IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

SUMMARY COVERSHEET TO THE SECOND INTERIM AND FINAL APPLICATION OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND THE DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Name of Applicant:	Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF")	
Applicant's Role in Case:	Counsel to the Debtors	
Docket No. of Employment Order(s):	May 21, 2026 [Dkt. No. 370], effective as of the Petition Date	
Interim Application (X) No. 2nd **Final Application (X)**	Indicate whether this is an interim or final Application. If interim, indicate the number (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)	
	Beginning Date	**End Date**
Time period covered by this Application for which interim compensation has not previously been awarded:	07/01/2026	09/08/2026
Were the services provided necessary to the administration of or beneficial at the time rendered toward the completion of the case? Yes		
Were the services performed in a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance and nature of the issues addressed? Yes		
Is the requested compensation reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in other non-bankruptcy cases? Yes		
Do expense reimbursements represent actual and necessary expenses incurred? Yes		

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

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Compensation Breakdown for Time Period Covered by this Application	
Total professional fees requested in this Application:	$3,701,685.21
Total professional hours covered by this Application:	3,498.1
Average hourly rate for professionals:	$1,052.48
Total paraprofessional fees requested in this Application:	$86,307.40
Total paraprofessional hours covered by this Application:	205
Average hourly rate for paraprofessionals:	$421.01
Total fees requested in this Application:	$3,787,992.61
Total expense reimbursements requested in this Application:	$23,250.02
Total fees and expenses requested in this Application:	$3,811,242.63[2]
Total fees and expenses awarded in all prior Applications:	$2,877,410.75

Plan Status: The Court entered the *Order Granting Final Approval of Disclosure Statement and Confirming the Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan of Liquidation of Ascend Elements, Inc., et al.* [Dkt. No. 659] on August 17, 2026. The Plan went effective on September 8, 2026. *See* Dkt. No. 674.

Primary Benefits: During the Application Period, NRF, as counsel to the Debtors, assisted the Debtors in obtaining critical first and second day relief necessary to stabilize operations and preserve the value of the estates. This included obtaining authority to use cash collateral, pay certain prepetition taxes, wages, and critical vendor claims, and continue operating the Debtors' cash management system. NRF also advised and assisted the Debtors in connection with motions establishing the bar date for filing proofs of claim and authorizing procedures for the sale of de minimis assets.

In addition, NRF played a significant role in advancing the Debtors' value-maximizing sale process. NRF advised and assisted the Debtors in connection with the sale of the Debtors' Polish assets and the Debtors' intellectual property assets, which was approved by the Court on May 22, 2026, and closed on May 26, 2026. NRF also advised and assisted the Debtors in connection with the sale of the Hopkinsville, Kentucky assets, which was approved on June 5, 2026, and the sale of the Debtors' assets located in Covington, Georgia, which was approved on June 30, 2026.

NRF also supported the Debtors in connection with negotiating and documenting a comprehensive settlement with the Department of Justice. NRF subsequently negotiated a settlement with AMCON

[2] The amounts sought in this Application include, approximately $20,000 in fees and expenses that NRF estimates it was and will be incurred after the Effective Date (the "Estimated Fees") with respect to, among other things, (i) reviewing fees and preparing this Final Fee Application; (ii) assisting other Debtor professionals with their fee applications; (iii) attending the forthcoming fee application hearing, if any; and (iv) actions seeking implementation of the Plan and the Confirmation Order (each as defined herein). NRF will only seek payment from the Debtors for fees actually incurred by NRF during the post-Effective Date period.

Industrial, Inc. NRF also successfully prosecuted and confirmed a liquidating plan. Lastly, NRF supported the transition to the GUC Trustee.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
Exhibit 1	Retention Order
Exhibit 2	Declaration of Ryan E. Manns
Exhibit 3	Schedule of Professionals for the Compensation Period
Exhibit 4	Schedule of Time by Billing Category for the Compensation Period
Exhibit 5	Schedule of Expenses for the Compensation Period
Exhibit 6	Time Detail
Exhibit 7	Comparable Compensation Disclosures

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SECOND INTERIM AND FINAL APPLICATION OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND THE DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

If you object to the relief requested, you must respond in writing. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, you must file your response electronically at https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/ within twenty-one days from the date this motion was filed. If you do not have electronic filing privileges, you must file a written objection that is actually received by the clerk within twenty-one days from the date this motion was filed. Otherwise, the Court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF"), counsel to the debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "Debtors"), hereby submits its second interim and final fee application (the "Application"). By this Application, NRF seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the aggregate amount of $3,787,992.61, including approximately $20,000 in Estimated Fees for post-Effective Date services, and for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by NRF in connection therewith in the amount of $23,250.02 for the period from April 9, 2026 through September 8, 2026 (the "Compensation Period"), for a total of $3,811,242.63. In support of this Application, NRF respectfully states as follows:

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas*, dated May 24, 2012. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and the Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, and Local Rule 2016-1.

BACKGROUND

4. On April 9, 2026 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed with this Court voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have continued in the possession of their property and have continued to operate and manage their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. On April 26, 2026, the Office of the United States Trustee (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"). *See* Dkt. No. 139.

6. A description of the background of the Debtors and the events leading up to the filing of the voluntary petitions by the Debtors is provided in the *Declaration of Linh Austin in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and Emergency First-Day Motions* [Dkt. No. 11] (the "First Day Declaration").

7. As set forth in more detail in the First Day Declaration, Ascend Elements, Inc. ("Ascend Elements") and its affiliates are in the business of recovering critical minerals from used lithium-ion batteries and giga-factory scraps to create Black Mass – a valuable intermediate

generated during the battery recycling process – and then refining it to produce other materials at scale, namely high-performance precursor cathode active material (pCAM) and lithium carbonate, which are crucial to the fast-growing battery industry. Before filing for bankruptcy, the Company operated a research and development facility in Westborough, Massachusetts and two facilities producing these key materials; one in Covington, Georgia ("Apex 0"), and an international joint-venture factory in Zawiercie, Poland ("Poland JV"). Additional plants are mid-construction in Hopkinsville, Kentucky ("Apex 1") and in Poland ("Apex 2"). The Company also boasts a robust technology and intellectual property portfolio of 154 patents worldwide, which separates it from competitors in the battery materials space. For example, the Company's patented Hydro-to-Cathode technology – enables clean recycling – about 90% cleaner than traditional processes – and is designed to streamline the supply chain by converting mixed inputs into standard outputs, shortening qualification cycles and reducing manufacturing complexity. The lack of early, sustained revenue generation – exacerbated by construction delays, cost overruns, and production constraints – created a near-term liquidity shortfall that limited available alternatives. Although the construction and operation of the Company's existing facilities demonstrated the feasibility of the Company's closed loop recycling process, the factors described above have delayed the Company's profitability and contributed to the shortfall. To address its financial challenges, the Debtors, with the assistance of their investment banker, Jefferies LLC ("Jefferies"), commenced a marketing process for their assets and for debtor-in-possession financing.

8. On July 8, 2026, the Debtors filed their *Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation for Ascend Elements, Inc., et al.,* [Dkt. No. 550] (the "Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan"). On July 14, 2026, the Debtors filed their *Amended Combined Disclosure*

Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation for Ascend Elements, Inc., et al., [Dkt. No. 570]. On July 15, 2026, the Court held a hearing on conditional approval of the Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan and entered the *Order (I) Conditionally Approving the Adequacy of the Disclosure Statement; (II) Approving the Solicitation and Notice Procedures; (III) Approving the Form of Ballot and Notices; (IV) Approving Certain Dates and Deadlines in Connection with the Solicitation and Confirmation of the Plan; and (V) Scheduling a Combined Hearing on (A) Final Approval of the Disclosure Statement and (B) Confirmation of the Plan* [Dkt. No. 575] (the "Disclosure Statement Order").

9. On August 14, 2026, the Debtors filed their *First Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation for Ascend Elements, Inc., et al.* [Dkt. No. 642] (the "First Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan"). On August 16, 2026, the Debtors filed their *Second Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation for Ascend Elements, Inc., et al.,* [Dkt. No. 648] (the "Second Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan"). The Court held a hearing on confirmation of the Plan on August 17, 2026 (the "Confirmation Hearing"). At the conclusion of the Confirmation Hearing, the Court entered the *Order Granting Final Approval of Disclosure Statement and Confirming the Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan of Liquidation of Ascend Elements, Inc., et al.* [Dkt. No. 659] (the "Confirmation Order").

10. The Effective Date of the Plan occurred on September 8, 2026. *See* Dkt. No. 674.

DEBTORS' RETENTION OF NRF

11. On April 29, 2026, the Debtors filed the *Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the*

Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date [Dkt. No. 159] (the "Retention Application").

12. On May 21, 2026, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* [Dkt. No. 370] (the "Retention Order"), approving the Retention Application and authorizing the Debtors' retention of NRF effective as of the Petition Date.

RELIEF REQUESTED

13. By this Application, NRF seeks (i) interim and final allowance and award of compensation for the professional services rendered by NRF as attorneys during the Compensation Period in the amount of $3,787,992.61, including approximately $20,000 in Estimated Fees for post-Effective Date services, representing 3,703.1 hours of services and (ii) reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by NRF during the Compensation Period in the amount of $23,250.02 in connection with the rendition of such services, for a total of $3,811,242.63.

14. Except as provided herein, NRF has received no payment and no promises for payment from any source for services rendered in connection with these chapter 11 cases. There is no agreement or understanding between NRF and any other person (other than members of NRF) for the sharing of compensation to be received for the services rendered in these chapter 11 cases.

15. As stated in the Declaration of Ryan E. Manns (the "Manns Declaration") attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, all of the services for which compensation is sought herein were rendered for or on behalf of the Debtors solely in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

16. As disclosed in the Retention Application, NRF received payments totaling $350,000 from the Debtors through the day prior to the Petition Date. Prior to the Petition Date, NRF invoiced the Debtors and drew down against the retainer for the prepetition professional services, as well as for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in connection therewith

17. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors did not owe NRF any amounts for legal services rendered before the Petition Date. As of the Petition Date, NRF held $200,000 in the Retainer. The retainer is being held by NRF in a trust account for application to and payment of postpetition fees and expenses that are allowed by the Court upon motion or application of NRF.

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES REQUESTED

18. On May 21, 2026, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 369] (the "Interim Compensation Order"). The Interim Compensation Order provides, among other things, that retained professionals may serve monthly billing statements (each, a "Monthly Fee Statement").

19. In compliance with the Interim Compensation Order, NRF has prepared and served five Monthly Fee Statements and one Supplemental Monthly Fee Statement during the Compensation Period. Payment on account of these Monthly Fee Statements has been requested as follows:

a. Pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statement for the period April 9, 2026 through April 30, 2026 (the "First Monthly Fee Statement"), NRF requested payment of $562,396.61, representing the total of (i) $558,477.00 (80% of the fees requested for services rendered), plus (ii) $3,919.61 (100% of the expenses incurred) during the period.

b. Pursuant to the Supplemental First Monthly Fee Statement for the period April 9, 2026 through April 30, 2026 (the "Supplemental First Monthly Fee Statement"), NRF requested payment of $10,079.76, representing the total of (i) supplemental fees requested for services rendered (at 80%), plus (ii) supplemental expenses incurred (at 100%) during the period.

c. Pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statement for the period May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 (the "Second Monthly Fee Statement"), NRF requested payment of $1,161,364.65, representing the total of (i) $1,155,014.35 (80% of the fees requested for services rendered), plus (ii) $6,350.30 (100% of the expenses incurred) during the period.

d. Pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statement for the period June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (the "Third Monthly Fee Statement"), NRF requested payment of $571,063.11, representing the total of (i) $568,455.38 (80% of the fees requested for services rendered), plus (ii) $2,607.73 (100% of the expenses incurred) during the period.

e. Pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statement for the period July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 (the "Fourth Monthly Fee Statement"), NRF requested payment of $424,882.32, representing the total of (i) $419,005.60 (80% of the fees requested for services rendered), plus (ii) $5,876.72 (100% of the expenses incurred) during the period.

f. Pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statement for the period August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026 (the "Fifth Monthly Fee Statement"), NRF requested payment of $297,305.04, representing the total of (i) $294,982.00 (80% of the fees requested for services rendered), plus (ii) $2,323.04 (100% of the expenses incurred) during the period.

20. No objections to the First Monthly Fee Statement, the Supplemental First Monthly Fee Statement, the Second Monthly Fee Statement, the Third Monthly Fee Statement, or the Fourth Monthly Fee Statement were received. NRF received payment of $562,396.61 on account of the First Monthly Fee Statement, $10,079.76 on account of the Supplemental First Monthly Fee Statement, $1,161,364.65 on account of the Second Monthly Fee Statement, $571,063.11 on account of the Third Monthly Fee Statement, and $424,882.32 on account of the Fourth Monthly Fee Statement. The Fifth Monthly Fee Statement was served on September 14, 2026. As of the date of the filing of this Application, the objection deadline for the Fifth Monthly Fee Statement has not passed.

21. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Order, NRF also submitted a fee application seeking the interim allowance of certain fees and expenses incurred during the

Compensation Period. NRF submitted an interim fee application for the period of (i) April 9, 2026 through June 30, 2026 (the "First Interim Fee Application") [Dkt. No. 564]. There were no objections filed with respect to the First Interim Fee Application, and the Court entered an Order granting the interim fee application on August 5, 2026 [Dkt. No. 610].

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

22. During the Compensation Period, NRF rendered professional services to the Debtors as requested and as necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the interests of the Debtors. The variety and complexity of the issues in these chapter 11 cases and the need to act or respond to issues on an expedited basis in furtherance of the Debtors' needs have required the expenditure of substantial time by NRF personnel. NRF respectfully submits that the services that it has rendered on behalf of the Debtors were necessary and appropriate.

23. As shown by this Application and supporting documentation thereto, NRF spent its time economically and without duplication of effort. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a schedule of the hours expended by the professionals and paraprofessionals during the Compensation Period, their hourly billing rates, and the value of their services. Additionally, attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** is a summary of professional fees for the Compensation Period, outlined according to project category.

24. In accordance with the UST Guidelines, NRF recorded its services and disbursements incurred in different project categories that reasonably could have been expected to constitute a substantial portion of the fees sought during any given application period.

25. In the ordinary course of its practice, NRF maintains written records of the time expended by professionals and paraprofessionals in the rendition of their professional services. A compilation showing the name of the professional or paraprofessional, the date on which the

services were performed, a description of the services rendered, and the amount of time spent in performing the services for the Debtors during the Compensation Period is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

26. The fees charged by NRF in these chapter 11 cases are billed in accordance with its existing billing rates and procedures. The rates NRF charges are consistent with the rates charged by NRF to its non-bankruptcy clients. NRF's standard hourly rates are similar to the customary compensation charged by comparably-skilled practitioners in comparable non-bankruptcy and bankruptcy cases in a competitive legal market. Consistent with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, **Exhibit 7** discloses the blended hourly rate for timekeepers who billed to the Debtors during the Compensation Period.

27. The following summaries of services highlight the areas to which NRF devoted substantial time and attention during the Compensation Period. The following summaries are not intended to be a detailed description of the work performed. The full breadth of NRF's services are reflected in NRF's time records, copies of which are attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES RENDERED

28. The following is a summary of the significant professional services rendered by NRF during the Compensation Period. This summary is organized in accordance with the internal system of task codes set up by NRF at the outset of these chapter 11 cases. If a task code does not appear below, then NRF did not bill significant time for that work code during the Compensation Period.

