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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:)	Chapter 11
HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,)	Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)
Debtor.)	

**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF KUTAK ROCK LLP AS SPECIAL CONFLICTS COUNSEL
FOR THE DEBTOR AND DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION FOR SERVICES RENDERED FOR THE
PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JULY 31, 2025**

Name of applicant:	Kutak Rock LLP
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date retention order entered:	January 21, 2025, effective as of January 1, 2025
Date of retention:	January 1, 2025
Time Period Covered:	July 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$4,771.60 (80% of \$5,964.50)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly Fee Statement 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”), Kutak Rock LLP, special conflicts counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc. (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 Kutak Rock LLP for the period from July 1, 2025, through and including July 31, 2025 (the “Fee Period”). By this Monthly Fee Statement, Kutak Rock LLP seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$4,771.60 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein).

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Kutak has attached the following:
 - **Exhibit A** is a summary of the prior fee statements and applications submitted by Kutak and the amounts allowed by the Court in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
 - **Exhibit B** is a summary of the number of hours expended and fees incurred (on an aggregate basis) by Kutak partners, associates, and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period with respect to each of the subject matter categories that Kutak established in accordance with its internal billing procedures. Kutak incurred \$5,964.50 in fees during the Fee Period. Pursuant to this Monthly Fee Statement, Kutak Rock LLP seeks reimbursement for 80% of such fees (\$4,771.60 in the aggregate).
 - **Exhibit C** is a summary providing certain information regarding the Kutak attorneys and paraprofessionals for whose work on these chapter 11 cases compensation is sought in this Monthly Fee Statement. Kutak’s attorneys and paraprofessionals expended a total of 6.90 hours in connection with this chapter 11 case during the Fee Period.

- **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by Kutak Rock LLP's partners and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period with respect to each of the subject matter categories that Kutak Rock LLP established in accordance with its internal billing procedures.

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. Kutak Rock LP 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, Kutak Rock LLP respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$4,771.60 which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Kutak Rock LLP during the Fee Period.

Dated: September 17, 2025
Richmond, Virginia

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EXHIBIT A
Prior Fee Statement, Applications, and Allowances

Filing Name, Filing Date, Docket No.	Period Covered	Total Fees and Expenses	Requested		Preliminarily Allowed	
			Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses
First Monthly Fee Statement Feb 24, 2025 Doc. No. 589	Jan 1, 2025 to Jan 31, 2025	\$66,996.45	\$66,889.50	\$106.95	\$53,597.16	\$106.95
Second Monthly Fee Statement Mar 31, 2025 Doc. No. 643	Feb 1, 2025 to Feb 28, 2025	\$26,065.20	\$26,060.00	\$5.20	\$20,848.00	\$5.20
Third Monthly Fee Statement Apr 28, 2025 Doc. No. 683	Mar 1, 2025 to Mar 31, 2025	\$19,706.90	\$19,695.50	\$11.40	\$15,756.40	\$11.40
First Interim Fee Application June 12, 2025 Doc. No. 866	Jan 1, 2025 to Mar 31, 2025	\$112,768.55	\$112,645.00	\$123.55	\$112,645.00	\$123.55
Fourth Monthly Fee Statement May 29, 2025 Doc. No. 815	Apr 1, 2025 to Apr 30, 2025	\$47,898.12	\$47,873.50	\$24.62	\$38,290.80	\$24.62
Fifth Monthly Fee Statement July 16, 2025 Doc. No. 1030	May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025	\$17,378.35	\$17,360.00	\$18.35	\$13,888.00	\$18.35
Sixth Monthly Fee Statement Aug 8, 2025 Doc. No. 1095	June 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025	\$7,549.90	\$7,521.00	\$28.90	\$6,016.80	\$28.90

EXHIBIT B

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter During the Fee Period

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
CA	Case Administration	0.50	\$429.50
FEA	Fee/Employment Applications	2.20	\$1,818.00
LIT	Litigation	1.70	\$1,504.50
PDS	Plan and Disclosure Statement	2.50	\$2,212.50
Total		6.90	\$5,964.50

EXHIBIT C

Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period

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

Professional	Position	Year Admitted	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Peter J. Barrett	Partner	2000	Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights	\$885.00	6.50	\$5,752.50
Jeremy S. Williams	Partner	2008	Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights	\$820.00	0.20	\$164.00
Totals					6.70	\$5,916.50

The Kutak paraprofessionals who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Charisse Matthews	Paralegal	Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights	\$240.00	0.20	\$48.00
Totals				0.20	\$48.00

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

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September 15, 2025

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PO Box 30057

Omaha, NE 68103-1157

ACH/Wire Transfer Remit To:

ABA #104000016

First National Bank of Omaha

Kutak Rock LLP

A/C # 24690470

Reference: Invoice No. 3625421

Client Matter No. 133714-1

Notification Email: eftgroup@kutakrock.com

Billed through 07/31/25

Invoice No. 3625421

Hopeman Brothers, Inc.

