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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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**TWELFTH 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
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JULY 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:	July 1, 2025 through and including July 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$1,728.00 (80% of \$2,60.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$1,202.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly ¹

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



Pursuant to sections 330, and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedures of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), and the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 187] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “Monthly Fee Statement”) for the allowance of compensation for the reasonable and necessary legal services rendered by CKSMM for the period from July 1, 2025 through and including July 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 \$2,160.00 and payment in the amount of \$1,728.00 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$1,202.00.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

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

Representations

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

Notice

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

WHEREFORE, CKSMM respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$2,930.00, consisting of (i) \$1,728.00, 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) \$1,202.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: September 17, 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 Matters	9.60	\$2,160.00
Total		9.60	\$2,160.00

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	9.30	\$2,092.50
Kaye N. Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	0.30	\$67.50
Totals					9.60	\$2,160.00

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
Totals				0.00	\$0.00

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
TOTAL EXPENSES:	
Deposition Transcripts	\$1,202.00
	\$1,202.00

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period



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August 19, 2025

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

Invoice No.: 49935
Billed through: July 31, 2025
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$53,108.77
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$48,112.22
Net balance forward	\$4,996.55

<u>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u>			<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07/24/25	KNC B190	Email communication with Romar Knapp regarding attendance of Perpetuation deposition of Wayne Jones and review of Peition re same	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
07/29/25	TNB B190	Attend the deathbed perpetuation deposition of Wayne C. Jones (WAYNE C. JONES)	5.70	\$225.00	\$1,282.50
07/28/25	TNB B190	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze marriage certificate	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
07/28/25	TNB B190	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze background information report for Wayne Jones	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
07/28/25	TNB B190	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze Occupational exposure to asbestos and risk of kidney cancer: an updated meta-analysis, Carlotta Zunarella, et al, European Journal of Epidemiology (2021)	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
07/28/25	TNB B190	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze Occupational asbestos exposure and urinary bladder cancer: a systematic review and meta- analysis , N. Franco, et al, World Journal of Urology (2023)	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
07/28/25	TNB B190	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze Silica and asbestos exposure at work and the risk of bladder cancer in Canadian me: a population bases case control study, BMC Cancer (2020)	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
07/28/25	TNB B190	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze Avondale Ship List	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
07/28/25	TNB B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50

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	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze military record				
07/28/25	TNB B190	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50	
	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze medical records from North Mississippi Health Science				
07/28/25	TNB B190	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00	
	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze Plaintiff's Consolidated Responses to the Discovery Requests of All Defendants				
07/28/25	TNB B190	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00	
	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones -review and analyze Avondale personnel records for Wayne Jones				
07/28/25	TNB B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Plan for and prepare for the "death-bed" deposition of Wayne Jones - review and analyze Ex Parte Petition to Perpetuate Testimony Pursuant to LA.C.C.P. Art 1430.1				
		9.60		\$2,160.00	

EXPENSES

07/10/25	E115	Obtain deposition transcript regarding Richard Hotard Volume IV taken on 5/08/2025. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting	\$626.00
07/10/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Richard Hotard Volume IV taken on 5/08/2025. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting	\$117.45
07/10/25	E115	Obtain deposition transcript regarding Richard Hotard Volume V taken on 5/20/2025. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting	\$380.30
07/10/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Richard Hotard Volume V taken on 5/20/2025. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting	\$78.25
			\$1,202.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP

TNB	Bell, Troy N	9.30 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$2,092.50
KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	0.30 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$67.50
Fee Recap Totals		9.60 hrs		\$2,160.00

TASK CODE RECAP

B190	Other Contested Matters	9.60 hrs	\$2,160.00
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Task Code Total	9.60 hrs	\$2,160.00
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EXPENSE RECAP

E115	Deposition Transcripts	\$1,202.00
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Expense Recap Total	\$1,202.00
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BILLING SUMMARY:

TOTAL FEES	\$2,160.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,202.00
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	<hr/> \$3,362.00
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NET BALANCE FORWARD	\$4,996.55
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TOTAL NOW DUE	<hr/> \$8,358.55
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