29. All services for which compensation is requested by NRF were performed during the Compensation Period on behalf of the Debtors. During the Compensation Period, NRF performed significant services on behalf of the Debtors, including but not limited to the following:

a. Case Administration
Task Code B110; Fees: $4,344.00; Total Hours: 5.1

This category includes, without limitation, time spent coordinating, managing, and administering these chapter 11 cases on a daily basis, including monitoring critical dates and maintaining a case calendar; facilitating compliance with the service and notice requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Bankruptcy Local Rules, including coordinating service of pleadings and other related notices; communicating with the Court's staff; drafting, updating, reviewing, and filing various case documents and pleadings, including notices of appearance, agendas, and witness and exhibit lists; attending various working group calls to discuss overall case strategy and next steps; as well as administrative matters and any other matters for which there is not a specific task code.

b. Asset Analysis and Recovery
Task Code B120; Fees: $70,700.80; Total Hours: 81.5

This category includes, without limitation, time spent on matters related to the identification and review of potential assets including causes of action and non-litigation recoveries.

c. Asset Disposition
Task Code B130; Fees: $1,711,136.11; Total Hours: 1,662.9

This category includes, without limitation, time spent on matters related to the assessment, marketing, and potential disposition of certain of the Debtors' property either through a sale or other means, as well as participating in communications with potential third parties in respect of the same.

d. Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection Proceedings
Task Code B140; Fees: $7,633.00; Total Hours: 8.2

This category includes, without limitation, time spent on matters related to termination or continuation of automatic stay under section 362 and motions for adequate protection.

e. Meetings of and Communications with Creditors
Task Code B150; Fees: $144,073.70; Total Hours: 116.8

This category includes, without limitation, time spent communicating and meeting with the Committee and its professionals, other creditors and parties in interest, and the Debtors' prepetition lenders and their advisors to provide updates as to developments in the case, providing relevant information and access to the Debtors and their records as requested, and responding to miscellaneous creditor inquiries.

f. Fee/Employment Applications
Task Code B160; Fees: $101,125.00; Total Hours: 162.7

This category includes time spent preparing the Debtors' professionals' retention applications, fee applications, and monthly fee statements. Additionally, it includes time spent reviewing and communicating with parties in interest regarding retention applications and fee applications for all professionals.

g. Fee/Employment Objections
Task Code B170; Fees: $19,769.50; Total Hours: 22.7

This category includes, without limitation, time spent reviewing various objections and coordinating (and reviewing and revising) responses to the same.

h. Avoidance Action Analysis
Task Code B180; Fees: $677.50; Total Hours: 0.5

This category includes, without limitation, time spent on matters related to the review of potential avoidance actions under Sections 544-549 of the Code to determine whether adversary proceedings are warranted.

i. Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts
Task Code B185; Fees: $89,473.00; Total Hours: 86.9

This category includes, without limitation, time spent on matters related to the analysis of leases and executory contracts and preparation of motions specifically to assume or reject.

j. Other Contested Matters
Task Code B190; Fees: $483,936.62; Total Hours: 483.1

This category includes, without limitation, time spent reviewing various objections or reservations of rights filed and coordinating (and reviewing and revising) responses to the same; attending to communications regarding discovery with the Committee; and attending to other matters not specifically covered by other task codes.

k. Business Operations
Task Code B210; Fees: $85,999.17; Total Hours: 83.5

This category includes, without limitation, time spent maintaining the Debtors' operations by addressing the Debtors' utilities, cash, and finances, among other things; reviewing, revising and filing the Debtors' monthly operating reports; reviewing and filing the Debtors' schedules and statements of financial affairs; strategy conferences regarding the Debtors' operations and restructuring plan; and any other issues relating to the ordinary course operations of the Debtors not specifically covered by other task codes.

l. Employee Benefits/Pensions
Task Code B220; Fees: $37,396.70; Total Hours: 35.7

This category includes, without limitation, time spent reviewing issues such as severance, retention, 401(k) coverage and continuance of the pension plan.

m. Financing and Cash Collateral
Task Code B230; Fees: $443,175.55; Total Hours: 410.8

This category includes, without limitation, time spent by NRF attorneys providing services relating to securing approval of the use of cash collateral, cash management, and the Debtors' DIP Facility.

n. Tax Issues
Task Code B240; Fees: $5,200.60; Total Hours: 4.8

This category includes time spent attending to tax issues arising during or relating to the chapter 11 cases.

o. Board of Directors Matters
Task Code B260; Fees: $151,494.16; Total Hours: 130.5

This category includes, without limitation, time spent preparing materials for and attendance at Board of Directors meetings; analysis and advice regarding corporate governance issues and review and preparation of corporate documents (e.g., Articles, Bylaws, employment agreements, compensation plans, etc.).

p. Claims Administration and Objections
Task Code B310; Fees: $41,710.70; Total Hours: 43.1

This category includes time spent analyzing various issues related to the claims bar date, including the filing of the *Debtor's Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Establishing Deadlines for Filing of Proofs of Claim, (II) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (III) Approving the Form and Manner for Filing Proofs of Claim, and (IV) Granting Related Relief*, and coordinating publication and service of the bar date notices; and reviewing and analyzing certain claims filed.

q. Plan and Disclosure Statement
Task Code B320; Fees: $329,160.50; Total Hours: 329.9

This category includes time spent analyzing the Debtors' Plan and Disclosure Statement and advising the Debtors on certain aspects of the same; and reviewing, commenting on and filing various plan documents and related pleadings.

30. All of the foregoing professional services performed by NRF were essential to meet deadlines, respond to inquiries from various creditors and other parties in interest on a timely basis, and satisfy the demands of the Debtors' business and ensure the orderly administration of its estates. The professional services were performed with expedition and in an efficient manner, and without duplication of work performed by the Debtors' other advisors.

31. NRF respectfully submits that the services for which it seeks compensation in this Fee Application were, at the time rendered, necessary for and beneficial to the Debtors and their estate and were rendered to protect and preserve the Debtors' estates. NRF further believes that it performed the services for the Debtors economically, effectively, and efficiently, and the results obtained benefited not only the Debtors, but also the Debtors' estates and the Debtors' constituents.

INFORMATION RELATED TO THE U.S. TRUSTEE GUIDELINES

32. NRF provided necessary and beneficial services to the Debtors during the course of the Compensation Period and took all required actions as and when the need arose. NRF communicated and worked closely with the Debtors, the Committee, and the Committee's professionals throughout the Compensation Period related to the complex, myriad issues that arose.

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN AWARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES

33. Bankruptcy Code section 330 authorizes the Court to award professional persons employed pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 327 reasonable compensation for actual and necessary services rendered and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 330. Section 330 also sets forth the following non-exclusive criteria to determine the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded:

> In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded the court should consider the nature, extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including—
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> (a) the time spent on such services;
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> (b) the rates charged for such services;
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> (c) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered towards the completion of, a case under this title;
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> (d) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
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> (e) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and expertise in the bankruptcy field; and
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> (f) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(3).

34. As stated above, NRF's attorneys and paraprofessionals have expended 3,703.1 hours during the Compensation Period in the representation of the Debtors. The professional services rendered by NRF during the Compensation Period on behalf of the Debtors were reasonable, necessary, and appropriate to the administration of these chapter 11 cases. The services required a high degree of professional competence and expertise so that the numerous bankruptcy and other issues that arose during the Compensation Period could be addressed with skill and efficiency. NRF submits that the services rendered to the Debtors were performed efficiently and effectively, and that the results obtained have provided tangible, identifiable, and material benefits to the Debtors' estates.

35. The rates charged by the NRF attorneys and paraprofessionals in these chapter 11 cases are the same rates charged by NRF in connection with non-bankruptcy work. The professional fees sought herein are based upon NRF's normal hourly rates for services of this

kind. NRF respectfully submits that the professional fees sought herein are not unusual given the magnitude and complexity of these cases, the novel issues presented herein, and the time expended in attending to the representation of the Debtors, and are commensurate with fees NRF has been awarded in other cases, as well as with professional fees charged by other attorneys of comparable experience.

36. No agreement or understanding exists between NRF and any other person for the sharing of any compensation to be received for professional services rendered or to be rendered in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

37. No prior application has been made in this or in any other Court for the relief requested herein for the Compensation Period.

WHEREFORE, NRF respectfully requests that this Court:

(a) Approve the allowance and payment of $**3,787,992.61** for compensation for professional services rendered to the Debtors during the period from April 9, 2026 through and including **September 8**, 2026;

(b) Approve the reimbursement of NRF's out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the rendering of such services during the period from April 9, 2026 through and including **September 8**, 2026 in the amount of $**23,250.02**;

(c) Authorize and direct the Debtors to pay to NRF the amount of $**3,811,242.63** which is the amount equal to the sum of NRF's interim and final compensation and interim and final expense reimbursement requested herein, to the extent such amount has not already been paid;

(d) Grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

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Dated: September 28, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on September 28, 2026, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Ryan Manns
Ryan Manns

EXHIBIT 1

Retention Order

United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED
May 21, 2026
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

Upon consideration of the *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "Application"), the declaration of Ryan Manns in support of the Application (the "Manns Declaration"), and the declaration of Linh Austin (the "Austin Declaration"); and the Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and this matter being a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and the Court being able to issue a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having found that due and proper notice of the Application has been provided and that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having found that the relief sought in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their creditors, and all parties in interest; and the Court having found that the Debtors have established just cause for the relief

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

requested in the Application; and that, upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Debtors are hereby authorized to employ and retain NRF as counsel, effective as of the Petition Date, in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and the Manns Declaration, to the extent not inconsistent with the terms of this Order.

2. NRF is authorized to perform any and all legal services for the Debtors that are necessary or appropriate in connection with the legal services described in the Application.

3. NRF shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Debtors' chapter 11 cases in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. All billing records filed in support of fee applications will use an open and searchable LEDES or other electronic data format. Billing records will use the U.S. Trustee's standard project categories. All billings will be recorded in one tenth (1/10) hour increments.

4. NRF shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the United States Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures, both in connection with this Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by NRF in these cases.

5. To the extent that NRF uses the services of outside contract attorneys in these cases, NRF shall not charge a markup to the Debtors with respect to fees billed by contract attorneys who are hired by NRF to provide services to the Debtors, and any such contract attorneys shall be subject to conflict checks and disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules.

6. NRF shall provide ten days' notice to the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, and any official committee before any increases in the rates set forth in the Application are implemented and shall file such notice with the Court. The U.S. Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard set forth in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, NRF shall not be entitled to reimbursement for fees and expenses in connection with any objection to its fees, without further order of the Court.

8. NRF shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided by any of the Debtors' other retained professionals in these cases.

9. NRF will review its files periodically during the pendency of these cases to ensure that no conflicts or other disqualifying circumstances exist or arise. If any new relevant facts or relationships are discovered or arise, NRF will use reasonable efforts to identify such further developments and will promptly file a supplemental declaration, as required by Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a).

10. To the extent the Application or the Manns Declaration is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

11. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Application.

12. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

Signed: May 21, 2026

Christopher Lopez
United States Bankruptcy Judge

EXHIBIT 2

Declaration of Ryan E. Manns

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF RYAN E. MANNS

I, Ryan E. Manns, hereby declare the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a Partner with the applicant firm, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF" or the "Firm"), and am duly authorized to make this Declaration (the "Declaration") on behalf of NRF. I am an attorney admitted to practice law in the courts of the State of Texas and before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

2. I am responsible for NRF's compliance with Rule 2016-1 and 9013-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules") and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective November 1, 2013 (the "UST Guidelines").

3. I certify that I have read the Application.

4. I certify that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the compensation and expense reimbursement sought is in conformity with the Local Rules, except as specifically noted in the Application.

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5. I certify that NRF did not agree to any variations from, or alternative to, our standard or customary billing arrangements for the compensation and expense reimbursement requested in the Application, and that such compensation and expense reimbursement was generally accepted by the Debtors.

Dated: September 28, 2026
Houston, Texas

/s/ Ryan E. Manns
Ryan E. Manns

EXHIBIT 3

Schedule of Professionals for the Compensation Period

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Adams, Kim	Paralegal	Restructuring	N/A	$440.00	169.1	$74,404.00
Ayache, Salomé	Associate	Corporate M&A	2026	$671.55	5.3	$3,560.83
Badcock, Will	Senior Associate	Finance	2015	$1,200.00	0.4	$480.00
Berthiaume, Michael	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2019	$935.00	150.3	$139,689.00
Blanchard, Jason	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2012	$1,065.00	679.7	$722,602.50
Bodunrin, Danielle	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2023	$860.00	41.3	$34,752.60
Boland, Jason L.	Partner	Restructuring	2003	$1,465.00	18.7	$27,395.50
Braun, Adam	Partner	Tax-Employee Benefits	2018	$1,028.00	8	$8,224.00
Brown, Spencer	Associate	Finance	2022	$1,000.00	23.1	$22,800.00
Bruner, Bob	Partner	Restructuring	2008	$1,340.00	17.2	$23,048.00
Bryles, Katherine O.	Associate	Tax	2023	$724.00	1.4	$1,013.60
Burton, Scott	Partner	Environmental and Mass Tort	1981	$1,585.00	11.2	$17,752.00
Caverlee, John	Senior Counsel	Finance	1998	$1,195.00	36.5	$43,617.50
Cluskey, Elsie	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2023	$560.00	24.9	$13,944.00
Conover, John	Associate	Restructuring	2023	$730.00	347.5	$252,809.95
Copeland, James	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2011	$1,210.00	1.9	$2,299.00
Curcuruto, Christopher	Analyst	eDiscovery Services	N/A	$250.00	16.3	$4,075.00
De Caux, Hobz	Associate	London Corporate	2025	$866.87	9.1	$7,888.53
de Fleurieu, Marie-Adélaïde	Counsel	Corporate/ M&A	2010	$1,174.72	9	$10,572.49

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Fleming, Mike	Project Manager/ Discovery Analytics	Litigation Technology/ E-Discovery	N/A	$350.00	0.6	$210.00
Frost, Alannah	Senior Associate	Banking	2019	$1,478.38	2	$2,956.76
Gaona, Madison	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2021	$1,040.00	60.6	$63,024.00
Gizzo, Cassandra	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2021	$1,080.00	6.8	$7,344.00
Harrison, Julie Goodrich	Partner	Restructuring	2014	$1,150.00	0.2	$230.00
Kennedy, Maryclaire	Senior Associate	Financial Institutions Disputes	2019	$934.00	31.8	$29,701.20
Killian, Kendall	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2025	$675.00	35.1	$20,641.50
Levivier, Bérengère	Associate	Banking	2026	$672.11	2	$1,344.22
Lorenzo, Anne-Louise	Associate	Banking	2019	$853.28	8.6	$7,338.20
Maher, Luke	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2009	$816.00	41.5	$33,864.00
Manns, Ryan E.	Partner	Restructuring	2003	$1,355.00	651.2	$879,340.80
McNellie, Scarlet	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2003	$1,240.00	340	$421,135.00
Meaney, Tom	Senior Counsel	Patents	1992	$996.00	3.7	$3,685.20
Miramontes, Christine	Senior Paralegal	Finance	N/A	$495.00	1.8	$851.40
Mokrzycka, Maria	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2020	$935.00	550.4	$513,502.00
Moreno, Victoria	Senior Paralegal	Corporate, MA and Securities	N/A	$548.00	1.5	$822.00
Mortimer Tracy, Georgia	Associate	General Banking	2026	$866.87	4.4	$3,814.23
Owings, Josh	Senior Counsel	Employment and Labor	2013	$888.00	2	$1,776.00

