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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)

**NINETEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF  
 CAPLIN & DRYSDALE, CHARTERED FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION  
 FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED  
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

Name of Applicant:	Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered
Name of Client:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of retention order entered:	September 12, 2024, effective as of July 22, 2024 [Docket No. 202]
Time Period Covered:	February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026
Total Fees Requested:	<u>\$16,819.50</u>
Total Expenses Requested:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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 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 Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered (“**Caplin**”), as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) appointed in this chapter 11 case, hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “**Monthly Fee Statement**”) seeking interim payment of (i) \$13,455.60 (80% of \$16,819.50) as compensation for professional services rendered to the Committee and (ii) \$0.00 for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses, for a total of \$13,455.60 for the period from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026 (the “**Fee Period**”).

#### **ITEMIZATION OF SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED**

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Caplin 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 providing certain information regarding the Caplin attorneys and paraprofessionals for whose work on this chapter 11 case compensation is sought in this Monthly Fee Statement.
  - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by Caplin during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit D** consists of Caplin’s detailed records of fees incurred during the Fee Period, including the number of hours expended (on an aggregate basis) by Caplin members, of counsel, associates, 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. Caplin 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, Caplin respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$13,455.60, consisting of (i) \$13,455.60, which is 80% of the fees incurred for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Caplin during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: April 7, 2026

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# EXHIBIT A

## SUMMARY BY PROJECT CATEGORY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026

<b>PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>FEES</b>
(.04) Case Administration & Calendar Control	0.2	\$135.00
(.07) Fee Applications - Self	3.7	\$2,964.50
(.10) Litigation	8.8	\$7,725.50
(.15) Committee Meetings/Conferences	2.9	\$3,958.00
(.17) Docket Review & File Maintenance	1.4	\$945.00
(.18) Fee Applications - Others	1.1	\$1,091.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>\$16,819.50</b>

# EXHIBIT B

## SUMMARY BY PROFESSIONAL<sup>2</sup>

**FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

<b>COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL</b>				
<b>NAME OF PROFESSIONAL</b>	<b>POSITION   AREA OF PRACTICE   YEAR OF ADMISSION</b>	<b>HOURLY BILLING RATE</b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>
Todd E. Phillips	Member   Bankruptcy   Member of California Bar: 2005; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 2009; Member of New York Bar: 2016	\$1,625	0.6	\$975.00
Jeffrey A. Liesemer	Member   Bankruptcy   Member of Virginia Bar: 1993; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 1996	\$1,700	2.4	\$4,080.00
Nathaniel R. Miller	Of Counsel   Bankruptcy   Member of California Bar: 2016; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 2017	\$915	6.8	\$6,222.00
Matthew E. Beckerman	Associate   Bankruptcy   Member of New Jersey Bar: 2022; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 2024	\$625	1.2	\$750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>11.0</b>	<b>\$12,027.00</b>

<b>COMPENSATION BY PARAPROFESSIONAL</b>				
<b>NAME OF PROFESSIONAL</b>	<b>POSITION   DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>HOURLY BILLING RATE</b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>
Cecilia Guerrero	Paralegal   Bankruptcy	\$675	5.8	\$3,915.00
Jessica A. Giglio	Paralegal   Bankruptcy	\$675	1.3	\$877.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>7.1</b>	<b>\$4,792.50</b>

<sup>2</sup> Nonworking travel time is billed at one-half of the professional's usual hourly rate.

# EXHIBIT C

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

FEBRUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026

EXPENSE CATEGORY	AMOUNT
TOTAL	\$0.00

# **EXHIBIT**

## **D**

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Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Hopeman Brothers, Inc.

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RE: Hopeman Brothers, Inc. bankruptcy

For Professional Services Rendered Through February 28, 2026

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Total Services	\$16,819.50
Total Current Charges	\$16,819.50

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### Remittance Advice

[Payment is due upon receipt. If you should have any questions, please email accounting@capdale.com.](mailto:accounting@capdale.com)

**Check Payable To:**

Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered  
Attn: Accounts Receivable  
1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW 8th Floor  
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**Wire Transfer:**

Receiving Bank: Bank of America  
ABA Wire Routing Number: 026009593  
ABA ACH Routing Number: 054001204  
Swift Code: BOFAUS3N  
Beneficiary: Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered  
Account Number: 001920814809

**Credit Card:**

We accept all major card companies. A service fee of 2.4% for Corporate Cards and 2.95% for Individual Cards will be added to all payments.

