLINE, MA 02446-6380INVOICE DATE: MAY 15, 2025  
CLIENT ID: 200433  
MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003 03358  
INVOICE NUMBER: 2279953**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS  
INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
10/10/2024	2228873	\$26,238.15	\$0.00	\$26,238.15
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01/13/2025	2249528	\$10,925.10	\$0.00	\$10,925.10
02/20/2025	2259192	\$1,660.05	\$0.00	\$1,660.05
03/20/2025	2266169	\$18,260.55	\$0.00	\$18,260.55
04/17/2025	2273549	\$2,343.60	\$0.00	\$2,343.60
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>				<b>\$98,292.15</b>
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 4/30/25			\$6,151.95	
<b>CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL</b>				<b>\$6,151.95</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD</b>				<b>\$104,444.10</b>

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**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS  
 INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

**FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
<b>TASK: B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS</b>					
04/07/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S THIRD FEE APPLICATION AND MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.10	97.65
04/10/25	REVIEW AND REVISE BLANK ROME'S THIRD FEE APPLICATION (.4); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT THIRD FEE APPLICATION (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.50	488.25
04/11/25	REVIEW AND REVISE BLANK ROME'S THIRD FEE APPLICATION (.5); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT THIRD FEE APPLICATION (.1); TELECONFERENCE WITH C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT THIRD FEE APPLICATION (.2)	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.80	781.20
04/21/25	REVISE AND FINALIZE BLANK ROME'S EIGHTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT (.1); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN AND T. LONG REGARDING BLANK ROME'S EIGHTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.20	195.30
<b>TOTALS FOR B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS</b>				<b>1.60</b>	<b>1,562.40</b>
<b>TASK: B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)</b>					
04/02/25	ANALYZE CHUBB INSURERS' OBJECTION TO FTI FEE STATEMENT FOR WORK SUPPORTING 521(G) PLAN	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.70	683.55
04/22/25	ANALYZE DRAFT TRUST	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.80	781.20

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
	AGREEMENT AND TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES (.7); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, T. LONG, AND R. VAN EPPS REGARDING SAME (.1)				
04/24/25	ANALYZE DRAFT TRUST AGREEMENT AND TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES (1.0); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, T. LONG, AND R. VAN EPPS REGARDING SAME (.1); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, T. LONG, AND R. VAN EPPS REGARDING ROUSSEL APPEAL OF THE CERTAIN INSURERS (RESOLUTE) SETTLEMENT (.1); REVIEW AND RESPOND TO EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM R. VAN EPPS REGARDING DRAFT TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES (.2)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.40	1,367.10
04/25/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO R. VAN EPPS REGARDING DRAFT TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES (.2); ANALYZE DRAFT TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES AS COMPARED TO EXISTING INSURANCE COVERAGE PROCEDURES (1.3); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, AND T. LONG REGARDING DRAFT TRUST DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES (.2)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.70	1,660.05
04/28/25	REVIEW EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM C. LASCELL AND T. BROWN REGARDING STRATEGY FOR PLAN AND TRUST PROPOSALS	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.10	97.65
	<b>TOTALS FOR B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)</b>			<b>4.70</b>	<b>4,589.55</b>
	<b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>				<b>\$6,151.95</b>

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL

\$6,151.95

TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
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TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
KYLE BRINKMAN	976.50	6.30	6,151.95
TOTALS		6.30	\$6,151.95

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**In re:**

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**TENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF BLANK ROME LLP  
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF  
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES INCURRED FROM MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Blank Rome LLP
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 9, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 164]
Time Period Covered:	May 1 through May 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$2,577.96 (80% of \$3,222.45)
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. 162] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, special insurance 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 Blank Rome for the period from May 1 through May 31, 2025 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that Blank Rome LLP incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, Blank Rome seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$3,222.45 and payment in the amount of \$2,577.96 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). Blank Rome incurred no expenses during the Fee Period and therefore does not seek allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses pursuant to this Monthly Fee Statement.

**Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred**

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### **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. Blank Rome 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, Blank Rome respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$2,577.96 consisting of (i) \$2,577.96, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Blank Rome during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: July 15, 2025  
Washington DC

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**EXHIBIT A**

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

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B190	Other Contested Matters excluding assumption/rejection motions)	3.3	\$3,222.45
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3.3</b>	<b>\$3,222.45</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period**

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

Professional	Position	First Bar Date	Section	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	976.50	3.3	\$3,222.45
<b>Totals</b>					3.3	\$3,222.45

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

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
N/A				0	0
<b>Totals</b>				0	0

**EXHIBIT C**

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

Type	Expenses
N/A	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>0</b>

**EXHIBIT D**

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

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ATTN: CHRISTOPHER LASCELL  
6 AUBURN COURT  
BROOKLINE, MA 02446-6380INVOICE DATE: JUNE 13, 2025  
CLIENT ID: 200433  
MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003 03358  
INVOICE NUMBER: 2286992**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS  
INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

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04/17/2025	2273549	\$2,343.60	\$0.00	\$2,343.60
05/15/2025	2279953	\$6,151.95	\$0.00	\$6,151.95
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>				<b>\$104,444.10</b>
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 5/31/25			\$3,222.45	
<b>CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,222.45</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD</b>				<b>\$107,666.55</b>

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HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.  
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INVOICE DATE: JUNE 13, 2025  
 CLIENT ID: 200433  
 MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003  
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**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS  
 INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

**FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH MAY 31, 2025**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
<b>TASK: B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)</b>					
05/22/25	ANALYZE CHUBB DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.2); ANALYZE FILE TO IDENTIFY DOCUMENTS POTENTIALLY RESPONSIVE TO CHUBB DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.4); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. LONG REGARDING CHUBB DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.2); ANALYZE LIBERTY MUTUAL DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.3)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.10	1,074.15
05/23/25	ANALYZE LIBERTY MUTUAL DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.2); PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN TELECONFERENCE WITH T. LONG REGARDING LIBERTY MUTUAL DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.2); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. LONG REGARDING SAME (.1); ANALYZE FILE TO IDENTIFY DOCUMENTS POTENTIALLY RESPONSIVE TO LIBERTY MUTUAL DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.6)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.10	1,074.15
05/27/25	ANALYZE FILE TO IDENTIFY DOCUMENTS POTENTIALLY RESPONSIVE TO LIBERTY MUTUAL DOCUMENT REQUESTS (.5); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. LONG REGARDING SAME (.2)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.70	683.55
05/30/25	ANALYZE DRAFT FACT STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH LIBERTY MUTUAL DISCOVERY REQUESTS (.3); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, AND T. BROWN REGARDING SAME (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.40	390.60

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	TOTALS FOR B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)			3.30	3,222.45
	TOTAL SERVICES				\$3,222.45

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL	\$3,222.45
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TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
KYLE BRINKMAN	976.50	3.30	3,222.45
TOTALS		3.30	\$3,222.45