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Rastogi, Eric	Senior Project Manager	Litigation Technology/ E-Discovery	N/A	$350.00	9.2	$3,220.00
Riedisser, Sasha	Senior Associate	Financial Institutions Disputes	2018	$700.00	2.8	$1,960.00
Rosenblatt, Andrew	Partner	Restructuring	1998	$1,460.00	31.2	$44,851.20
Schroeder, Todd	Partner	Tax	2002	$1,248.00	4.3	$5,366.40
Segrest, Caleb	Partner	Corporate, MA and Securities	2015	$920.00	222.4	$204,608.00
Shu, Cathy	Associate	Restructuring	2022	$940.00	42.2	$39,668.00
Singh, Jagdeep	Counsel	Environmental and Mass Tort	2019	$865.00	45.4	$39,271.00
Smith, Chris	Senior Advisor, Digital Collections	Litigation Technology/E Discovery	N/A	$450.00	4.5	$2,025.00
Spektor, Andrey	Partner	Litigation and Disputes	2009	$1,125.00	17.1	$19,237.50
Wilson, Ashlyn	Supervisor, eDiscovery Services	Litigation Technology/E Discovery	N/A	$350.00	2	$700.00
Wilson-Iguade, Oria	Associate	Corporate Finance	2025	$675.00	6.9	$4,576.50
TOTAL					**3,703.1**	**$3,767,992.61**

EXHIBIT 4

Schedule of Time by Billing Category for the Compensation Period

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B110: Case Administration	5.1	$4,344.00
B120: Asset Analysis and Recovery	81.5	$70,700.80
B130: Asset Disposition	1662.9	$1,711,136.11
B140: Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection Proceedings	8.2	$7,633.00
B150: Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	116.8	$144,073.70
B160: Employment and Fee Applications	162.7	$101,125.00
B170: Fee/Employment Objections	22.7	$19,769.50
B180: Avoidance Action Analysis	0.5	$677.50
B185: Assumption and Rejection of Leases and Contracts	86.9	$89,473.00
B190: Other Contested Matters	483.1	$483,936.62
B195: Non-Working Travel;	34.4	$40,986.00
B210: Business Operations	83.5	$85,999.17
B220: Employee Benefits/Pensions	35.7	$37,396.70
B230: Financing and Cash Collateral	410.8	$443,175.55
B240: Tax	4.8	$5,200.60
B260: Board of Directors Matters	130.5	$151,494.16
B310: Claims Administration and Objections	43.1	$41,710.70
B320: Plan and Disclosure Statement	329.9	$329,160.50
TOTAL	**3,703.1**	**$3,767,992.61**

EXHIBIT 5

Summary of Expenses for the Compensation Period

Description	Amount
Transcripts	$3,141.75
eDiscovery	$5,922.47
Local Counsel in Kentucky	$2,716.48
Filing Fees	$3,838.38
Courier	$116.50
Travel	$7,340.46
Meals	$173.98
Total:	**$23,250.02**

EXHIBIT 6

Time Detail

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

FIRST MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 9, 2026 TO APRIL 30, 2026

Name of applicant:	Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
Role in case:	Co-Counsel to the Debtors
Date of retention:	May 21, 2026, *effective as of* April 9, 2026 [Dkt. No. 370]
Period covered:	April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026
Fees incurred:	$698,096.25
20% holdback:	$139,619.25
Total fees incurred less 20% holdback:	$558,477.00
Expenses incurred:	$3,919.61
Total fees (80%) and expenses (100%) due:	$562,396.61
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	$1,054.47
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	$1,047.09

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In accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 369] , each party receiving notice of the monthly fee statement will have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), 14 days after service of the monthly fee statement to object to the requested fees and expenses. Upon the expiration of such 14-day period, the Debtors are authorized to pay the Professional an amount of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the applicable monthly fee statement.

1. Pursuant to sections 327, 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 Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "Retention Order") [Dkt. No. 370], and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Order") [Dkt. No. 369], the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF"), counsel for Ascend Elements, Inc. *et al.* (the "Debtors"), hereby files this monthly statement for (a) compensation in the amount of $562,396.61 (80% of $698,0296.25) for the reasonable and necessary legal services NRF rendered to the Debtors from October 22, 2025 through and including November 30, 2025 (the "Compensation Period") and (b) reimbursement for 100% of the actual and necessary expenses that NRF incurred, in the amount of $3,919.61 during the Compensation Period.

2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a billing summary of NRF professionals and paraprofessionals by individual, setting forth the (a) name and title of each individual who performed services during the Compensation Period, (b) aggregate time expended by each such

individual, (c) hourly billing rate for each such individual, and (d) amount of fees earned by each NRF professional and paraprofessional.

3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a summary of hours and fees by task code.

4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a summary of reimbursement sought by expense type for all expenses for the Compensation Period incurred in connection with the performance of professional services.

5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is NRF's itemized time records of its professionals and paraprofessionals and itemized records of reimbursement sought for the Compensation Period.

6. This Monthly Fee Statement includes all the information and supporting detail regarding fees and expenses available to NRF at the time of the filing of this Monthly Fee Statement. If additional information and supporting detail in connection with this Compensation Period should become available as a result of delays in accounting processing or an inadvertence with respect to time or expenses entered in the accounting system, or any other reason, NRF reserves the right to make an application to the Court for an allowance of such fees and expenses not included in this Monthly Statement.

7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, each Monthly Fee Statement shall be served upon: (a) the Debtors, c/o Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 1550 Lamar, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: Ryan Manns (ryan.manns@nortonrosefulbright.com), Maria Mokrzycka (maria.mokrzycka@nortonrosefulbright.com), and Jason I. Blanchard (jason.blanchard@nortonrosefulbright.com); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Ha Nguyen (Ha.Nguyen@usdoj.gov) and Vianey Garza (Vianey.Garza@usdoj.gov); (c) counsel to the Senior Secured Holders: Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153,

Attn: Sunny Singh (sunny.singh@weil.com), and 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Stephanie Morrison (stephanie.morrison@weil.com) and Emma Wheeler (emma.wheeler@weil.com); Goodwin Procter LLP, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Robert Lemons (rlemons@goodwinlaw.com) and Debora Hoehne (dhoehne@goodwinlaw.com); and Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, Attn: Jason Brookner (jbrookner@grayreed.com); and (d) counsel to the Committee, McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 2801 North Harwood Street, Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Charles R. Gibbs (crgibbs@mcdermottlaw.com) and Kristin K. Going (kgoing@mcdermottlaw.com).

8. Any party in interest shall have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) on the date that is fourteen (14) days after service of this Monthly Fee Statement (the "Monthly Objection Deadline") to review such statement and, in the event that such party in interest has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in this Monthly Fee Statement, such party in interest shall, on or before the Monthly Objection Deadline, serve upon NRF and upon the Debtors, a written notice of objection (the "Objection") setting forth the nature of the Objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

WHEREFORE, NRF, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors, respectfully requests (a) allowance of compensation and reimbursement in the amount of (i) $562,396.61 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered (80% of $698,0296.25) and (ii) $3,919.61 for 100% of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and (b) payment of the forgoing sums.

Dated: June 3, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP

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Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

Certificate of Service

I certify that on June 3, 2026, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. Additionally, the foregoing document will be served as set forth in a forthcoming affidavit filed by the Debtors' claims agent.

/s/ Ryan Manns
Ryan Manns

EXHIBIT A

COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL
APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Ryan Manns	Partner	Restructuring	2003	$1355.00	124.8	**166,068.80**
Maria Mokrzycka	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2020	$935.00	81.1	**74,706.50**
Kim Adams	Paralegal	Restructuring	N/A	$440.00	6.4	**2,816.00**
Will Badcock	Senior Associate	Finance	2015	1,200.00	0.4	**480.00**
Michael Berthiaume	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2019	935.00	102.0	**94,528.50**
Jason Blanchard	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2012	1,065.00	124.7	**131,527.50**
Danielle Bodunrin	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2023	860.00	10.0	**7,851.80**
Jason Boland	Partner	Restructuring	2003	1,465.00	7.6	**11,134.00**
Adam Braun	Partner	Tax-Employee Benefits	2018	1,028.00	2.3	**2,364.40**
Spencer Brown	Associate	Finance	2022	1,000.00	4.0	**3,700.00**
Bob Bruner	Partner	Restructuring	2008	1,340.00	15.2	**20,368.00**
Katherine Bryles	Associate	Tax	2023	724.00	1.4	**1,013.60**
Scott Burton	Partner	Environmental and Mass Tort	1981	1,585.00	0.7	**1,109.50**
John Caverlee	Senior Counsel	Finance	1998	1,195.00	7.5	**8,962.50**
Elsie Cluskey	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2023	560.00	8.5	**4,760.00**
John Conover	Associate	Restructuring	2023	730.00	56.0	**40,014.95**
Madison Gaona	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2021	1,040.00	9.9	**10,296.00**
Cassandra Gizzo	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2021	1,080.00	1.3	**1,404.00**
Kendall Killian	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2025	540.00	3.1	**1,674.00**
Luke Maher	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2009	816.00	20.1	**16,401.60**
Scarlet McNellie	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2003	1,240.00	55.5	**68,355.00**
Christine Miramontes	Senior Paralegal	Finance	N/A	495.00	0.4	**198.00**

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Victoria Moreno	Senior Paralegal	Corporate, MA and Securities	N/A	548.00	1.5	**822.00**
Andrew Rosenblatt	Partner	Restructuring	1998	1,460.00	12.3	**17,257.20**
Todd Schroeder	Partner	Tax	2002	1,248.00	3.3	**4,118.40**
Caleb Segrest	Partner	Corporate, MA and Securities	2015	920.00	6.7	**6,164.00**
				TOTAL	**666.7**	**698,096.25**

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B110: Case Administration	3.1	2,511.50
B120: Asset Analysis and Recovery	27.9	25,128.50
B130: Asset Disposition	209.5	227,182.20
B140: Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection Proceedings	1.4	1,493.00
B150: Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	34.6	39,597.20
B160: Employment and Fee Applications	20.0	19,777.00
B185: Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts	7.5	6,525.50
B190: Other Contested Matters	194.0	188,135.80
B210: Business Operations	28.0	30,778.30
B220: Employee Benefits/Pensions	25.0	26,287.40
B230: Financing/Cash Collections	75.1	83,368.35
B240: Tax Issues	1.8	2,081.60
B260: Board of Directors Matters	38.3	44,552.40
B310: Claims Administration and Objections	0.5	677.50
TOTAL	**666.7**	**698,096.25**

EXHIBIT C

REIMBURSEMENT BY EXPENSE TYPE
APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Description	Amount
Transcript Fee	$313.90
Filing Fees	3,576.00
Courier Fees	29.71
Total:	**$3,919.61**

EXHIBIT D

TIME DETAIL

INVOICE

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Invoice Number	9495714127
Matter Number	1001360035
Invoice Date	June 01, 2026
NRF Contact	Ryan E. Manns
Your Reference	4500005358

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to April 12, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	67,423.50
Disbursements	100.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 67,523.50**

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DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
04/09/2026	Berthiaume, M	4.30	Preparation, revisions, format, and finalize first day pleadings.
04/09/2026	Bodunrin, D	2.50	Revise draft of resolutions approving entry into bankruptcy; analyze DGCL, stockholders agreement, and bylaws regarding how quorum is affected by vacant board seats and potential remedies regarding the same.
04/09/2026	Bruner, B	0.10	Communications with Ryan Manns regarding credit bid and fiduciary duty issues.
04/09/2026	Gizzo, C	1.00	Meeting with Prakash regarding Carta training.
04/09/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Prepare for first day hearings.
04/09/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Review and comment on draft cash collateral order.
04/10/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Emails with NRF team re: same.
04/10/2026	Rosenblatt, A	1.00	Attend first-day hearing.
04/10/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review revised and final cash collateral budget.
04/10/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.70	Review as-filed pleadings, including proposed cash collateral order.
04/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.90	Review, revise and file bidding procedures motion.
04/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	6.00	Prepare for and attend the first day hearing.
04/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.00	Finalize the first day motions and file the same.
04/10/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Attend and appear at first-day hearings.
04/10/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Prepare for first-day hearings.
04/10/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Review and comment to bid procedures pleadings and confer with working group re: same.
04/10/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with working group re: strategy issues.
04/10/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls and emails with counsel for noteholders.
04/10/2026	Conover, J	1.60	Prep for, present at, and attend first day hearings
04/10/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Draft notice of revised proposed cash collateral order
04/10/2026	Conover, J	2.00	Prepare exhibits as filed for presentation and filing as witness and exhibit list; attend to other first day filing issues and prep for hearing

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04/10/2026	Bruner, B	4.30	Analysis and research of issues related to bidding procures (2.0); conference with NRF team regarding the same (.8); analys of draft bidding procedures (1.0); and revisions to the same (.5)
04/10/2026	Brown, S	0.50	Communications with S. McNellie regarding prepetition security documents.
04/10/2026	Blanchard, J	3.70	Review and revise draft bidding procedures motion, bidding procedures, and proposed order (3.5); conferences with R. Manns regarding sale-related case strategy (.2).
04/10/2026	Blanchard, J	5.90	Review and analyze draft direct examination outlines for witnesses in connection with first day hearing (2.5); draft hearing outline in connection with same (2.8); conferences with R. Manns and M. Berthiaume regarding first day hearing presentation and strategy (.3); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding first hearing strategy on utilities and wages motions (.3).
04/10/2026	Blanchard, J	4.20	Review and analyze cash management and cash collateral motions, proposed orders, and supporting declarations in preparation for first day presentation (3.5); email correspondence with NRF and A&M team members regarding comments to cash collateral order in connection with first day hearings (.2); email correspondence with Noteholders' counsel and U.S. Trustee regarding comments to cash collateral order comments (.2); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding proposed changes to cash collateral budget (.1); revise interim cash collateral order to incorporate comments from U.S. Trustee, senior noteholders, and junior noteholders (.2).
04/10/2026	Berthiaume, M	7.80	Preparation for first day hearings.
04/10/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Attend and present at first day hearing
04/10/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.60	Review and summarize termination events
04/10/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Prepare index re first day hearing documents; organize first day hearing documents for hearing binders; prepare communication re preparation of hearing binders.
04/10/2026	Adams, K	0.20	File pro hac vice motion for J. Conover.
04/10/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Prepare pro hac vice motion for J. Conover.
04/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with advisors re: strategic considerations.
04/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss sale strategy.

