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

In re: :
HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC., : **Chapter 11**
Debtor. : **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**
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**FOURTEENTH 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 OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025**

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| 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: | October 1 through October 31, 2025 |
| Total Fees Requested: | \$1,640.52 (80% of \$2,050.65) |
| 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.



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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 October 1 through October 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 \$2,050.65 and payment in the amount of \$1,640.52 (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 \$1,640.52 consisting of (i) \$1,640.52, 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: January 12, 2026
Washington DC

/s/ *Kyle P. Brinkman*

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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 | 0.8 | \$781.20 |
| B320 | Plan and Disclosure Statement (including Business Plan) | 1.3 | \$1,269.45 |
| TOTAL | | 2.1 | \$2,050.65 |

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 | 2.1 | \$2050.65 |
| Totals | | | | | 2.1 | \$2,050.65 |

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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HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.
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 6 AUBURN COURT
 BROOKLINE, MA 02446-6380

INVOICE DATE: NOVEMBER 04, 2025
 CLIENT ID: 200433
 MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003 03358
 INVOICE NUMBER: 2320260

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

| DATE | INVOICE | AMOUNT | CREDITS | BALANCE |
|--|---------|------------|---------|--------------------|
| 07/18/2025 | 2295216 | \$4,687.20 | \$0.00 | \$4,687.20 |
| 08/18/2025 | 2302662 | \$6,933.15 | \$0.00 | \$6,933.15 |
| 09/17/2025 | 2309330 | \$2,441.25 | \$0.00 | \$2,441.25 |
| BALANCE FORWARD | | | | \$14,061.60 |
| FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 10/31/25 | | | | \$2,050.65 |
| CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL | | | | \$2,050.65 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD | | | | \$16,112.25 |

| ACH/WIRE | Mail |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Bank Name | Citizens Bank |
| Address: | Philadelphia, PA |
| Account Title: | Blank Rome LLP |
| Account Number: | 6238669326 |
| ABA Number: | 036076150 (Domestic) |
| Swift Code | CTZIUS33 (International) |

To pay by Electronic Funds Transfer, visit www.BlankRome.com/Payments

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FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | TIMEKEEPER | CODE | HOURS | AMOUNT |
|--|--|-------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| TASK: B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS | | | | | |
| 10/13/25 | REVIEW AND REVISE BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.4); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.1) | K. BRINKMAN | B160 | 0.50 | 488.25 |
| 10/14/25 | DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.1); REVIEW AND REVISE BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.2) | K. BRINKMAN | B160 | 0.30 | 292.95 |
| TOTALS FOR B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS | | | | 0.80 | 781.20 |
| TASK: B320 PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (INCLUDING BUSINESS PLAN) | | | | | |
| 10/31/25 | ANALYZE THE BANKRUPTCY COURT'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW REGARDING CONFIRMATION OF THE MODIFIED AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION (1.2); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN, C. LASCELL, AND R. VAN EPPS REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.1) | K. BRINKMAN | B320 | 1.30 | 1,269.45 |
| TOTALS FOR B320 PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (INCLUDING BUSINESS PLAN) | | | | 1.30 | 1,269.45 |
| TOTAL SERVICES | | | | | \$2,050.65 |
| CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL | | | | | \$2,050.65 |

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FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

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TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

| TIMEKEEPER | RATE | HOURS | FEES |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| KYLE BRINKMAN | 976.50 | 2.10 | 2,050.65 |
| TOTALS | | 2.10 | \$2,050.65 |