Please return this remittance page with your payment. Thank you.

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### SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Rate	Amount
<b>.04 Case Administration &amp; Calendar Control</b>					
2/24/2026	CG	Update docketing calendar.	0.2	\$675.00	\$135.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>0.20</b>		<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>.07 Fee Applications-Self</b>					
2/6/2026	JAL	Review 17th monthly fee statement.	0.2	\$1,700.00	\$340.00
2/11/2026	CG	Draft interim fee application (1.6); communicate w/ TEP re same (.1).	1.7	\$675.00	\$1,147.50
2/12/2026	NRM	Communications w/ CG re interim fee application certificate of no objection.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/13/2026	NRM	Communications w/ W. King, K. Montgomery, JAL, and CG re fee application proposed orders (.1); communications w/ CG re same (.1).	0.2	\$915.00	\$183.00
2/15/2026	JAG	Prepare monthly fee statement (1.2); communicate w/ TEP re same (.1).	1.3	\$675.00	\$877.50
2/16/2026	TEP	Review and edit monthly fee application.	0.1	\$1,625.00	\$162.50
2/17/2026	TEP	Communications w/ JAG re monthly fee application.	0.1	\$1,625.00	\$162.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>3.70</b>		<b>\$2,964.50</b>
<b>.10 Litigation</b>					
2/2/2026	JAL	Review T. Long and NRM communications re proposed appendix to District Court.	0.3	\$1,700.00	\$510.00
2/2/2026	NRM	Confer w/ T. Long re appendix (.1); communications w/ JAL re same (.2); communications w/ JAL and TEP re same (.1).	0.4	\$915.00	\$366.00

**SERVICES**

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Rate	Amount
<b>.10 Litigation</b>					
2/10/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP, JAL, and MEB re appeal issues (.1); communications w/ JAL and TEP re same (.2); research re same (.1).	0.4	\$915.00	\$366.00
2/10/2026	MEB	Communicate w/ TEP, JAL, and NRM re appeal issues (.1); review notice of appeal (.1).	0.2	\$625.00	\$125.00
2/13/2026	NRM	Communications w/ CG re appeal issues.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/14/2026	NRM	Communications w/ JAL and TEP re appeal issues.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/16/2026	NRM	Communications w/ CG and MEB re appeal issues.	0.2	\$915.00	\$183.00
2/16/2026	MEB	Communicate w/ NRM re appeal issues.	0.1	\$625.00	\$62.50
2/17/2026	MEB	Review appeal notice (.1); communicate w/ NRM and CG re same (.1).	0.2	\$625.00	\$125.00
2/22/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP and JAL re case status.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/24/2026	JAL	Review and analyze of District Court's abstention ruling.	0.3	\$1,700.00	\$510.00
2/24/2026	NRM	Review and analyze District Court's abstention ruling (.4); draft and revise memorandum re same (.6); communications w/ TEP and JAL re same (.2); communications w/ JAL, TEP, and MEB re same (.1); communications w/ JAL re appeal issues (.1).	1.4	\$915.00	\$1,281.00
2/24/2026	MEB	Communicate w/ NRM re appeal issues (.2); communicate w/ NRM and CG re same (.2).	0.4	\$625.00	\$250.00
2/24/2026	CG	Prepare appeal filings.	2.2	\$675.00	\$1,485.00
2/25/2026	NRM	Confer w/ T. Long re appeals (.2); revise appeal filings (.3); communications w/ CG re same (.2); communications w/ CG and MEB re same (.1); research re counter-designation issues (.2); communications w/ JAL and TEP re same (.1).	1.1	\$915.00	\$1,006.50
2/25/2026	MEB	Communicate w/ CG re appeal filings (.1); communicate w/ NRM and CG re same (.1).	0.2	\$625.00	\$125.00
2/26/2026	JAL	Review appeal filings.	0.1	\$1,700.00	\$170.00
2/26/2026	NRM	Communications w/ JAL, MEB, and CG re appeal filings.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/26/2026	MEB	Communicate w/ JAL and NRM re appeal filings.	0.1	\$625.00	\$62.50
2/27/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP and KCM re appeal filings (.1); review same (.3); communications w/ JAL re same (.1); communications w/ CG re same (.3).	0.8	\$915.00	\$732.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>8.80</b>		<b>\$7,725.50</b>
<b>.15 Committee Meetings/Conferences</b>					
2/2/2026	NRM	Communications w/ Committee re meeting.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50