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04/12/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.10	Engage in correspondence with A&M regarding IP schedules.
04/12/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple working group emails re: APA.
04/12/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and comment on Board matters.
04/12/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with Jefferies re: strategy issues.
04/12/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: work streams for coming week.
Total		**64.20**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Bruner, B	4.40	1,340.00	5,896.00
Manns, R	10.60	1,355.00	14,363.00
Rosenblatt, A	2.20	1,460.00	3,212.00
		Sub Total	**23,471.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	13.80	1,065.00	14,697.00
		Sub Total	**14,697.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Berthiaume, M	13.40	935.00	12,529.00
Mokrzycka, M	9.90	935.00	9,256.50
		Sub Total	**21,785.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			

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Bodunrin, D	2.60	860.00	2,236.00
Brown, S	0.50	1,000.00	500.00
Conover, J	3.80	730.00	2,774.00
Gizzo, C	1.00	1,080.00	1,080.00
		Sub Total	**6,590.00**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	2.00	440.00	880.00
		Sub Total	**880.00**
Total	**64.20**		**67,423.50**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	**DESCRIPTION**	**AMOUNT**
04/10/2026	010081015643 - Adams, Kim - Filing Fee for Pro Hac Vice for John Conover, New York Office, in the Ascend Elements bankruptcy case.	100.00
	Sub Total	**100.00**
	TOTAL	**100.00**

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Professional Services Rendered to April 19, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	150,241.50
Disbursements	3,789.90
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 154,031.40**

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04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call and email with opposing counsel re: cash collateral order and Planters' lien.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Special Committee to discuss status updates and strategy considerations.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with counsel for DOJ re: restructuring.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls and emails with prospective purchasers.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Revisions to suggestion of bankruptcy.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Analyze DIP term sheet and confer with working group.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Advisors call to discuss strategy considerations.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to insurance issues and emails re: same.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Analysis of credit bid research.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: data room access issues and adverse parties.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Review and analyze Jefferies declaration in support of bid procedures and emails re: same.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Confer with Jefferies team re: Stalking Horse and financing considerations.
04/13/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and comment on W&E list.
04/13/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Draft notice of interim order for net operating loss motion
04/13/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Review docket re first day hearing audio file; download and organize audio file; prepare correspondence to R. Manns re audio file.
04/13/2026	Adams, K	0.20	Prepare transcript request re first day hearing; file same.
04/13/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.20	Analysis of executory contract issue stemming from equipment lease demand.
04/13/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Ongoing correspondence with A&M and Weil teams regarding D&O issues
04/13/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.40	Conference with AM and Jeffries teams re open action items including schedules and executory contracts.
04/13/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Review of live correspondence and relevant documents ahead of call with AM and Jeffries team

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04/13/2026	Blanchard, J	2.50	Review and revise declaration in support of draft bidding procedures (1.5); analyze bidding procedures precedent in connection with drafting revisions to declaration (.9); confer with M. Mokryzcka regarding revisions (.1).
04/13/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Analyze unexpired lease issues in connection with vendor's demand (.4); confer with M. Berthiaume and J. Connover regarding recommended strategy for response to vendor demand (.2).
04/13/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Analyze credit documents in connection with lienholder request regarding same (.2); email correspondence with D. Bodunrin regarding review of credit documents in connection with same (.1).
04/13/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conference with B. Wong regarding issues concerning professional fee escrow (.2); call with NRF and A&M teams, including R. Manns, and H. Ross, regarding chapter 11 case administration matters and related case strategy (.4).
04/13/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.60	Research regarding [redacted]; engage in correspondence regarding "Permitted Liens" in Senior Note documents.
04/13/2026	Bruner, B	4.20	Further research and analysis of credit bid issues; (1.0); draft summary of the same (2.3); communications with Ryan Manns regarding the same (.4); and analysis of lien perfection issues (.5).
04/13/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Analyze equipment lease to determine if unexpired/ executory
04/13/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Daily call with A&M and Jefferies; prepare form of notice for NOL motion
04/14/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Review [redacted] and related documents sent from R. Manns.
04/14/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.70	Review objection to cash collateral and sale procedures filed by TKJV and outline arguments in response to same.
04/14/2026	Miramontes, C	0.40	Prepare expense report for Capitol Services Invoice no. 2026533385 regarding lien and litigation searches for the following entities from the following jurisdictions, DC Recorder of Deeds, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky and Massachusetts Secretary of States, Ascend Elements UK, Ltd., Ascend Elements, Inc., Battery Resources, Inc. and Battery Resources, LLC.

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04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call and emails with [redacted].
04/14/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Revisions to term sheet and working group emails re: same.
04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and email with counsel for Kinterra.
04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with creditors and investors.
04/14/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Special Committee call and emails.
04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss insurance issues.
04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Review and analyze TKJV objection; prepare response outline.
04/14/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Analyze [redacted]
04/14/2026	Conover, J	1.30	Draft [redacted]; correspondence with R. Manns and S. Pender regarding conflicts checks
04/14/2026	Bruner, B	0.50	Additional analysis regarding credit bid issues (.2), revise outline of issues related to the same (.2), and communications with NRF team regarding the same (.1).
04/14/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.40	Analyze [redacted]; engage in correspondence regarding the same.
04/14/2026	Blanchard, J	0.80	Review and analyze prospective DIP financing term sheet (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding prospective financing and chapter 11 case strategy matters (.3); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding cash collateral budgeting issues (.1); email correspondence with counsel to senior noteholders regarding budget and cash collateral issues (.2). review and draft comments to OCP motion (1.5).
04/14/2026	Blanchard, J	1.80	Analyze precedent in connection with drafting comments to KEIP motion.
04/14/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Review and draft comments to OCP motion.
04/14/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Analyze client questions and J. Conover's analysis of vendor issues (.5); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding debtors' proposed response to certain vendors regarding continuation of services (.1).
04/14/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Analyze stalking horse issues and proposed bid procedures

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			in connection with revising the same (1.1); email correspondence with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and Jefferies team regarding declaration in support of bid procedures (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding bid procedures issues (.2).
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Advisor call to discuss DIP term sheet.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for [redacted].
04/15/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for the senior notes re: bid procedures and sales process.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails with counsel for Kinterra re: DIP and term sheet.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Further review of TKJV objection and review of joinder.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Call with counsel for TKJV and confer with working group.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	1.80	Revise draft reply to pending objections.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Review and mark-up of proposed order.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call with advisors to discuss strategic considerations.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Prepare for contested hearing and analyze case law and opposing arguments.
04/15/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review of Amcon and United objections to bid procedures motion and emails with working group.
04/15/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Review docket for other objections and appearances.
04/15/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Emails with R. Manns re: same.
04/15/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.60	Participate on call with NRF team to discuss strategy re: same and related issues.
04/15/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Call with Jason Blanchard to discuss response to TKJV objection.
04/15/2026	Conover, J	1.30	Strategy call with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, M. Berthiaume, and J. Blanchard to respond to objection to bid procedures and cash collateral
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.40	Conference with AM team regarding reply, executory contract,and other open issues.
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.30	Additional edits and revisions to reply based upon comments from J. Blanchard and R. Manns

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04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.50	Conference with Weil team regarding objection, reply, and action items.
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	4.10	Preparation of draft reply in support of bid procedures and cash collateral motions
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.10	Conferencing with NRF teams re bid procedures and reply
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.40	Preparation for hearing including agendas and notice of revision to proposed order.
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Review and revise proposed order.
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	3.10	Updates, revision, and preparation of draft reply.
04/15/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.60	Review and outline additional objections to bid procedures.
04/15/2026	Blanchard, J	6.90	Review and analyze objections and joinders to bid procedures motion in connection with preparing a reply (1.5); participate in call with R. Manns, M. Berthiaume, A. Rosenblatt, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding sale hearing strategy and reply to bid procedures objection (.5); participate in call with M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding work assignments for reply (.5); analyze state court pleadings and company documents in connection with reply (.8); telephone conference with A. Rosenblatt regarding sale hearing strategy (.1); analyze bid procedures precedent in connection with drafting comments to reply, revised bid procedures and bid procedures order (.9); telephone conference with NRF team and counsel to Senior Noteholders regarding bid procedures issues (.5); review and draft comments to reply in support of bid procedures (2.1).
04/15/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Participate in advisor only calls with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies teams regarding case strategy and financing matters.
04/15/2026	Bodunrin, D	1.30	Analyze [redacted]; engage in correspondence regarding IP schedules.
04/15/2026	Bruner, B	1.70	Analysis of objection to bid procedures (.2); research regarding limitations on credit bid rights (1.0); and draft summary of response to objection (.5).
04/15/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Various correspondence [redacted]
04/15/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Strategy conference with A&M and Jefferies; draft

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			mechanics lien perfection tracker and correspondence with team regarding the same
04/15/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Draft language for cash collateral objection reply
04/16/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Prep for and attendance at bidding procedures hearing
04/16/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Correspondence with J. Blanchard regarding [redacted]
04/16/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Review hearing recording for asks from specific parties and compile list
04/16/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Correspondence with A&M on outstanding objections and timeline
04/16/2026	Conover, J	0.10	Conference with counsel for City of Hopkinsville to discuss bid procedures
04/16/2026	Manns, R	2.50	Multiple calls and emails with objecting parties re: mechanic lien interests to bid procedures.
04/16/2026	Manns, R	2.50	Prepare for and attend hearing bid procedures hearing
04/16/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls and emails with Senior Noteholders re: sale process.
04/16/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with Special Committee to discuss strategy considerations.
04/16/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Review and revise draft reply and proposed form of bid procedures order.
04/16/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Calls with working group re: revisions to bid procedures order and review of [redacted].
04/16/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Multiple status update calls and emails with management team.
04/16/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.50	Participate at bidding procedures sale hearing.
04/16/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Review docket and joinders to objection filed by various mechanic's lien holders.
04/16/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Review proposed changes made to order to address and resolve objections.
04/16/2026	Adams, K	0.20	Review docket re audio file of 4/16/2026 hearing; download and organize audio file; forward to R. Manns.
04/16/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Research Christian Co. recorder of deeds re mortgage between City of Hopkinsville and Ascend Elements; forward copy of mortgage to J. Conover.
04/16/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Prepare transcript request form re 4/16/2026 hearing; file same.

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04/16/2026	Badcock, W	0.20	Multiple communications with the NRF restructuring team regarding collateral review matters.
04/16/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.40	Review analyze and respond to creditor body issues including ordinary course professional issues and executory contract issues
04/16/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Conference with M&M lienholders counsel regarding bid procedures
04/16/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.10	Review, revise, finalize, format, and file reply.
04/16/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.60	Attend hearing on bid procedures
04/16/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.60	Preparation for bid procedures hearing including review of revised order, objections, pleadings, and relevant documents
04/16/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.40	Review and revisions to successive iterations of proposed order based on comments from opposing parties
04/16/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with city of Hopkinsville regarding proposed order.
04/16/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Analyze interim cash collateral order to address questions raised by the company.
04/16/2026	Blanchard, J	11.90	Analyze objections and joinders to bid procedures motion in connection with revising draft reply (.9); review and revise draft reply to bid procedures objections, bid procedures, and bid procedures order to address objections to same (1.3); participate in conference call with NRF team and counsel to objecting lienholders to address objections (.5); participate virtually in hearing on bid procedures motion (.8); analyze multiple rounds of comments from noteholders and lienholders to bid procedures and bid procedures order in connection with addressing same (1.5); review and revise proposed bid procedures order and bid procedures to address rounds of comments from noteholders and lienholders (3.5); analyze [redacted] (.9); telephone conference with R. Manns and counsel to the Noteholders regarding proposed revisions to the bid procedures order and bid procedures (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns [redacted] (.4); telephone conference with [redacted] (.1); telephone conference with [redacted]

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			[redacted] (.1); telephone conference with [redacted] (.1); telephone conferences with R. Manns regarding bid procedures hearing strategy and addressing objectors' comments to proposed order (1.0); telephone [redacted] (.5)
04/16/2026	Conover, J	1.00	Conference with mechanics lienholders counsel on bid procedures order and objections
04/16/2026	Conover, J	1.00	Compose list of outstanding issues to address with objecting parties to bid procedures; [redacted]
04/17/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.60	Review revised order to address objections and attend continuation of hearing to consider bid procedures motion.
04/17/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.50	Attend call with [redacted]
04/17/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Internal call to discuss retention applications, upcoming hearings and sales timeline deliverables.
04/17/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Revisions to sale process deck.
04/17/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails re: revisions to proposed bid procedures order.
04/17/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Prepare for and attend hearing.
04/17/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls and emails re: transaction considerations.
04/17/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group re: strategy issues and case update.
04/17/2026	Manns, R	1.40	Review and respond to multiple emails with mechanic lien claimants.
04/17/2026	Conover, J	0.10	Correspondence with [redacted]
04/17/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Draft [redacted]
04/17/2026	Conover, J	0.10	Attend continued hearing on bid procedures motion
04/17/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Update call with A&M and Jefferies team
04/17/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Internal NRF team strategy conference on next steps after bid procedures hearing
04/17/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Analyze [redacted]; correspondence with R. Manns regarding the same

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04/17/2026	Bruner, B	0.10	Analysis of amended Bid Procedures Order.
04/17/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Telephone conference with A&M, Jefferies, and NRF teams to discuss company matters and [redacted].
04/17/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding chapter 11 case strategy and work streams (.4); telephone conference with M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding work and research assignments (.6); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding case strategy matters (.1).
04/17/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Participate in call with potential DIP financing party to address bankruptcy questions (.3); telephone conferences with counsel to the Noteholders regarding cash collateral matters (.1).
04/17/2026	Blanchard, J	1.00	Analyze further comments to bid procedures and bid procedures order from noteholders and other parties in interest (.2); attend continued hearing on bid procedures motion (.2); email correspondence with J. Conover and R. Manns regarding lien analysis (.1); [redacted] (.5).
04/17/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.20	Conference with NRF team regarding work streams and action items
04/17/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Review of pleadings, live correspondence and related materials ahead of bid procedures hearing.
04/17/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Conference with AM and Jeffries teams regarding open action items.
04/17/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.10	Review of live correspondence and relevant materials ahead of call with AM and Jefferies teams.
04/17/2026	Berthiaume, M	4.40	Preparation of draft presentation to company regarding sale timeline, process, and requirements.
04/17/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Attend continued bid procedures hearing
04/17/2026	Berthiaume, M	3.10	Ongoing updates and revisions to order and correspondence with parties regarding same
04/17/2026	Badcock, W	0.20	Review and analyze certain collateral documents and multiple communications with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
04/18/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Revise document tracker for next steps in the case
04/18/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Revisions to sale prodecures deck.

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04/18/2026	Manns, R	1.40	Calls and emails with [redacted].
04/18/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with management to discuss latest negotiations.
04/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to multiple working group emails.
04/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Revisions to [redacted].
04/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Analysis of KEIP metrics and comparables.
Total		**136.40**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Bruner, B	6.50	1,340.00	8,710.00
Manns, R	41.30	1,355.00	55,961.50
Rosenblatt, A	5.00	1,460.00	7,300.00
		Sub Total	**71,971.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	33.00	1,065.00	35,145.00
		Sub Total	**35,145.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Badcock, W	0.40	1,200.00	480.00
Berthiaume, M	31.80	935.00	29,733.00
		Sub Total	**30,213.00**

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NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	2.30	860.00	1,978.00
Conover, J	13.20	730.00	9,636.00
		Sub Total	**11,614.00**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	2.50	440.00	1,100.00
Miramontes, C	0.40	495.00	198.00
		Sub Total	**1,298.00**
Total	**136.40**		**150,241.50**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
04/13/2026	010081045722 - Maria Mokrzycka - Chapter 11 filing fee - Ascend Elements, Inc.	1,738.00
04/13/2026	010081045722 - Maria Mokrzycka - Chapter 11 filing fee - Ascend Elements US, LLC	1,738.00
04/17/2026	050053161607 - Inv. 70769 Transcript of First Day Hearing Ascend Elements - 5000018176 - JUDICIAL TRANSCRIBERS OF TEXAS, LLC	313.90
	Sub Total	**3,789.90**
	TOTAL	**3,789.90**

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Professional Services Rendered to April 26, 2026

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SUMMARY	
Fees	176,398.50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 176,398.50**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
04/19/2026	Bruner, B	0.20	Further analysis of credit bid issues (.1); and communications with NRF team regarding the same (.1).
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for United Electric.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with working group re: scheduling issues.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss case work streams.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Working group calls with management.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with A&M and Jefferies teams on working group call.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	[redacted] and emails with working group.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to inquiries re: prepetition claims.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Revisions to management deck presentation.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss [redacted].
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review and revise letter to vendor (.3) and confer with J. Conover regarding the same (.1).
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Confer with A&M regarding the documents requested by the Trustee (.4) and research follow up questions (.9).
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Verita regarding the publication and service.
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.30	Review the connection for employment fee application.
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review and revise the calendar and calendar related deadlines.
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.90	Draft KEIP Motion
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the auction publication notice and approve the same.
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review draft of the schedules and provide comments.
04/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.80	Review and revise A&M application to employ.
04/20/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Participate on NRF team call to discuss game plan and strategy with respect to upcoming pleadings and hearings.
04/20/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review work-stream and task list schedule.
04/20/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review latest filings in bankruptcy case.

