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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 FOURTH 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 11, 2024
This Interim Application	
Time Period Covered:	March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025
Total Hours Billed:	92.10
Total Fees Requested:	\$18,537.50
Total Expenses Requested:	\$1,459.95
Fees Requested Over Budget:	None
Blended Rate:	\$201.28/hour
Rate Increases Not Previously Approved/Disclosed:	None
Total Professionals:	5
Total Professionals Not in Staffing Plan:	0



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Total Professionals Billing Less Than 15 Hours:	2
Historical	
Fees Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$26,164.50
Expenses Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$6,028.47
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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**FOURTH 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
MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MAY 31, 2025**

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 March 1, 2025 through and including May 31, 2025 (the “Fourth Interim Application Period”), and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by CKSMM 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”), 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 30, 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 fourth interim fee application should cover the period from March 1, 2025 through and including May 31, 2025.

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 March 1, 2025, through and including May 31, 2025, 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 \$18,537.50. For the same period, CKSMM seeks actual, reasonable and necessary expenses totaling \$1,459.95.

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 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 CKSMM during the Fourth 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 Fourth Interim Application Period.
- (vi) Exhibit F contains the monthly fee statements properly served by CKSMM during the Fourth Interim Application Period (the “Monthly Statements”).

IV. BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

13. During the Fourth Interim Application Period, CKSMM provided numerous services to the Debtor, including but not limited to (i) preparing for perpetuation depositions of four plaintiffs by reviewing medical and personnel records, petition for damages, prior testimony, discovery materials and responses and participating in related depositions, and (ii) conducting comprehensive review and analysis of 47 direct action cases and corresponding court records to determine current status of each matter, including identifying scheduled trial dates, assessing upcoming pre-trial deadlines and summarizing key litigation milestones as such information pertains to this chapter 11 case.

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 Fourth 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%)
March 1, 2025-March 31, 2025	\$8,182.50	\$122.15	04/28/2025 [Docket No. 681]	05/12/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
April 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025	\$6,310.00	\$0.00	05/28/2025 [Docket No. 813]	06/11/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
May 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025	\$4,045.00	\$1,337.80	07/15/2025 [Docket No. 992]	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 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 \$18,537.50 as compensation for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtor and the sum of \$1,459.95 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: July 15, 2025

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**ORDER GRANTING FOURTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF
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ASBESTOS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR, 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”)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 March 1, 2025, 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 CKSMM 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

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

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 \$18,537.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1,459.95 for the Fourth 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 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

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

(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

Name of Professional	Position	Department	First Bar Admission Date	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation	Rate Increases Since the Petition Date
Troy N Bell	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1990	\$225.00	46.50	\$10,462.50	None
Kaye N Courington	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1988	\$225.00	6.50	\$1,462.50	None
Scott B Kiefer	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1988	\$225.00	20.10	\$4,522.50	None
Catherine Roberts	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel		\$110.00	3.00	\$330.00	None
Charise Williams	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel		\$110.00	16.00	\$1,760.00	None
				Total:	92.10	\$18,537.50	
Blended Rate:					\$201.28		

Exhibit B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

Project Code	Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B140	Relief from Stay/Adequate	0.10	\$22.50
B190	Other Contested Matters	92.00	\$18,515.00
	Total:	92.10	\$18,537.50

Exhibit C

EXPENSE SUMMARY
(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

Expense Category	Service Provider (if applicable)	Unit Cost (if applicable)	Total Expenses
E112			\$25.00
E115			\$1,434.95
		Total:	\$1,459.95

Exhibit D

CUSTOMARY AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES
(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

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
(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

Period	Estimated Fees
March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025	\$20,000.00

STAFFING PLAN
COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC
(March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025)

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	3	\$225.00
Counsel	0	N/A
Associates	0	N/A
Paralegal	2	\$110.00

Exhibit F

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**EIGHTH 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
MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 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:	March 1, 2025 through and including March 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$6,546.00 (80% of \$8,182.50)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$122.15
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 March 1, 2025 through and including March 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 \$8,182.500 and payment in the amount of \$6,546.00 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$122.15.