**SERVICES**

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Rate	Amount
<b>.15 Committee Meetings/Conferences</b>					
2/10/2026	JAL	Review and revise draft Committee communication.	0.4	\$1,700.00	\$680.00
2/11/2026	NRM	Communications w/ Committee re case status.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/24/2026	JAL	Revise and edit Committee communication (.7); correspondence w/ TEP and NRM re same (.2).	0.9	\$1,700.00	\$1,530.00
2/24/2026	NRM	Communications w/ Committee re case status.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/27/2026	TEP	Communications w/ JAL and NRM re Committee meeting, agenda, and minutes (.3); communicate w/ D. Cox re same (.1).	0.4	\$1,625.00	\$650.00
2/27/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP and JAL re Committee meeting (.2); revise Committee meeting minutes (.2); draft and revise Committee meeting agenda (.2); communications w/ JAL and TEP re same (.2); communications w/ Committee re same (.1).	0.9	\$915.00	\$823.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>2.90</b>		<b>\$3,958.00</b>
<b>.17 Docket Review &amp; File Maintenance</b>					
2/16/2026	CG	Review dockets and relevant communications and update internal files re same.	1.4	\$675.00	\$945.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>1.40</b>		<b>\$945.00</b>
<b>.18 Fee Applications-Others</b>					
2/12/2026	NRM	Communications w/ S. Andelman re FTI interim fee application certificate of no objection (.1); communications w/ D. Shim and C. DeSantis re same re Morgan Lewis (.1).	0.2	\$915.00	\$183.00
2/20/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP and JAL re Morgan Lewis monthly fee statement.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/22/2026	NRM	Communications w/ C. DeSantis, B. Edwards, D. Cox, and M. Ziegler re Morgan Lewis monthly fee statement.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
2/23/2026	JAL	Review MLB monthly fee statement.	0.2	\$1,700.00	\$340.00
2/23/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP, JAL, and CG re Morgan Lewis monthly fee statement (.1); review communications from C. DeSantis re same (.1).	0.2	\$915.00	\$183.00
2/24/2026	CG	Effect filing and service of Morgan Lewis fee application.	0.3	\$675.00	\$202.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>1.10</b>		<b>\$1,091.50</b>
Total Professional Services			18.1		\$16,819.50

**PERSON RECAP**

Person	Title	Hours	Rate	Amount	
JAL	Jeffrey A. Liesemer	Member	2.4	\$1,700.00	\$4,080.00
TEP	Todd E. Phillips	Member	0.6	\$1,625.00	\$975.00

**PERSON RECAP**

<b>Person</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Amount</b>
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	Of Counsel	6.8	\$915.00	\$6,222.00
MEB Matthew E. Beckerman	Associate	1.2	\$625.00	\$750.00
JAG Jessica A. Giglio	Paralegal	1.3	\$675.00	\$877.50
CG Cecilia Guerrero	Paralegal	5.8	\$675.00	\$3,915.00
	Total Services			\$16,819.50
	Total Current Charges			\$16,819.50

**TASK RECAP**

**Services**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
.04	0.20	\$135.00
.07	3.70	\$2,964.50
.10	8.80	\$7,725.50
.15	2.90	\$3,958.00
.17	1.40	\$945.00
.18	1.10	\$1,091.50
	<u>18.10</u>	<u>\$16,819.50</u>

**Disbursements**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>\$0.00</u>

**BREAKDOWN BY PERSON**

<u>Person</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.04	0.20	\$675.00	\$135.00
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.07	0.20	\$1,700.00	\$340.00
TEP Todd E. Phillips	.07	0.20	\$1,625.00	\$325.00
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.07	0.30	\$915.00	\$274.50
JAG Jessica A. Giglio	.07	1.30	\$675.00	\$877.50
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.07	1.70	\$675.00	\$1,147.50
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.10	0.70	\$1,700.00	\$1,190.00
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.10	4.70	\$915.00	\$4,300.50
MEB Matthew E. Beckerman	.10	1.20	\$625.00	\$750.00
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.10	2.20	\$675.00	\$1,485.00
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.15	1.30	\$1,700.00	\$2,210.00
TEP Todd E. Phillips	.15	0.40	\$1,625.00	\$650.00
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.15	1.20	\$915.00	\$1,098.00
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.17	1.40	\$675.00	\$945.00
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.18	0.20	\$1,700.00	\$340.00
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.18	0.60	\$915.00	\$549.00
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.18	0.30	\$675.00	\$202.50
		<u>18.10</u>		<u>\$16,819.50</u>