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04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with counsel for CLNs.
04/20/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Review of live communication and relevant materials ahead of call with NRF team
04/20/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.20	Conferencing with NRF teams regarding workstreams and open items.
04/20/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Review and follow up regarding tax and insurance issues
04/20/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.60	Preparation of draft sale process overview slide deck
04/20/2026	Blanchard, J	3.50	Analyze [redacted]
04/20/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, C. Shu, A. Rosenblatt and J. Conover regarding chapter 11 case strategy and work streams (.6); participate in telephone conference with M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding work assignments (.5).
04/20/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Participate in telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies team to discuss sales and DIP financing process and related strategy.
04/20/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Analyze [redacted] in connection with Debtors' schedules and statements.
04/20/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.20	Analyze and respond to request from KPMG regarding Junior CLNS.
04/20/2026	Bruner, B	0.10	Communications with Ryan Manns regarding credit bid and committee issues.
04/20/2026	Conover, J	1.50	Conduct research on [redacted]
04/20/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Revise [redacted]
04/20/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Internal catch-up call with NRF team
04/20/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Daily Check-In Call with A&M and Jefferies
04/20/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Internal catch-up call with M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Blanchard
04/20/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Draft [redacted].
04/20/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Correspondence with [redacted] regarding automatic stay violations.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with working group re: retention apps.

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04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to emails with Special Committee.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with Jefferies re: sale process.
04/20/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call with Special Committee to discuss sale negotiations.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and respond to emails with junior counsel for clns.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with working group to discuss credit bid issues.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Analyze revised term sheet.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with interested purchaser.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with [redacted].
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails and calls re: NOL issues.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with working group re: revised term sheet.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with Special Committee to discuss term sheet.
04/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review and revise KEIP Moiton.
04/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Conference with NRF team with respect to the auction.
04/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise OCP motion (.2) and confer with A&M team regarding the same (.1).
04/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review term sheet.
04/21/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.50	Review [redacted].
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss TKJV discovery.
04/21/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with J. Blanchard regarding sale motion
04/21/2026	Berthiaume, M	4.90	Analysis of underlying documents and chronology underpinning sale motion
04/21/2026	Blanchard, J	2.60	Review and analyze draft KEIP motion, supporting precedent and proposed KEIP in connection with providing comments to same (1.5); draft comments to KEIP motion (.8); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to KEIP motion (.3).
04/21/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Telephone conference with M. Berthiaume regarding issues Polish JV issues.
04/21/2026	Blanchard, J	0.80	Analyze bid procedures in connection with stalking horse issues (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns and L. Maher regarding sale issues and strategy in connection with

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			negotiations with mechanics' lien holders (.6).
04/21/2026	Bruner, B	1.00	Further analysis of credit bid issues (.5) and communications with Ryan Manns regarding the same (.5).
04/21/2026	Caverlee, J	1.50	Review and comment on revised [redacted]; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call with counsel for CLNs re: term sheet issues.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls with CRO re: revised term sheet and [redacted].
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on draft KEIP motion.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with management team.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with working group re: sale notice issues.
04/21/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call with D. Powell to discuss strategy considerations.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call and email with counsel for TQL.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for TKJV.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with counsel for Nooter.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Debtors' advisors to discuss latest developments.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss insurance issues.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Status update call with management re: site visits and strategy.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	1.70	Draft letter re: [redacted] and multiple emails with opposing counsel.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for Kinterra and CLNs.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with management team to discuss sale auction and bid dynamics.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss NOLs.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Working group call to discuss sale and auction procedures.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls with management team.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Calls with advisors re: [redacted].
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
04/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Numerous conference with Chambers (.2) and NRF team regarding the second hearing date (.2).

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04/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with [redacted].
04/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.80	Revise NRF application to employ (1.2), revise Jefferies application to employ (.6).
04/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with [redacted].
04/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.80	Draft interim compensation motion.
04/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group to discuss KEIP issues.
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.60	Conference with M. Gaona regarding upcoming discovery needs.
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.90	Gather documents and outline potential discovery requests ahead of meetings with discovery colleagues
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Review of live correspondence and related documents ahead of advisors call
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Conference with AM and Jefferies team regarding open action items and next steps
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Conference with M. Gaona regarding discovery issues
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Review of UST task code guidelines
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.80	Conference with NRF team regarding potential DIP issues.
04/22/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.80	Attention to sale motion including case law and proposed order.
04/22/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Telephone with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and counsel to potential bidder regarding sale matters.
04/22/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Analyze [redacted] (.3); confer with J. Conover regarding assignment in connection with same (.1).
04/22/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conference with R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka regarding KEIP issues.
04/22/2026	Blanchard, J	1.30	Telephone conference with B. Bruner, M. Mokrzycka, and M. Berthiaume regarding mechanics lien issues (.7); telephone conference with A&M, Jefferies, and NRF teams regarding sale and case updates and related strategy (.6).
04/22/2026	Blanchard, J	6.00	Participate in telephone conference call with [redacted] (.5); draft DIP motion (5.5).
04/22/2026	Bruner, B	1.70	Conferences with NRF team regarding credit bid and auction issues (1.5) and research regarding the same (.2).

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04/22/2026	Caverlee, J	2.00	Review and comment on revised [redacted]; review status of credit agreement and related deliverables; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
04/22/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Check-in Call with A&M and Jefferies team; update task manager tracker
04/22/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Revise task manager tracker and correspondence with internal NRF team regarding upcoming tasks
04/22/2026	Gaona, M	1.30	Conferences with e-discovery team and M. Berthiaume regarding matter background, document collection strategy, and production protocols.
04/22/2026	Gaona, M	1.80	Draft litigation hold.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call and emails with Jefferies re: bid procedures milestones and bid issues.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Management update call.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with counsel for Senior Notes.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with advisors and Special Committee.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group to discuss term sheet and asset sale.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Call with management team and CRO re: latest transaction developments.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with working group to discuss meeting with senior notes.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Revisions to [redacted]; call and working group emails re: same.
04/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review documents requested by the trustee (.5); prepare notes for the IDI prep meeting (.4).
04/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Review and revise the application to employ.
04/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review the term sheet and comments.
04/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review and revise the KEIP motion.
04/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Met with B. Bruner [redacted] (.8) and review notes on the same (. 4).
04/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the Airgas creditors issues.

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04/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confirm with the team regarding the committee members claims.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and analyze [redacted] discovery and confer with working group.
04/23/2026	Berthiaume, M	3.30	Attention to draft sale motion including sale documents and formation agreements
04/23/2026	Blanchard, J	0.70	Analyze lease and litigation documents to respond to UST's questions regarding creditor claims.
04/23/2026	Blanchard, J	6.10	Continue drafting DIP financing motion (3.8); confer with R. Manns regarding DIP financing, sale, and case strategy (.6); confer with M. Berthiaume regarding DIP financing work streams (.3); analyze [redacted] (1.4).
04/23/2026	Blanchard, J	1.30	Review J. Conover's analysis of letter of credit issues concerning vendor draw (.9); email correspondence with J. Conover regarding comments to same (.2); email correspondence to vendor's counsel regarding letter of credit issues (.2).
04/23/2026	Brown, S	1.00	Review and analyze revised draft Term Sheet and revise DIP Credit Agreement.
04/23/2026	Bruner, B	0.70	Analysis of [redacted] (.1); communications with Ryan Manns regarding sale and related issues (.1); further analysis of credit bid issues (.3); and communications with NRF team regarding the same (.2).
04/23/2026	Caverlee, J	2.00	Review revised DIP Term Sheet; review and revise markup of DIP Credit Agreement; review revised Disclosure Schedules; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
04/23/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Correspondence with J. Blanchard on [redacted]
04/23/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Correspondence with A&M team on Airgas letter of credit request
04/23/2026	Conover, J	1.50	Draft deadline tracker for all deadlines set out in first day orders; draft correspondence with counsel for Airgas
04/23/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Analyze [redacted] and draft proposed analysis and advice to the NRF team
04/23/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Draft correspondence with A&M related to [redacted]

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04/23/2026	Gizzo, C	0.30	Review [redacted].
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and [redacted] and working group emails re: same.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Working group call with management to discuss case development.
04/23/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls and emails with mechanic lien claimants.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for TKJV.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with A&M team to discuss IDI prep and case updates.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Revisions to NDA(.7); and emails with lien claimants(.3).
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss latest developments.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with Stephanie Morrison regarding tax issues.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Draft, revise, and file a notice of hearing.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.60	Draft and revise KEIP Motion (.5); calls with J. Blanchard and then J. Bland regarding KEIP (1.1).
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.60	Review and revise application of Jefferies.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Prepare and agenda for the internal call (.3) and attend a call (.9).
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Attention to mechanic liens issues (.3); quick research regarding the same (.9).
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review and revise declaration in support of the rejection motion.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Prepare for and attend the prep call for the debtor initial interview.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review and revise OCP motion.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Call with Meagan Quyeda regarding cash collateral and lien issues.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise the OCP motion.
04/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with R. Esposito regarding the application to employ A&M.
04/24/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.10	Conference with NRF team regarding open action items and workstreams

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04/24/2026	Blanchard, J	1.40	Telephone conference with R. Manns regarding [redacted] (.3); analyze lien claim issues (.9).
04/24/2026	Blanchard, J	1.00	Telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding KEIP, lien claim issues, and DIP financing matters.
04/24/2026	Blanchard, J	1.00	Telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, and M. Gaona regarding case strategy and workstreams (.3); telephone conference with M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, and M. Gaona to discuss work assignments and updates (.7).
04/24/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Telephone conference with with M. Mokrzycka and H. Ross regarding KEIP.
04/24/2026	Blanchard, J	4.30	Review and analyze updated draft DIP financing term sheets, credit agreement, and interim order in connection with revising DIP financing motion (2.5); review and revise DIP financing motion (1.8).
04/24/2026	Brown, S	0.50	Further revise DIP Credit Agreement and distribute the same to S. McNellie.
04/24/2026	Caverlee, J	2.00	Review and revise DIP Credit Agreement markup; review revised Asset Purchase Agreement; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
04/24/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Analyze [redacted]
04/24/2026	Conover, J	1.50	Internal call with NRF team; correspondence with team regarding updated documents
04/24/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Draft Titus declaration in support of rejection motion
04/24/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Draft [redacted]
04/24/2026	Gaona, M	1.50	Review and analyze Nooter requests and identification of responsive documents.
04/24/2026	Gaona, M	0.90	Team meeting regarding status and strategy on all pending workstreams, including IDI preparation and scheduling, pending applications and motions, document production preparation and discovery.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group to discuss mechanic liens.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls with Jefferies re: sale issues and strategy.
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with working group re: [redacted].
04/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for TKJV and Kinterra.

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04/25/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and analyze 363(k) research and emails with working group.
04/25/2026	Conover, J	2.50	Conduct research on [redacted]
04/25/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Revise [redacted]
04/25/2026	Blanchard, J	1.90	Analyze [redacted] (1.6); draft summary of analysis (.3).
04/26/2026	Boland, J	1.00	Various emails with R. Manns regarding sale hearing/credit bid matters (.2); review and consider research, [redacted] and related analysis from NRF team regarding same (.8).
04/26/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to multiple working group emails re: negotiations.
04/26/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review mark-up of [redacted] (.2); emails with company re: same (.1).
04/26/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and analyze draft addendum and working group emails re: same.
04/26/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple working group emails re: appointment of unsecured creditors' commitee.
04/26/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Revisions to application to employ.
04/26/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with CRO re: strategy considerations.
04/26/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple emails with Nooter's counsel re: data room access and conflict issues.
04/26/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review UCC appointment.
Total		**162.90**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Boland, J	1.00	1,465.00	1,465.00
Bruner, B	3.70	1,340.00	4,958.00
Manns, R	41.30	1,355.00	55,961.50

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Rosenblatt, A	1.50	1,460.00	2,190.00
		Sub Total	**64,574.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	35.80	1,065.00	38,127.00
Caverlee, J	7.50	1,195.00	8,962.50
		Sub Total	**47,089.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Berthiaume, M	18.40	935.00	17,204.00
Mokrzycka, M	29.70	935.00	27,769.50
		Sub Total	**44,973.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	0.20	860.00	172.00
Brown, S	1.50	1,000.00	1,500.00
Conover, J	16.50	730.00	12,045.00
Gaona, M	5.50	1,040.00	5,720.00
Gizzo, C	0.30	1,080.00	324.00
		Sub Total	**19,761.00**
Total	**162.90**		**176,398.50**

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Professional Services Rendered to May 03, 2026

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04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on demand letter.
04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Further review of DIP term sheet and confer with opposing counsel.
04/14/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple emails with counsel for senior notes.
04/26/2026	Gaona, M	0.50	Draft objections and responses to Nooter requests for production.
04/27/2026	Gaona, M	0.50	Identify proper recipients of litigation hold.
04/27/2026	Manns, R	2.50	Analysis of strategies, outline memo and revise deck [redacted]
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Call with counsel for buyer re: strategy issues.
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with Special Committee.
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group to discuss strategy associated with [redacted].
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss approach with mechanic liens.
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Evening status update call with management team to discuss case updates.
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Call with working group of advisors to discuss latest developments.
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call and emails to discuss [redacted].
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss [redacted].
04/27/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Working group call with advisors and Special Committee.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.90	Draft and revise strategy memorandum regarding senior lienholders' credit bid.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with A&M regarding the IDI.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Call with Jefferies and AM regarding ongoing matters.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Call with Maegan Quejada regarding the liens and cash collateral (.2) and follow up call with J. Blanchard regarding the same (.1).