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 \$8,304.65, consisting of (i) \$6,546.00, 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) \$122.15 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

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B140	Relief from Stay	0.10	\$22.50
B190	Other Contested Matter	37.80	\$8,160.00
Total		37.90	\$8,182.50

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
Troy N Bell	Partner	1990	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	17.10	\$3,847.50
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	2.40	\$540.00
Scott B Kiefer	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	15.40	\$3,465.00
Totals					34.90	\$7,852.50

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	3.00	330.00
Totals				3.00	\$330.00

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
Court Fees	\$25.00
Deposition Transcripts	\$97.15
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$122.15

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

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NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

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FEDERAL TAX ID# 36-4695739

April 21, 2025

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

Invoice No.: 49165
Billed through: March 31, 2025
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$28,114.77
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$0.00
Net balance forward	\$28,114.77

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

		Hours	Rate	<u>Amount</u>
03/10/25	KNC B140 Draft correspondence to Tyler Brown re: status of stay	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
03/03/25	TNB B190 Review and analyze pleadings in preparation of perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
03/04/25	KNC B190 Draft correspondence to Toby Long re: Depositions to Perpetuate Testimony During Stay Period	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
03/04/25	KNC B190 Review correspondence from Romar Knapp re: Traylor Morgan Petition for Damages, suit against Liberty Mutual as the insurer of Hopeman Brothers	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
03/04/25	KNC B190 Draft correspondence to Tyler Brown re: attending the perpetuation depositions of matters that could be sued by Liberty Mutual after the Stay is lifted	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
03/04/25	KNC B190 Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: lifting of bankruptcy Stay	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
03/04/25	KNC B190 Draft correspondence to team re: Notice of Plaintiff's Deposition to Potential Third Parties	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
03/04/25	KNC B190 Draft correspondence to Tyler Brown re: Depositions to Perpetuate Testimony During Stay Period	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
03/05/25	TNB B190 Review and analyze social security print out in preparation for upcoming perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
03/05/25	TNB B190	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00

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	Review and analyze Petition for Damages in preparation for upcoming perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple				
03/05/25	TNB B190	1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	
	Review and analyze Avondale Ship List and Avondale Harvey Yard invoices in preparation for the upcoming perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple				
03/05/25	KNC B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50	
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re:status of the perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple				
03/05/25	TNB B190	3.00	\$225.00	\$675.00	
	Review and analyze of Slidell Memorial Hospital records (550 of 1248) in preparation for the upcoming video perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple				
03/05/25	TNB B190	1.30	\$225.00	\$292.50	
	Review and analyze Ochsner Medical Center medical records (272 pages) of Bobby Temple in preparation for his upcoming video perpetuation deposition				
03/05/25	TNB B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50	
	Review and analyze Avondale personnel records in preparation for the upcoming perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple				
03/05/25	TNB B190	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00	
	Review and analyze Petition for Damages in preparation for the upcoming video perpetuation deposition of Bobbie Temple				
03/06/25	TNB B190	5.10	\$225.00	\$1,147.50	
	Attend the perpetuation deposition of Bobbie Temple				
03/09/25	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: status of perpetuation deposition of Hyson Leblanc				
03/10/25	TNB B190	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00	
	Review and analyze 9/9/24 deposition of Hyson Leblanc in preparation for upcoming perpetuation deposition				
03/10/25	TNB B190	3.60	\$225.00	\$810.00	
	Review and analyze Hyson Leblanc's 6/17/95 deposition (218 pages) in preparation for upcoming perpetuation deposition				
03/10/25	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: status of perpetuation deposition of Hyson Leblanc				
03/10/25	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Review correspondence from Romar Knapp re: Traylor Morgan Petition for Damages				
03/10/25	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Review correspondence from Romar Knapp re: participation and status of perputation deposition of Hyson Leblanc				
03/10/25	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple and attendance				
03/10/25	SBK B190	2.30	\$225.00	\$517.50	
	Read and analyze 1995 deposition of plaintiff for relevant Hopeman Brothers' testimony in preparation for the perpetuation deposition of Hyson Leblanc				
03/10/25	SBK B190	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50	
	Read and analyze Petition for Damages in preparation for the perpetuation deposition of Hyson LeBlanc				
03/10/25	SBK B190	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50	
	Begin preparing deposition outline in preparation for perpetuation deposition of Hyson LeBlanc				

