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

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)

**SEVENTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF
MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP AS SPECIAL
INSURANCE COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR
SERVICE RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED
FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Name of Client:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention Order Entered:	October 4, 2024, effective as of July 29, 2024 [Docket No. 269]
Time Period Covered:	December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$13,418.00 (80% of \$16,772.50)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$ 2,122.80



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Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly ¹
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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 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**”), Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (“**Morgan Lewis**”), as special insurance counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of Hopeman Brothers, Inc. (the “**Debtor**”), hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “**Monthly Fee Statement**”) for the reasonable and necessary legal services rendered by Morgan Lewis for the period December 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 (the “**Fee Period**”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that Morgan Lewis incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, Morgan Lewis seeks payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$15,540.80, consisting of (i) \$13,418.00, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Committee for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Morgan Lewis during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$2,122.80 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursement Incurred

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Morgan Lewis has attached the following:
 - a. **Exhibit A** is a summary of schedule of hours and fees covered by this Monthly Fee Statement, categorized by project code.

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 set forth in this Monthly Fee Statement shall be addressed in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

- b. **Exhibit B** is a summary schedule of the time expended by all Morgan Lewis professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Committee during the Fee Period.
- c. **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by Morgan Lewis during the Fee Period.
- d. **Exhibit D** includes detailed invoices for the hours expended and fees incurred by Morgan Lewis 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. Morgan Lewis 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 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.

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WHEREFORE, Morgan Lewis respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$15,540.80, consisting of (i) \$13,418.00, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Committee for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Morgan Lewis during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$2,122.80 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: January 21, 2026

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EXHIBIT A

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter During the Fee Period

Task Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
00	General	1.00	520.00
07	Fee Application – Self	1.80	1,880.00
10	Litigation	6.70	9,422.50
11	Plan & Disclosure Statement	3.60	4,950.00
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>13.10</u>	<u>\$16,772.50</u>

EXHIBIT B

Professionals Rendering Services During the Fee Period

The Morgan Lewis attorneys who rendered professional services in this chapter 11 case during the Fee Period include:

Professional	Position	First Bar Date	Section	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Cox, David S.	Partner	1995	Litigation	\$1,375.00	9.10	\$12,512.50
Raskin, Jeffrey S.	Partner	1993	Litigation	\$1,550.00	1.20	\$1,860.00
DeSantis, Celine M.	Associate	2022	Finance	\$850.00	0.40	\$340.00
Shim, David	Associate	2016	Finance	\$1,100.00	1.40	\$1,540.00
				Total	12.10	\$16,252.50

The Morgan Lewis paraprofessionals who rendered professional services in this chapter 11 case during the Fee Period include:

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Guzzi, Tiffany A.	Paralegal	Litigation	\$520.00	1.00	\$520.00
			Total	1.00	\$520.00

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
Data Services	\$1,742.80
eData Services	\$380.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ 2,122.80

EXHIBIT D

Invoices

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Invoice Date: January 12, 2026
Invoice Number 5830440
Account No. 139505-0001

Hopeman Brothers, Inc.
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Riverfront Plaza, East Tower
951 East Byrd Street
Attn: Tyler P. Brown and Henry P. (Toby) Long, III
Richmond, VA 23219

Summary of Services for the period ended December 31, 2025:

Re: Hopeman Creditors Committee

Fees	\$	16,772.50
Disbursements	\$	2,122.80
Total Current Period Charges	\$	18,895.30

Please refer to the table titled "**Detail of Outstanding Invoices**" which lists all other outstanding invoices for the matters referenced on this invoice.

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Please reference account and/or invoice number(s) on your remittance.