6 Auburn Ct.

Brookline, MA 02446

Conflicts Counsel

For Professional Legal Services Rendered

BILLING SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
J.Williams	0.20	820.00	\$164.00
P.Barrett	6.50	885.00	5,752.50
C.Matthews	0.20	240.00	48.00
 TOTAL FEES	 6.90		 5,964.50
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			 <u>0.00</u>
 TOTAL CURRENT AMOUNT DUE			 <u>\$5,964.50</u>

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Case Administration

07/17/25	J. Williams	0.20	164.00	Conference with Mr. Barrett regarding content and format of Monthly Operating Reports
07/17/25	P. Barrett	0.30	265.50	Review of correspondence from UST regarding MORs and draft correspondence to UST and debtor counsel regarding same (.10); review of issue regarding MOR and telephone conferences with Mr. Williams and Mr. Long regarding same (.20)

Fee/Employment Applications

07/07/25	C. Matthews	0.10	24.00	Submit order granting first interim fee application
07/07/25	P. Barrett	0.20	177.00	Draft fee order and draft correspondence to UST regarding same (.20)
07/08/25	C. Matthews	0.10	24.00	Review of correspondence from Mr. Barrett and file fee application
07/08/25	P. Barrett	0.20	177.00	Review of correspondence from debtor's counsel regarding fee application and draft response (.10); review of CNO and draft revision (.10)
07/15/25	P. Barrett	1.10	973.50	Draft various correspondence to working group regarding CNO and submission of proposed interim fee order (.10); review of correspondence from debtor's counsel regarding fee statements and draft reply (.10); draft revisions to exhibit to monthly fee application (.20); draft monthly fee application and revise (.50); draft correspondence to debtor's counsel regarding same (.10); review of revisions to exhibit and

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07/16/25	P. Barrett	0.50	442.50	correspondence from debtor's counsel regarding same (.10) Telephone conference with debtor's counsel regarding hearing on fee application (.10); draft correspondence to working group regarding revisions to fee statement exhibit (.10); draft revisions to May fee application (.10); review of additional revision to exhibits (.10); review of correspondence from noticing agent regarding service and draft reply (.10)
Litigation				
07/03/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of correspondence from Ms. Sieg regarding Liberty appeal and draft correspondence to debtor's counsel regarding same (.10)
07/07/25	P. Barrett	0.70	619.50	Telephone conference with HII's counsel regarding objection to Liberty motion and draft correspondence to debtor's counsel regarding same (.10); review of motion to withdraw the reference and LA plaintiff's motion to dismiss (.20); additional telephone conference with HII's counsel regarding objection and review of correspondence to Mr. Long (.10); review of objections to withdrawal motion and 12(b)(6) motions filed by the debtor and committee (.30)
07/09/25	P. Barrett	0.30	265.50	Review of issue regarding settlement payment and review of correspondence to UST and attachments (.20); draft correspondence to HII's counsel regarding same (.10)
07/10/25	P. Barrett	0.60	531.00	Review of correspondence from debtor's counsel regarding settlement

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proceeds and correspondence from client and UST (.20); review of materials in advance of HII call (.10); draft correspondence to HII regarding settlement refund request (.20); telephone conference with HII's counsel regarding same (.10)

Plan and Disclosure Statement

07/07/25	P. Barrett	0.70	619.50	Review of plan objections filed by insurers and attached exhibits (.70)
07/09/25	P. Barrett	0.80	708.00	Review of correspondence from HII's counsel regarding proposed revisions (.10); review of definitions in plan, TDP and agreement and draft correspondence to Mr. Long regarding same (.30); draft correspondence to counsel regarding HII regarding response from plan proponents (.10); telephone conference with debtor's counsel regarding plan issues (.30)
07/10/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of various correspondence from debtor's counsel regarding plan confirmation hearing (.10)
07/11/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of adjournment notice and draft correspondence to working group regarding same (.10)
07/28/25	P. Barrett	0.80	708.00	Review of plan proponents' memorandum of law in support of confirmation (.80)
TOTAL HOURS		6.90		
TOTAL FOR SERVICES RENDERED				\$5,964.50

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY

ACTIVITY	HOURS	AMOUNT
Case Administration	0.50	\$429.50
Fee/Employment Applications	2.20	1,818.00
Litigation	1.70	1,504.50
Plan and Disclosure Statement	2.50	2,212.50
TOTAL FEES	6.90	5,964.50