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04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.20	Review and analyze the underlying material regarding the Nooter claim.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.20	Review disclosures and update the employment application.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review comment to the rejection declaration of Adam Titus.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Call with A&M regarding KEIP.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review notice of organizational meeting.
04/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review and revise an update power point to management and confirm dates.
04/27/2026	Adams, K	0.40	Review and organize NDA for signature; coordinate signature of NDA.
04/27/2026	Berthiaume, M	6.70	Analysis of unsecured creditors committee issues [redacted]
04/27/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Review of live correspondence and related materials ahead of call with AM team and Jefferies team
04/27/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with AM and Jefferies teams regarding open items
04/27/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.90	Conference with NRF team regarding open items
04/27/2026	Blanchard, J	6.00	Telephone conference with R. Manns regarding sale strategy and issues concerning credit bid rights (.3); Telephone conference with J. Boland and J. Conover regarding credit bidding issues (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns, J. Boland, L. Maher, and investigations and construction teams regarding [redacted] (.6); Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding lien dispute issues (.1); draft memorandum of credit bidding issues for NRF team work assignments relating to same (.8); analyze [redacted] (1.5); review and analyze lien claimant and state court pleadings related in connection with same (2.5).
04/27/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Participate in telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, R. Manns and A&M employment team regarding proposed KEIP.
04/27/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Review and revise draft declaration in support of rejection motion.
04/27/2026	Blanchard, J	1.60	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, M. Berthiaume, and J. Conover regarding case work streams and assignments (.8); participate in telephone conference with

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			R. Manns, H. Ross, and A. Titus regarding budgeting and reporting matters (.6); participate in telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies team to discuss transaction and other case updates and strategy (.2).
04/27/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and [redacted] regarding lien issues.
04/27/2026	Boland, J	2.40	Review [redacted] (.9); call with R. Manns regarding bid strategy / process (.3); call with J. Blanchard and J. Conover regarding same (.3); attend all hands NRF call regarding same (.6); numerous follow up emails with team regarding same (.3).
04/27/2026	Boland, J	0.10	Review liquidity update (.1).
04/27/2026	Bruner, B	0.60	Conference with NRF team regarding credit bid issues.
04/27/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Strategy conference with J. Boland and J. Blanchard on approach to lienholders
04/27/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Conduct research on appropriate procedure for objecting to credit bidding
04/27/2026	Conover, J	1.50	Analyze [redacted]
04/27/2026	Conover, J	2.90	Draft Motion to Limit Credit Bidding
04/27/2026	Conover, J	3.10	Strategy conference with internal NRF team on workstream approach; conduct research on objections to and motions to limit credit bidding
04/27/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Weekly check-in call with A&M and Jefferies teams
04/27/2026	Gaona, M	1.30	Reviewed client documents and records to identify core, non-objectionable materials for voluntary production to unsecured creditors committee in advance of formal discovery requests.
04/27/2026	Gaona, M	2.10	Draft objections and responses to Nooter's Requests for Production; Investigate document collection in response to Nooter Requests for Production.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Attention to bank L/C issues and call with working group re: same.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Presentation to management team on strategic considerations.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Status update call with management team.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for [redacted].

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04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management team to discuss strategic considerations.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call and emails with counsel for TKJV.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call and emails with counsel for TQL.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and respond to emails with counsel for Senior CLNs.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group call to discuss case developments.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Revisions to application to employ and emails with management team.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to premium finance agreement and working group emails re: same.
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss lien investigation and strategy..
04/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	4.80	Continue to review [redacted] (1.9) draft background section for the motion (2.9).
04/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review standard regarding the reconstitution of the committee.
04/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Draft communication to creditor regarding refusal to provide performance (.3) and review of related agreements (.3).
04/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Answer A&M's questions regarding schedules and statements.
04/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Attend the IDI (.2) and attention to follow up communication (.1).
04/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Additional edits to Jefferies application (.1) and confer with Henry Thomas regarding the same (.1).
04/28/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Attention to executory contract issues
04/28/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.30	Analysis of lien issues related to credit bid
04/28/2026	Berthiaume, M	5.50	Attention to credit bid rejection motion
04/28/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Attention to insurance issues including premium financing arrangement
04/28/2026	Blanchard, J	0.10	Draft comments to proposed response to creditor for potential stay violation.
04/28/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Review and analyze precedent and updated materials regarding potential KEIP.
04/28/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Review and analyze [redacted]

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			[redacted] (.2); draft email correspondence to J. Conover regarding comments to [redacted] (.1).
04/28/2026	Blanchard, J	0.80	Analyze [redacted] (.5); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns and company management regarding negotiations with lenders (.3).
04/28/2026	Blanchard, J	5.10	Review and analyze draft motion to limit credit bidding in connection with providing comments to same (.9); confer with M. Mokrzycka regarding credit bidding issues in connection with comments to motion (.2); analyze credit bidding issues and precedent in connection with providing comments to motion (1.5); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns and counsel to [redacted] regarding sale and credit bidding issues (.5); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, A&M, and counsel to [redacted] regarding sale and credit bidding issues (.5); telephone conference with R. Manns, J. Boland, and A&M teams regarding analysis of lien claims in connection with motion to limit credit bidding (.8); telephone conferences with R. Manns regarding sale and credit biding strategy and work streams (.7).
04/28/2026	Boland, J	0.80	Numerous emails with A&M team regarding strategy call (.1); attend call with A&M and NRF teams regarding same (.7).
04/28/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Correspondence with J. Blanchard on [redacted]
04/28/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Analyze [redacted]
04/28/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Conduct research on mechanic's lien priority and ability to relate back
04/28/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Draft correspondence with [redacted]
04/28/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Revise argument section to Motion to Limit Credit Bidding
04/28/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Call with [redacted] on negotiations over credit bid stipulation
04/28/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Revisions to strategy PPT presentation
04/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Summary email response to counsel for TQL and Victory.
04/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	5.10	Review, finalize, and file the OCP Motion (.9); revise and file the Interim Compensation (.6), finalize and file the

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			employment applications under seal (2.0) prepare redacted version (1.1) and file the same (.3); confer with Weil regarding the same (.2).
04/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Call with A&M and Jefferies regarding next steps and ongoing issues.
04/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with the Trustee and AM team regarding the bank accounts.
04/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.50	Review additional materials form A&M regarding KEIP (.6); review additional precedent regarding KEIP (.6) and revise the motion (2.3).
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails re: premium finance agreement.
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with Committee counsel.
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Special Committee and advisors.
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to emails with counsel for TKJV
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to Alvarez and analysis and emails related to same.
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of bid procedures order and IOI requirements.
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group call with estate advisors.
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple emails from Mr. Powell regarding: CLN issues.
04/29/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with Bill Transier.
04/29/2026	Boland, J	1.40	Call with R. Manns regarding sale hearing matters (.3); review research and precedent from J. Conover regarding credit bid matters (.4); review Legora summary of Lopez sale hearing/credit bid transcripts (.2); review A&M lien review analysis and emails with team regarding same (.5).
04/29/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Participate in introductory meeting with R. Manns, A. Titus, and counsel to the UCC regarding second day matters, DIP financing, and sale issues.
04/29/2026	Blanchard, J	5.50	Draft memorandum of issues in connection with revising motion to limit credit bidding and related adversary complaint (.8); review and revise draft motion to deny or limit credit bidding (4.2); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, NRF, A&M, and Jefferies team to discuss sale process updates (.5)
04/29/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conference with M. Berthiaume and M. Mokrzycka regarding case work streams and assignments.

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04/29/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding KEIP precedent and revisions to motion.
04/29/2026	Berthiaume, M	7.90	Attention to lien issues including 363(k) motion and complaint
04/29/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Conference with NRF team regarding action items
04/29/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Research In Re TPI Composites, Inc. case re credit bid issue; forward information to M. Mokrzycka.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review Elemental correspondence letters and confer with working group.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call with management and advisors to discuss bid and sale issues.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for TKJV.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Multiple calls and emails with CRO.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with counsel for Senior CLNs.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Status update call with management and advisors.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with working group re: credit bid issues.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Extended call with management re: asset preservation.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with counsel for junior CLNs.
04/30/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Multiple calls and emails with Special Committee
04/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.50	Call with the Group regarding lien issues (.6) and follow up call with J. Boland and Jason Blanchard regarding the adversary (and .4) and follow up call with the group regarding work stream and the motions and complaint (.5).
04/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review the notice of withdrawal from the agreement and related materials (.3) and follow up call with R. Manns regarding the same (.3)
04/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	5.30	Review and revise the credit bid motion (2.7) additional research regarding lien credit bid (1.6) and review of additional materials (1.0).
04/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Kim Adams regarding transcripts.
04/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Numerous communication with Scarlett McNeille regarding Airgas' refusal to provide gas (.3); review of agreements (.2) draft a letter to Airgas (.5) and call with Hallie Ross regarding the same (.1).

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04/30/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Get update re: status of DIP/sale discussions and addressing opposition from mechanic's lienholders.
04/30/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Correspondence with UCC counsel providing requested documentation
04/30/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Conduct research on types of adversary complaints filed in conjunction with the motions to limit credit bidding
04/30/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Internal workstream coordination call with J. Blanchard, M. Mokrzycka, and M. Berthiaume
04/30/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Internal NRF call with R. Manns, J. Blanchard, J. Boland, M. Mokrzycka, L. Maher, E. Cluskey, M. Berthiaume, and M. Ganoa regarding Motion to Limit Credit Bidding strategy
04/30/2026	Burton, S	0.70	Telephone call with [redacted].
04/30/2026	Boland, J	1.90	Numerous emails with team regarding call to discuss bid / sale strategy (.1); review draft motion to limit credit bid rights (.4); attend all hands call with NRF team regarding strategy (.7); follow up call with Jay. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka regarding same (.4); preliminary research on BR 7001 and emails with team regarding same (.3).
04/30/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.20	Engage in correspondence regarding diligence request list.
04/30/2026	Blanchard, J	6.50	Telephone conference R. Manns, L. Maher and other NRF team members regarding lien claim issues for credit bidding and sale (.7); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Boland regarding credit bidding matters (.3); telephone conference with R. Manns, L. Maher, and counsel to TKJV regarding sale and credit bidding matters (.5); analyze priority issues in connection with proposed sale proceeds waterfall (.7); telephone conference with counsel to the City and A. Titus regarding sale process and related issues (.4); review and revise motion to limit credit bidding (3.2); analyze supporting documents in connection with same (.7).
04/30/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, M. Berthiaume, and J. Conover regarding case work streams and assignments (.6); telephone conference with special committee, A&M, Jefferies, and NRF team members regarding case strategy matters (.5).
04/30/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Analyze issues concerning premium financing agreements (.3); email correspondence with H. Ross and R. Manns regarding recommended next steps concerning premium finance agreements (.2).

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04/30/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conferences with R. Manns regarding [redacted] (.5); telephone conference with A. Titus regarding [redacted] (.1).
04/30/2026	Blanchard, J	3.20	Draft comments and revisions to updated KEIP motion.
04/30/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.60	Attention to discovery related issues including platform, upload of files, and circulation.
04/30/2026	Berthiaume, M	5.70	Preparation of draft complaint under 7001
04/30/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.70	Analysis of documents circulated by construction team related to lien, perfection and release
04/30/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Work with IT Department re listserv set-up.
04/30/2026	Adams, K	0.20	Prepare transcript request for 4/17/26 continued hearing; file same.
Total		**154.00**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Boland, J	6.60	1,465.00	9,669.00
Bruner, B	0.60	1,340.00	804.00
Burton, S	0.70	1,585.00	1,109.50
Manns, R	24.60	1,355.00	33,333.00
Rosenblatt, A	0.40	1,460.00	584.00
		Sub Total	**45,499.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	34.10	1,065.00	36,316.50
		Sub Total	**36,316.50**

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NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Berthiaume, M	32.40	935.00	30,294.00
Mokrzycka, M	33.50	935.00	31,322.50
		Sub Total	**61,616.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	0.20	860.00	172.00
Conover, J	14.60	730.00	10,658.00
Gaona, M	4.40	1,040.00	4,576.00
		Sub Total	**15,406.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	1.90	440.00	836.00
		Sub Total	**836.00**
Total	**154.00**		**159,674.50**

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Professional Services Rendered to April 19, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	4,216.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 4,216.00**

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DATE	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT	TASK	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
04/13/2026	Cluskey, E	0.20	112.00	B190		Finalize and file Notice of Suggestions of Bankruptcy and correspondence with L. Maher regarding same.
04/13/2026	Maher, L	0.60	489.60	B190		Coordinate submission of suggestions of bankruptcy and decommissioning of document storage.
04/14/2026	Maher, L	0.30	244.80	B130		Analyze status of [redacted].
04/15/2026	Cluskey, E	0.40	224.00	B130		Prepare letter to [redacted] and strategy conference with L. Maher regarding same.
04/15/2026	Cluskey, E	0.30	168.00	B190		Correspondence with J. Blanchard regarding state court and arbitration pleadings and analysis of Turner-Kokosing's claims.
04/15/2026	Maher, L	1.50	1,224.00	B130		Conferences with TKJV and R. Manns regarding TK's claims objection; correspondence with attorney team regarding same; [redacted].
04/16/2026	Maher, L	1.20	979.20	B130		Conferences with attorney team regarding lien status and strategy; coordinate arbitration closeout; correspondence with client team regarding [redacted] dispute.
04/17/2026	Cluskey, E	0.80	448.00	B130		Review and analyze [redacted] and correspondence with L. Maher regarding same.
04/17/2026	Maher, L	0.40	326.40	B150		Correspondence with [redacted]; analyze same.
Total		**5.70**	**4,216.00**			

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NAME	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Maher, L	Partner	4.00	816.00	3,264.00
Cluskey, E	Associate	1.70	560.00	952.00
Total		**5.70**		**4,216.00**

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Professional Services Rendered to April 26, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	5,548.80
Disbursements	29.71
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 5,578.51**

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DATE	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT	TASK	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
04/20/2026	Maher, L	2.10	1,713.60	B130		Conferences with attorney team and subcontractors to discuss claims; coordinate arbitration and expert closeout; correspondence with client and attorney team regarding TKJV claims; analyze [redacted].
04/21/2026	Maher, L	1.70	1,387.20	B130		Conferences and correspondence with attorney team to discuss claims strategy; analyze Nooter's discovery requests; review [redacted].
04/22/2026	Maher, L	0.90	734.40	B130		Conferences with attorney team and correspondence with client to discuss claims strategy.
04/23/2026	Maher, L	1.30	1,060.80	B150		Conferences with attorney team to discuss claims strategy; [redacted]; review [redacted]; review Nooter's requests for production.
04/24/2026	Maher, L	0.80	652.80	B130		Correspondence with attorney team to discuss claims strategy; analyze and develop same.
Total		**6.80**	**5,548.80**			

TIME SUMMARY

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Maher, L	Partner	6.80	816.00	5,548.80
Total		**6.80**		**5,548.80**

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Courier Fees		29.71
	Sub Total	**29.71**
	TOTAL	**29.71**

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Professional Services Rendered to April 30, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	7,376.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 7,376.00**

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04/26/2026	Maher, L	0.20	163.20	B130		Correspondence with attorney team to discuss claims strategy.
04/27/2026	Cluskey, E	1.00	560.00	B190		Review and analyze correspondence regarding [redacted]; strategy conference with R. Manns, L. Maher and others [redacted]; strategy conference with L. Maher regarding Nooter's requests for production.
04/27/2026	Maher, L	1.50	1,224.00	B130		Conferences and correspondence with attorney team to discuss claims strategy; analyze strategy and corresponding documentation to support same.
04/28/2026	Maher, L	0.70	571.20	B190		Analyze strategy for responding to Nooter's requests for production; review document production strategy.
04/29/2026	Maher, L	2.00	1,632.00	B130		Conferences and correspondence with attorney team to discuss claims strategy; analyze Alvarez's claims analysis.
04/30/2026	Cluskey, E	2.70	1,512.00	B130		Strategy conference with R. Manns, J. Blanchard, L. Maher and others regarding strategy for [redacted] strategy conference with L. Maher regarding response to Nooter's requests for production and begin to compile same; correspondence with M. Berthiaume regarding lien filings, overview of Kentucky lien law, lienholder settlement agreements; [redacted].