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03/10/25	SBK B190	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50
	Prepare for and attend telephone conference with MVS regarding case status and appearance in perpetuation deposition of Hyson LeBlanc			
03/10/25	SBK B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Analyze Judgment of Dismissal of Wayne and Hopeman Brothers in prior asbestosis suit in preparation for perpetuation deposition of Hyson LeBlanc			
03/10/25	CAR B190	0.90	\$110.00	\$99.00
	Review trial verdicts regarding Hyson Leblanc for information regarding Liberty/Wayne Manufacture and Hopeman in preparation for his perpetuation deposition			
03/10/25	CAR B190	2.10	\$110.00	\$231.00
	Review and identify Hyson LeBlanc's previous depositions, discovery responses, social security records, past global settlements in preparation of his upcoming perpetuation deposition			
03/11/25	SBK B190	0.80	\$225.00	\$180.00
	Continue to review Avondale employment records and prior testimony and prior depotion of in Hyson LeBlanc in preparation for perpetuation deposition			
03/11/25	SBK B190	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
	Analyze prior medical records of Hyson LeBlanc in preparation for perpetuation deposition			
03/11/25	SBK B190	6.00	\$225.00	\$1,350.00
	Attend/participate in video perpetuation deposition of Hyson LeBlanc			
03/12/25	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: outcome of perpetuation deposition of Bobby Temple and potential exposure.			
03/13/25	TNB B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
	Analyze social security printout of Traylor Morgan			
03/13/25	SBK B190	2.60	\$225.00	\$585.00
	Prepare deposition report regarding perpetuation deposition testimony of plaintiff			
03/17/25	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: status of Bobbie Temple trial set for September 2025 and course of action re: of same			
03/18/25	SBK B190	1.30	\$225.00	\$292.50
	Finalize deposition report regarding perpetuation deposition of Hyson Leblanc			
03/24/25	TNB B190	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
	Analyze petition for damages in preparation for upcoming perpetuation deposition of Richard Hotard			
03/26/25	TNB B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Analyze Notice of perpetuation deposition of Richard Hotard			
			37.90	\$8,182.50
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
03/27/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Traylor Morgan Volume IV taken on 1/29/2025. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$97.15
03/31/25	E112	Court costs associated with obtaining copy of Petition for Damages in the Richard Hotard matter. (LM as		\$21.00

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insurer of HB and Wayne are named and we received an invitation to participate in Plaintiff's deposition on 4/4/25)
Clerk of Court, Civil District Court

03/31/25	E112	Court costs associated with obtaining copy of Citation and Service Copies of Petitions Issued in the Richard Hotard matter. (LM as insurer of HB and Wayne are named and we received an invitation to participate in Plaintiff's deposition on 4/4/25) Clerk of Court, Civil District Court	\$4.00
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP

TNB	Bell, Troy N	17.10 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$3,847.50
KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	2.40 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$540.00
SBK	Kiefer, Scott B.	15.40 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$3,465.00
CAR	Roberts, Catharine	3.00 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$330.00

Fee Recap Totals	37.90 hrs	\$8,182.50
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TASK CODE RECAP

B140	Relief from Stay	0.10 hrs	\$22.50
B190	Other Contested Matters	37.80 hrs	\$8,160.00
		hrs	

Task Code Total	37.90 hrs	\$8,182.50
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EXPENSE RECAP

E112	Court Fees	\$25.00
E115	Deposition Transcripts	\$97.15

Expense Recap Total	\$122.15
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BILLING SUMMARY:

TOTAL FEES	\$8,182.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$122.15
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	\$8,304.65

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NET BALANCE FORWARD		\$28,114.77	
TOTAL NOW DUE		\$36,419.42	

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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 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. 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

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	1.6	\$1,562.40
B190	Other Contested Matters excluding assumption/rejection motions)	4.7	\$4,589.55
TOTAL		6.3	\$6,151.95

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
Totals					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
Totals				0	0

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
N/A	0
TOTAL EXPENSES:	0

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

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FEDERAL TAX ID NO. 23-1311874HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.
ATTN: CHRISTOPHER LASCELL
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
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
04/17/2025	2273549	\$2,343.60	\$0.00	\$2,343.60
BALANCE FORWARD				\$98,292.15
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 4/30/25			\$6,151.95	
CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL				\$6,151.95
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD				\$104,444.10

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 th St
ABA Number:	036076150 (Domestic)	Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998
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**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS
 INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
TASK: B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS					
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
TOTALS FOR B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS				1.60	1,562.40
TASK: B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)					
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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FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

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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
	TOTALS FOR B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)			4.70	4,589.55
	TOTAL SERVICES				\$6,151.95

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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**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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**TENTH 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
MAY 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MAY 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:	May 1, 2025 through and including May 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$3,236.00 (80% of \$4,045.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$1,337.80
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 May 1, 2025 through and including May 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 \$4,045.00 and payment in the amount of \$3,236.00 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$1,337.80.