Please send your remittance to:
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
P. O. Box 8500 S-6050
Philadelphia, PA 19178-6050
Federal Tax ID 23-0891050

Or please wire your remittance to:
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
ABA# 121000248
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Acct# 2100010985563
Swift Code: WFBUS6S

For ACH transfers:
ABA# 031000503
Acct# 2100010985563
Reference account number

Remittance detail address
cashapplication@morganlewis.com

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Detail for Fee Services Rendered

Date	Task Code	Task Description	Description	Timekeeper	Rate	Hours	Amount
12/01/25	00	General	Evaluate case pleadings.	Guzzi, T. A.	520.00	0.20	104.00
12/03/25	00	General	Evaluate case pleadings.	Guzzi, T. A.	520.00	0.20	104.00
12/04/25	10	Litigation	Analyze recommendation by Judge Phillips on motions to dismiss Liberty complaint.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	0.50	687.50
12/04/25	10	Litigation	Analysis and comment on bankruptcy judge's report and recommendation on motion to dismiss Liberty Mutual's adversary proceeding.	Raskin, J. S.	1,550.00	0.80	1,240.00
12/05/25	11	Plan & Disclosure Statement	Exchange correspondence with Caplin team regarding response to recommendation from Judge Phillips on motions to dismiss adversary hearing.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	0.30	412.50
12/08/25	07	Fee Applications - Self	Correspond with MLB team regarding the plan confirmation process and MLB's fee application.	Shim, D. K.	1,100.00	0.50	550.00
12/10/25	07	Fee Applications - Self	Analyze MLB's fee orders and correspondence with Committee counsel and MLB working group regarding same.	Shim, D. K.	1,100.00	0.50	550.00
12/11/25	11	Plan & Disclosure Statement	Analyze and revise joint response to insurer confirmation objections.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	2.00	2,750.00
12/11/25	00	General	Evaluate case pleadings.	Guzzi, T. A.	520.00	0.20	104.00

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Date	Task Code	Task Description	Description	Timekeeper	Rate	Hours	Amount
12/12/25	11	Plan & Disclosure Statement	Analyze and revise joint response to insurer confirmation objections.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	1.30	1,787.50
12/15/25	00	General	Evaluate case pleadings.	Guzzi, T. A.	520.00	0.20	104.00
12/16/25	10	Litigation	Revise committee statement regarding recommendations on motions to dismiss Liberty complaint.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	0.50	687.50
12/16/25	00	General	Evaluate case pleadings.	Guzzi, T. A.	520.00	0.20	104.00
12/19/25	10	Litigation	Analyze response to Liberty objection and prepare comments on same.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	2.20	3,025.00
12/19/25	10	Litigation	Analysis and comment on proposed response to Liberty's objection to the bankruptcy court's report and recommendation on the various attacks on its adversary pleading.	Raskin, J. S.	1,550.00	0.40	620.00
12/19/25	07	Fee Applications - Self	Correspond with MLB working group monthly statements and fee orders.	Shim, D. K.	1,100.00	0.40	440.00
12/21/25	10	Litigation	Analyze response to Liberty objection and correspondence to Caplin team regarding same.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	1.00	1,375.00
12/22/25	10	Litigation	Analyze Liberty brief and correspondence to Caplin team regarding same.	Cox, D.S.	1,375.00	1.30	1,787.50
12/22/25	07	Fee Applications - Self	Finalize November monthly fee statement.	DeSantis, C. M.	850.00	0.40	340.00
Matter Total						13.10	\$ 16,772.50

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Summary for Fee Services Rendered

	Hours	Rate	Amount
PARTNER			
Cox, D.S.	9.10	1,375.00	12,512.50
Raskin, J. S.	1.20	1,550.00	1,860.00
ASSOCIATE			
DeSantis, C. M.	0.40	850.00	340.00
Shim, D. K.	1.40	1,100.00	1,540.00
PARALEGAL			
Guzzi, T. A.	1.00	520.00	520.00
Matter Total	13.10		\$ 16,772.50

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Disbursements and Other Related Charges Incurred on Your Behalf

Date	Name	Description	Amount
12/31/25	Data Services, Data Services	Data Services Active - R fee; December; 87.14 GB	\$ 1,742.80
12/31/25	eData Services, eData Services	eData User Fees (Monthly) - Relativity fee; December; 4.00 User	\$ 380.00
Total Disbursements			\$ 2,122.80

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Summary of Disbursements and Other Related Charges Incurred on Your Behalf

Description	Amount
Hosting	1,742.80
User Fees	380.00
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Total Disbursements	\$ 2,122.80
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