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Matter Description	Hopkinsville Kentucky Lien Dispute				

04/30/2026	Maher, L	2.10	1,713.60	B130	Conferences and correspondence with attorney team and TKJV regarding claims objections; analyze current draft of Motion to Limit [redacted] credit bid.
Total		**10.20**	**7,376.00**		

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Maher, L	Partner	6.50	816.00	5,304.00
Cluskey, E	Associate	3.70	560.00	2,072.00
Total		**10.20**		**7,376.00**

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Professional Services Rendered to April 19, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	27,666.40
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 27,666.40**

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DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
04/10/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements team and Department of Energy representatives regarding closeout of DOE grant for Hopkinsville facility.
04/10/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	First day bankruptcy hearing with Judge Lopez.
04/14/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, [redacted], noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
04/14/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Weil Gotshal, representing certain senior CLN noteholders and junior CLN noteholders regarding comments to the bid procedures order.
04/14/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review and revise term sheet received from [redacted] and discussion and correspondence with the Ascend Elements, Alvarez & Marsal and Jefferies teams regarding comments to the term sheet.
04/14/2026	Segrest, C	0.20	Correspondence re: Cash Collateral Order.
04/15/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, [redacted], noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
04/15/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Discussion and correspondence with Weil Gotshal, representing certain senior CLN noteholders and junior CLN noteholders, and the Jefferies team regarding an update on discussions with potential bidders.
04/15/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Review and revise term sheet received from [redacted] and discussion and correspondence with the Latham team regarding comments to the term sheet.

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04/16/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Hearing on the bid procedures order before Judge Lopez.
04/16/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Discussion and correspondence with Weil Gotshal, representing certain senior CLN noteholders and junior CLN noteholders, and the Jefferies team regarding an update on discussions with potential bidders.
04/16/2026	McNellie, S	4.00	Strategizing and planning [redacted]
04/16/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, [redacted], noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
04/17/2026	Braun, A	0.80	[Employment matters] Telephone conferences with client and S. McNellie regarding employee incentive programs.
04/17/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell, Barbara Knight and Adam Braun regarding employee benefit plans and employee incentive plans, and review related materials regarding same.
04/17/2026	McNellie, S	0.50	Continued Hearing on the bid procedures order before Judge Lopez.
04/17/2026	McNellie, S	0.50	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, [redacted], noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
04/17/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with [redacted] and Jefferies regarding questions about the bankruptcy process, DIP loan, asset purchase, and timing of bid and bid procedures in Chapter 11 proceeding for Ascend Elements.
Total		**22.50**	

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Partner			
Braun, A	0.80	1,028.00	822.40
McNellie, S	21.50	1,240.00	26,660.00
Segrest, C	0.20	920.00	184.00
Total	**22.50**		**27,666.40**

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Professional Services Rendered to April 26, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	32,837.20
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 32,837.20**

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DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
04/20/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, [redacted], noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
04/20/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review Stockholders Agreement and Bylaws regarding required actions by the board of directors.
04/21/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell regarding required actions by the board of directors under the Stockholders Agreement and Bylaws.
04/21/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review and revise term sheet received from [redacted] related to DIP loan and asset purchase agreement and discussion and correspondence with the Ascend Elements, Alvarez & Marsal and Jefferies teams regarding comments to the term sheet.
04/21/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with [redacted], regarding the bankruptcy process, diligence and structuring queries.
04/21/2026	Segrest, C	0.50	Review revised [redacted].
04/22/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.80	Draft unanimous written consent of board [redacted]; revise draft of meeting minutes; engage in correspondence regarding the same.
04/22/2026	Braun, A	1.50	[Employment matters] Draft term sheet regarding employee incentive programs; correspondence with S. McNellie regarding same.
04/22/2026	Bryles, K	1.40	Confer with T. Schroeder regarding research inquiry; research at direction of T. Schroeder.
04/22/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Special Committee Meeting updates - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, [redacted], noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.

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04/22/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with [redacted], and the Jefferies team regarding the [redacted].
04/22/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Weil Gotshal tax team, representing certain senior CLN noteholders and junior CLN noteholders, the A&M tax team and the NRF tax team regarding [redacted].
04/22/2026	Schroeder, T	3.10	Call regarding the proposed structure for a reorganization (1.0); research the [redacted] (1.8); review and comment on a summary of information need to plan the structure (0.3).
04/23/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.60	Analyze current draft of disclosure schedules; update in accordance with new information; engage in correspondence regarding the same.
04/23/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Fifth Wall, Doral, Goodwin, Uzzi, the Jefferies team and the A&M regarding the potential bidders, negotiations with noteholders and lien holders and the bankruptcy process questions.
04/23/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review and revise term sheet received from Latham and [redacted].
04/23/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting updates - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, [redacted], noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
04/23/2026	Schroeder, T	0.20	Review and analyze research on the ordinary course creditor aspects of Code section 382(l)(5).
04/23/2026	Segrest, C	3.90	Review revised Term Sheet; revise [redacted] APA.
04/24/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell regarding [redacted].
04/24/2026	Segrest, C	2.10	Revise [redacted] APA.
Total		**29.60**	

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TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Braun, A	1.50	1,028.00	1,542.00
McNellie, S	15.50	1,240.00	19,220.00
Schroeder, T	3.30	1,248.00	4,118.40
Segrest, C	6.50	920.00	5,980.00
		Sub Total	**30,860.40**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	1.40	688.00	963.20
Bryles, K	1.40	724.00	1,013.60
		Sub Total	**1,976.80**
Total	**29.60**		**32,837.20**

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 9, 2026 TO APRIL 30, 2026

Name of applicant:	Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
Role in case:	Counsel to the Debtors
Date of retention:	May 21, 2026, *effective as of* April 9, 2026 [Dkt. No. 370]
Period covered:	April 9, 2026 through April 30, 2026
Fees incurred:	$10,099.70
20% holdback:	$2,019.94
Total fees incurred less 20% holdback:	$8,079.76
Expenses incurred:	$2,000.00
Total fees (80%) and expenses (100%) due:	$10,079.76
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	$969.58
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	$935.16

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

In accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 369] , each party receiving notice of the monthly fee statement will have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), 14 days after service of the monthly fee statement to object to the requested fees and expenses. Upon the expiration of such 14-day period, the Debtors are authorized to pay the Professional an amount of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the applicable monthly fee statement.

1. Pursuant to sections 327, 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 Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "Retention Order") [Dkt. No. 370], and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Order") [Dkt. No. 369], the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF"), counsel for Ascend Elements, Inc. *et al.* (the "Debtors"), hereby files this supplemental monthly statement for (a) compensation in the amount of $8,079.76 (80% of $10,099.70) for the reasonable and necessary legal services NRF rendered to the Debtors from April 9, 2026 through and including April 30, 2026 (the "Compensation Period") and (b) reimbursement for 100% of the actual and necessary expenses that NRF incurred, in the amount of $2,000.00 during the Compensation Period.

2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a billing summary of NRF professionals and paraprofessionals by individual, setting forth the (a) name and title of each individual who performed services during the Compensation Period, (b) aggregate time expended by each such

individual, (c) hourly billing rate for each such individual, and (d) amount of fees earned by each NRF professional and paraprofessional.

3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a summary of hours and fees by task code.

4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a summary of reimbursement sought by expense type for all expenses for the Compensation Period incurred in connection with the performance of professional services.

5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is NRF's itemized time records of its professionals and paraprofessionals and itemized records of reimbursement sought for the Compensation Period.

6. This Supplemental Monthly Fee Statement includes all the information and supporting detail regarding fees and expenses available to NRF at the time of the filing of this Supplemental Monthly Fee Statement. If additional information and supporting detail in connection with this Compensation Period should become available as a result of delays in accounting processing or an inadvertence with respect to time or expenses entered in the accounting system, or any other reason, NRF reserves the right to make an application to the Court for an allowance of such fees and expenses not included in this Supplemental Monthly Statement.

7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, each Monthly Fee Statement shall be served upon: (a) the Debtors, c/o Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 1550 Lamar, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: Ryan Manns (ryan.manns@nortonrosefulbright.com), Maria Mokrzycka (maria.mokrzycka@nortonrosefulbright.com), and Jason I. Blanchard (jason.blanchard@nortonrosefulbright.com); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Ha Nguyen (Ha.Nguyen@usdoj.gov) and Vianey Garza (Vianey.Garza@usdoj.gov); (c) counsel to the Senior Secured Holders: Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153,

Attn: Sunny Singh (sunny.singh@weil.com), and 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Stephanie Morrison (stephanie.morrison@weil.com) and Emma Wheeler (emma.wheeler@weil.com); Goodwin Procter LLP, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Robert Lemons (rlemons@goodwinlaw.com) and Debora Hoehne (dhoehne@goodwinlaw.com); and Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, Attn: Jason Brookner (jbrookner@grayreed.com); and (d) counsel to the Committee, McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 2801 North Harwood Street, Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Charles R. Gibbs (crgibbs@mcdermottlaw.com) and Kristin K. Going (kgoing@mcdermottlaw.com).

8. Any party in interest shall have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) on the date that is fourteen (14) days after service of this Monthly Fee Statement (the "Monthly Objection Deadline") to review such statement and, in the event that such party in interest has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in this Supplemental Monthly Fee Statement, such party in interest shall, on or before the Monthly Objection Deadline, serve upon NRF and upon the Debtors, a written notice of objection (the "Objection") setting forth the nature of the Objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

WHEREFORE, NRF, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors, respectfully requests (a) allowance of compensation and reimbursement in the amount of (i) $8,079.76 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered (80% of $10,099.70) and (ii) $2,000.00 for 100% of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and (b) payment of the forgoing sums.

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Dated: July 10, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP

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EXHIBIT A

COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL
APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Mike Fleming	Project Manager/ Discovery Analytics	Litigation Technology/ E-Discovery	N/A	$350.00	0.6	**210.00**
Maryclaire Kennedy	Senior Associate	Financial Institutions Disputes	2020	$934.00	8.3	**7,752.00**
Andrey Spektor	Partner	Litigation and Disputes	2010	$1,125.00	1.9	**2,137.50**
				TOTAL	**10.8**	**$10,099.70**

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B130: Asset Disposition	10.8	10,099.70
TOTAL	**10.8**	**10,099.70**

EXHIBIT C

REIMBURSEMENT BY EXPENSE TYPE
APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026

Description	Amount
eDiscovery	2,000.00
Total:	**$2,000.00**

EXHIBIT D

TIME DETAIL

INVOICE

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Matter Number	1001338588
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	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	10,099.70
Other Charges	2,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 12,099.70**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
04/09/2026	Kennedy, M	1.40	1,307.60	Email R. Mann regarding DOE status call to confirm any specific objectives or information needed from the meeting; email R. Lin concerning DOE status call; prepare and attend strategy call with R.Lin, D.Powell, and S. McNeille; analyze [redacted]; discuss same with A. Spektor and email R. Lin regarding [redacted]; confirm dates and draft revised narrative; circulate same to R. Lin.
04/10/2026	Fleming, M	0.20	70.00	Prepare disposition options, estimates, and database for archiving.
04/10/2026	Kennedy, M	1.10	1,027.40	Prepare for and attend DOE status call; revise notes from same and circulate to team.
04/13/2026	Fleming, M	0.20	70.00	Prepare cost estimate and database for archival.
04/13/2026	Fleming, M	0.20	70.00	Prepare database for archiving.
04/13/2026	Kennedy, M	0.50	467.00	Prepare for and attend call with AUSA, A. Spektor, and R. Mann to discuss CH 11 filing and next steps.
04/13/2026	Spektor, A	0.50	562.50	Prepare for and attend meeting with AUSA to discuss bankruptcy filing; strategize with M. Kennedy; correspond with D. Powell.
04/23/2026	Kennedy, M	0.20	186.80	Attend status call with DOE; revise and circulate notes from same to client and A. Spektor.
04/27/2026	Kennedy, M	1.80	1,681.20	Review report and findings to prepare for internal strategy sync to respond to TKJV and Nooter credit bids; review [redacted] attend internal sync; [redacted] and Nooter counterclaims to bankruptcy team; confer with A. Spektor to respond to team's questions in response to same; strategize with A. Spektor [redacted]; call L. Congelton and leave voicemail.
04/27/2026	Spektor, A	0.90	1,012.50	Attend call with NRF restructuring and litigation teams to discuss strategy, investigation, and access to witness; discuss with L. Maher; call

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				with M. Kennedy to provide guidance on next steps.
04/28/2026	Kennedy, M	0.90	840.60	Analyze correspondence regarding Nooter RFPs and proposed response; discuss same with A. Spektor and strategy [redacted] call lead DOE OIG agent L.Congleton at office and on cell; email same to discuss status of bankruptcy proceeding; call C. Burke at office and on cell; email same to discuss status of bankruptcy proceeding.
04/28/2026	Spektor, A	0.50	562.50	Discuss with M. Kennedy outreach to government; correspond with NRF team and D. Powell re: Nooters' requests.
04/29/2026	Kennedy, M	0.50	467.00	Call with DOE OIG C. Burke; email update internally and discuss same with A. Spektor.
04/30/2026	Kennedy, M	1.90	1,774.60	Coordinate with E. Cluskey on factual themes, document support, and strategy for anticipated motion to limit credit bid, including [redacted]; create vault of pertinent documents and communications to facilitate AI assisted preliminary review and drafting; bucket [redacted] with bankruptcy team.
Total		**10.80**	**10,099.70**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP				
Houston				
Fleming, M	Practice Support	0.60	350.00	210.00
			Sub Total	**210.00**
New York				
Kennedy, M	Senior Associate	8.30	934.00	7,752.20
Spektor, A	Partner	1.90	1,125.00	2,137.50

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	Sub Total	**9,889.70**
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP	**Total**	**10,099.70**
	GRAND TOTAL	**10,099.70**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION		**AMOUNT**
eDiscovery		2,000.00
	Sub Total	**2,000.00**
	TOTAL	**2,000.00**

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

SECOND MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 2026 TO MAY 31, 2026

Name of applicant:	Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
Role in case:	Counsel to the Debtors
Date of retention:	May 21, 2026, *effective as of* April 9, 2026 [Dkt. No. 370]
Period covered:	May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026
Fees incurred:	$1,443,767.94
20% holdback:	$288,753.59
Total fees incurred less 20% holdback:	$1,155,014.35
Expenses incurred:	$6,350.30
Total fees (80%) and expenses (100%) due:	$1,161,364.65
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	$1,059.98
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	$1,047.73

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

In accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 369] , each party receiving notice of the monthly fee statement will have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), 14 days after service of the monthly fee statement to object to the requested fees and expenses. Upon the expiration of such 14-day period, the Debtors are authorized to pay the Professional an amount of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the applicable monthly fee statement.

1. Pursuant to sections 327, 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 Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "Retention Order") [Dkt. No. 370], and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Order") [Dkt. No. 369], the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF"), counsel for Ascend Elements, Inc. *et al.* (the "Debtors"), hereby files this monthly statement for (a) compensation in the amount of $1,161,364.65 (80% of $1,443,767.94) for the reasonable and necessary legal services NRF rendered to the Debtors from May 1, 2026 through and including May 31, 2025 (the "Compensation Period") and (b) reimbursement for 100% of the actual and necessary expenses that NRF incurred, in the amount of $6,350.30 during the Compensation Period.

2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a billing summary of NRF professionals and paraprofessionals by individual, setting forth the (a) name and title of each individual who performed services during the Compensation Period, (b) aggregate time expended by each such

individual, (c) hourly billing rate for each such individual, and (d) amount of fees earned by each NRF professional and paraprofessional.

3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a summary of hours and fees by task code.

4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a summary of reimbursement sought by expense type for all expenses for the Compensation Period incurred in connection with the performance of professional services.

5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is NRF's itemized time records of its professionals and paraprofessionals and itemized records of reimbursement sought for the Compensation Period.

6. This Monthly Fee Statement includes all the information and supporting detail regarding fees and expenses available to NRF at the time of the filing of this Monthly Fee Statement. If additional information and supporting detail in connection with this Compensation Period should become available as a result of delays in accounting processing or an inadvertence with respect to time or expenses entered in the accounting system, or any other reason, NRF reserves the right to make an application to the Court for an allowance of such fees and expenses not included in this Monthly Statement.