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 \$4,573.80, consisting of (i) \$3,236.00, 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) \$1,337.80 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: July 15, 2025

/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
B190	Other Contested Matter	25.90	\$4,045.00
Total		25.90	\$4,045.00

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
Troy N Bell	Partner	1990	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	8.50	\$1,912.50
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	1.90	\$427.50
Totals					10.40	\$2,340.00

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 Deshotels	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$110.00	15.50	\$1,705.00
Totals				15.50	\$1,705.00

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
TOTAL EXPENSES:	
Deposition Transcripts	\$1,337.80
	\$1,337.80

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period



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June 17, 2025

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

Invoice No.: 49646
Billed through: May 31, 2025
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$42,729.42
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$0.00
Net balance forward	\$42,729.42

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

		Hours	Rate	<u>Amount</u>
05/07/25	TNB B190	1.60	\$225.00	\$360.00
	Prepare for Day 4 of the video perpetuation deposition of Richard Hotard			
05/08/25	TNB B190	3.00	\$225.00	\$675.00
	Attend Day 4 continuation of the video perpetuation deposition of Richard Hotard			
05/19/25	TNB B190	1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	Prepare for Day 5 of the video perpetuation deposition of Richard Hotard by reviewing and analyzing deposition testimony			
05/19/25	TNB B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Review and analyze communication from Phil Hoffman, counsel for plaintiff, regarding Day 5 of Mr. Hotard's deposition			
05/20/25	TNB B190	1.20	\$225.00	\$270.00
	Attend Day 5 of the video perpetuation deposition of Richard Hotard			
05/07/25	TNB B190	1.60	\$225.00	\$360.00
	Prepare for Day 4 of Mr. Hotard's video perpetuation deposition			
05/12/25	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Email to Christopher Lascell and Tyler Brown regarding allowing Westinghouse's counsel to produce ship drawing in discovery in prior HBI case			
05/09/25	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Telephone call with plaintiff's counsel regarding Daigle case and bankruptcy stay			
05/21/25	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Prepare for and attend telephone conference with Tyler Brown regarding trial on July 7th for Rivet			
05/07/25	KNC B190	1.50	\$225.00	\$337.50
	Prepare for and attend telephone conference with J Rovira, T Long, C Lascell, A Parker and L Hebert regarding response to Chubb subpoena			
04/11/25	CWD B190	7.00	\$110.00	\$770.00
	Review and analysis of 47 direct action case files and corresponding online court records to determine current post-bankruptcy status, identify			

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	scheduled trial dates, and assess upcoming pretrial deadlines for each matter; compile summary of key litigation milestones.			
04/15/25	CWD B190	4.00	\$110.00	\$440.00
	Continue review and analysis of 47 direct action case files and corresponding online court records to determine current post-bankruptcy status, identify scheduled trial dates, and assess upcoming pretrial deadlines for each matter; compile summary of key litigation milestones.			
04/16/25	CWD B190	4.50	\$110.00	\$495.00
	Complete review and analysis of 47 direct action case files and corresponding online court records to determine current post-bankruptcy status, identify scheduled trial dates, and assess upcoming pretrial deadlines for each matter; compile summary of key litigation milestones.			
		25.90		\$4,045.00

EXPENSES

05/06/25	E115	Obtain deposition transcript regarding Bobbie Temple taken on 3/06/2025 in the Bobbie Temple matter. (Potential interested party or third party for LM as insure of Wayne Manufacturing and/or Hopeman Brothers) Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$982.85
05/06/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Bobbie Temple taken on 3/06/2025 in the Bobbie Temple matter. (Potential interested party or third party for LM as insurer of Wayne Manufacturing and/or Hopeman Brothers) Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$169.95
05/06/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition of Hyson Leblanc taken on 3/11/2025 in the Hyson Leblanc matter. (Potential party for LM as insurer of Wayne Manufacturing) Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$185.00
				\$1,337.80

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP

TNB	Bell, Troy N	8.50 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$1,912.50
KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	1.90 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$427.50
CWD	Deshotels, Charise W.	15.50 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$1,705.00
Fee Recap Totals		25.90 hrs		\$4,045.00

TASK CODE RECAP

B190	Other contested Matters	25.90 hrs	\$4,045.00
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Task Code Total		25.90 hrs	\$4,045.00

EXPENSE RECAP

E115	Deposition Transcripts	\$1,337.80
Expense Recap Total		\$1,337.80

BILLING SUMMARY:

TOTAL FEES	\$4,045.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,337.80
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	<hr/> \$5,382.80
NET BALANCE FORWARD	\$42,729.42
TOTAL NOW DUE	<hr/> \$48,112.22