7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, each Monthly Fee Statement shall be served upon: (a) the Debtors, c/o Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 1550 Lamar, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: Ryan Manns (ryan.manns@nortonrosefulbright.com), Maria Mokrzycka (maria.mokrzycka@nortonrosefulbright.com), and Jason I. Blanchard (jason.blanchard@nortonrosefulbright.com); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Ha Nguyen (Ha.Nguyen@usdoj.gov) and Vianey Garza (Vianey.Garza@usdoj.gov); (c) counsel to the Senior Secured Holders: Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153,

Attn: Sunny Singh (sunny.singh@weil.com), and 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Stephanie Morrison (stephanie.morrison@weil.com) and Emma Wheeler (emma.wheeler@weil.com); Goodwin Procter LLP, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Robert Lemons (rlemons@goodwinlaw.com) and Debora Hoehne (dhoehne@goodwinlaw.com); and Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, Attn: Jason Brookner (jbrookner@grayreed.com); and (d) counsel to the Committee, McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 2801 North Harwood Street, Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Charles R. Gibbs (crgibbs@mcdermottlaw.com) and Kristin K. Going (kgoing@mcdermottlaw.com).

8. Any party in interest shall have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) on the date that is fourteen (14) days after service of this Monthly Fee Statement (the "Monthly Objection Deadline") to review such statement and, in the event that such party in interest has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in this Monthly Fee Statement, such party in interest shall, on or before the Monthly Objection Deadline, serve upon NRF and upon the Debtors, a written notice of objection (the "Objection") setting forth the nature of the Objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

WHEREFORE, NRF, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors, respectfully requests (a) allowance of compensation and reimbursement in the amount of (i) $1,161,364.65 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered (80% of $1,443,767.94) and (ii) $6,350.30 for 100% of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and (b) payment of the forgoing sums.

Dated: June 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL
MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Ryan Manns	Partner	Restructuring	2003	$1,355.00	232.0	314,360.00
Maria Mokrzycka	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2020	$935.00	169.5	158,482.50
Kim Adams	Paralegal	Restructuring	N/A	$440.00	34.7	15,268.00
Salome Ayache	Associate	Corporate/ M&A	2026	$672.12	2.8	1,881.91
Michael Berthiaume	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2019	$935.00	48.3	**45,160.50**
Jason Blanchard	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2012	$1,065.00	208.8	**222,372.00**
Danielle Bodunrin	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2023	$860.00	8.7	**7,464.80**
Jason Boland	Partner	Restructuring	2003	$1,465.00	10.5	**15,382.50**
Adam Braun	Partner	Tax-Employee Benefits	2018	$1,028.00	3.9	**4,009.20**
Spencer Brown	Associate	Finance	2022	$1,000.00	19.1	**19,100.00**
Scott Burton	Partner	Environmental and Mass Tort	1981	$1,585.00	3.7	**5,864.50**
John Caverlee	Senior Counsel	Finance	1998	$1,195.00	29.0	**34,655.00**
Elsie Cluskey	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2023	$560.00	15.4	**8,624.00**
John Conover	Associate	Restructuring	2023	$730.00	124.3	**90,739.00**
James Copeland	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2011	$1,210.00	1.9	**2,299.00**
Hobz De Caux	Associate	London Corporate	2025	$866.88	9.1	**7,888.53**
de Fleurieu, Marie-Adélaïde	Counsel	Corporate/ M&A	2010	$1,174.72	9.0	**10,572.49**
Alannah Frost	Senior Associate	Banking	2019	$1,478.38	2.0	**2,956.76**
Madison Gaona	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2021	$1,040.00	23.0	**23,920.00**
Cassandra Gizzo	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2021	$1,080.00	5.5	**5,940.00**
Maryclaire Kennedy	Senior Associate	Financial Institutions Disputes	2020	$934.00	21.2	**19,800.80**
Kendall Killian	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2025	$675.00	28.9	**16,875.00**

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Bérengère Levivier	Associate	Banking	2026	$672.11	2.0	**1,344.22**
Anne-Louise Lorenzo	Associate	Banking	2019	$853.28	8.6	**7,338.20**
Luke Maher	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2009	$816.00	20.2	**16,483.20**
Scarlet McNellie	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2003	$1,240.00	206.5	**256,060.00**
Tom Meaney	Senior Counsel	Patents	1992	$996.00	3.7	**3,685.20**
Christine Miramontes	Senior Paralegal	Finance	N/A	$495.00	1.0	**455.40**
Georgia Mortimer Tracy	Associate	General Banking	2026	$866.88	4.4	**3,814.23**
Josh Owings	Senior Counsel	Employment and Labor	2013	$888.00	2.0	**1,776.00**
Eric Rastogi	Senior Project Manager	Litigation Technology/ E-Discovery	N/A	$350.00	0.4	**140.00**
Andrew Rosenblatt	Partner	Restructuring	1998	$1,460.00	18.9	**27,594.00**
Caleb Segrest	Partner	Corporate, MA and Securities	2015	$920.00	81.6	**75,072.00**
Andrey Spektor	Partner	Litigation and Disputes	2010	$1,125.00	10.5	**11,812.50**
Oria Wilson-Iguade	Associate	Corporate Finance	2025	$675.00	6.9	**4,576.50**
				TOTAL	**1,378.0**	**1,443,767.94**

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B110: Case Administration	1.4	1,019.50
B120: Asset Analysis and Recovery	6.2	4,936.00
B130: Asset Disposition	653.3	684,395.21
B140: Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection Proceedings	6.1	5,437.00
B150: Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	53.1	66,096.00
B160: Employment and Fee Applications	23.0	12,502.00
B170: Employment and Fee Objections	3.5	3,289.50
B180: Avoidance Action Analysis	0.5	677.50
B185: Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts	27.5	27,851.00
B190: Other Contested Matters	137.0	137,006.42
B195: Non-working travel	25.9	29,468.50
B210: Business Operations	32.0	31,282.06
B220: Employee Benefits/Pensions	5.1	4,951.90
B230: Financing/Cash Collections	330.7	353,061.20
B240: Tax Issues	1.2	997.00
B260: Board of Directors Matters	59.9	69,507.65
B310: Claims Administration and Objections	6.7	5,997.50

B320: Plan and Disclosure Statement	4.9	5,292.00
TOTAL	**1,378.0**	**1,443,767.94**

EXHIBIT C

REIMBURSEMENT BY EXPENSE TYPE
MAY 1, 2026 THROUGH MAY 31, 2026

Description	Amount
Transcript Fee	$1,132.69
Travel	5,110.61
eDiscovery	107.00
Total:	**$6,350.30**

EXHIBIT D

TIME DETAIL

INVOICE

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Invoice Number	9495716218
Matter Number	1001360035
Invoice Date	June 10, 2026
NRF Contact	Ryan E. Manns
Your Reference	4500005358

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to May 10, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	261,053.50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 261,053.50**

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DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
05/01/2026	Rastogi, E	0.20	Correspond with M. Berthiaume regarding database navigation and review workflow training.
05/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review the cash collateral reply.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Revisions to credit agreement.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with Debtors' advisors.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	1.20	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for TKJV.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with Committee counsel.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call with Special Committee and advisors to discuss status update.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for United Electric.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails with counsel for CLNs.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Analyze draft updated DIP budget and working group emails re: same.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Working group call to discuss credit agreement.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with mgt team to discuss status update.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	1.30	Call and emails with Latham to discuss status issues, finalizing DIP and APA and property taxes.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Calls with Bill Transier re: property taxes and mortgages and transaction update.
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with TKJV lien holders regarding their liens and credit bid.
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.70	Draft and revise O'Hara declaration in support of the DIP motion.
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise declarations in support of the motions.
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review the DIP terms/loan agreement (.5) and confer with NRF team regarding the same (.1).
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Draft a notice of the stalking horse designation.
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with J. Conover regarding calls from creditors.
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.90	Review the DIP term sheet and related agreements (1.1) and draft the CRO declaration in support of it (1.8).

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05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Call regarding work streams.
05/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review and revise CNO with respect to the NOL motion.
05/04/2026	Rosenblatt, A	1.80	Review revised DIP motion and interim DIP order incorporating latest draft of Transaction Process Term Sheet; review proposed final form of Transaction Process Term Sheet sent from Latham; emails with NRF team re: Latham response and reduced proposed DIP amount; review remaining legal diligence requests from Latham; review draft of Notice of Designation of Stalking Horse Bidder sent from Conover; review revised draft DIP Order sent from Latham; emails with NRF team re: [redacted].
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with counsel for TQL.
05/04/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Finalize draft agenda and witness and exhibit list for upcoming hearing; forward to M. Mokrzycka for review.
05/04/2026	Blanchard, J	2.70	Draft comments to proposed stalking horse designation notice (.4); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns and counsel to TKJV regarding sales process and credit bidding issues (.3); draft comments to stalking horse designation order (1.5); confer with R. Manns regarding sale and credit bidding strategy (.4); telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies team regarding sales process updates and stalking horse bid (.1).
05/04/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Telephone conference with M. Berthiaume, and A&M team regarding assumption and assignment schedules and related issues.
05/04/2026	Blanchard, J	4.10	Telephone conference with M. Berthiaume to discuss adequate protection issues (.1); telephone conference with counsel to Kinterra regarding DIP financing matters; review and revise draft declarations in support of DIP motion (.1); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding DIP issues (.1); review and analyze updated draft term sheet in connection with revising DIP motion (.3); review and analyze comments to interim DIP order in connection with responding to same (.4); review and revise draft DIP motion (.8); review and revise draft DIP declarations (2.3)
05/04/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Telephone conference with M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover to discuss case workstreams and assignments (.7); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding negotiations with stakeholders and case strategy (.2).

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05/04/2026	Brown, S	1.50	Review, analyze and revise Omnibus Written Consent.
05/04/2026	Brown, S	0.50	Diligence review of debtor organizational documents.
05/04/2026	Brown, S	3.00	Review, analyze and revise draft DIP Credit Agreement and send comments to AE team regarding the same (1.00); review and analyze revised draft DIP Credit Agreement and prepare issues list covering the same (2.00).
05/04/2026	Burton, S	1.00	Attend client meeting regarding battery storage issues, confer with Mr. Singh regarding regulatory review and convey prior battery RCRA analysis research.
05/04/2026	Caverlee, J	8.00	Review and comment on revised draft of Latham draft of DIP Credit Agreement; participate in telephone conference with Ascend to discuss the same; review, revise and distribute markup of DIP Credit Agreement to working group; review and comment on Ascend resolutions authorizing DIP; review and comment on Latham revised draft of DIP Credit Agreement; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/04/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Call with potential creditor Waylon Franks to answer questions as to receipt of notice of the bankruptcy filing; correspondence with M. Mokrzycka regarding the same
05/04/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Correspondence with Latham Watkins team on draft Stalking Horse Notice and Stalking Horse Bid Order
05/04/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Correspondence with M. Mokrzycka regarding bid procedures and stalking horse notice
05/04/2026	Conover, J	0.10	Daily call with A&M to go over DIP strategy
05/04/2026	Conover, J	2.40	Draft summary of pending cash collateral objections and strategy call with J. Blanchard, M. Mokrzycka, and M. Berthiaume
05/04/2026	Conover, J	2.50	Update workstream tracker and deadline tracker with new deadlines; draft certificates of no objection for NOL, Critical Vendor, and Cash Management Motions
05/04/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Prep for and attend call with A&M team on assumption and assignment notice strategy
05/04/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Draft Notice of Stalking Horse Bidder; review and revise Notice from M. Mokrzycka
05/04/2026	Gaona, M	1.30	Draft objections and responses to Nooter requests for production; Correspond with D. Powell regarding document collection efforts; Correspond with various custodians regarding confirmation of litigation hold.

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05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Multiple calls wth CRO to discuss APA and DIP.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on draft DIP motion.
05/04/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review mark-up of DIP order.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for TKJV to discuss DIP.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with counsel for Elemental.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with Special Committee and advisors.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with counsel for CLNs.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Calls and emails with counsel for Committee.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	1.60	Call with management to discuss sale and auction considerations.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Revisions to credit bid motion.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Discovery emails with TKJV's counsel and working group.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call and emails with TKJV and Austin Elements.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review proposed stipulation and agreed order regarding insurance issues.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with Chambers regarding continuing second day hearing (.1) and confer with team regarding the same and DIP motion hearing (.1)
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with counsel for Airgas and Airgas's performance.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Draft and revise letters to Christian County water and Georgia Power.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Additional comments to schedules and statements and review of the same.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.80	Revise declarations of Adam Titus and Michael O'Hara in support of the DIP Motion (1.5) review the DIP budget (.3).
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with the team regarding KEIP motion.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Work on the sale order.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Numerous communication with the Committee regarding critical vendor issues.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review City of Hopkinsvile;s' objection to cash collateral.
05/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	4.00	Communication with Senior Secured Holders regarding extensions (.1); attention and review of the DIP documents (.8); review of the preliminary response to the cash

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			collateral (.5); review and revise and file the DIP Motion and related communication (1.9); review comments to cash collateral order (.4); confer with NRF team regarding the same (.3).
05/05/2026	Rosenblatt, A	1.30	Review Latham comments (blackline) to draft Stalking Horse Order; review latest updated version of Transaction Process Term Sheet sent from Latham; review Latham comments to written consent/resolutions authorizing Debtor to enter into transaction; emails to and from NRF and Latham teams re: other open and work-in-progress items; [redacted].
05/05/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Telephone conference with H. Ross regarding insurance premium financing matters (.4); analyze issues concerning draft stipulation and order for insurance premium financing (.6); telephone conferences with M. Berthiaume regarding insurance premium financing matters (.5).
05/05/2026	Blanchard, J	6.60	Telephone conferences with R. Manns regarding proposed DIP and continued negotiations with the DIP lender (.5); draft discussion points for continued negotiations with the DIP lender (.4); review and analyze cash collateral objections in connection with preparing response (1.3); telephone conference with M. Berthiaume and counsel to the Senior Noteholders regarding cash collateral matters (.4); review and analyze updated term sheet for DIP financing (.3); review and analyze further comments from DIP lender to the DIP motion and proposed interim order (1.2); draft further revisions to DIP motion (.9); review and analyze comments to draft DIP declarations (.5); confer with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to draft DIP declarations (.2); draft further revisions to DIP declarations (.4).
05/05/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Telephone conference with M. Berthiaume, J. Conover, and M. Mokrzycka regarding case assignments and work streams.
05/05/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Draft comments to updated stalking horse notice and proposed stalking horse order (.7); analyze issues concerning proposed sale order (.8)
05/05/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Review and analyze UCC's comments to proposed final orders for first day motions (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding UCC's comments to final orders for first day motions (.1); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding UCC's comments to final orders to first day

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			motions (.1).
05/05/2026	Boland, J	0.60	Numerous emails with NRF team regarding DIP matters (.6).
05/05/2026	Boland, J	0.30	Conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding update (.2); emails with R. Manns regarding upcoming hearings (.1).
05/05/2026	Brown, S	1.50	Revise DIP Term Loan Agreement (0.7); review and analyze revised draft DIP Term Loan Agreement and send comments to AE team regarding the same (0.5); prepare filing version of DIP Term Loan Agreement (0.3).
05/05/2026	Brown, S	0.30	Revise Omnibus Written Consent and distribute the same to LW team.
05/05/2026	Brown, S	0.20	Attention to various other filing matters.
05/05/2026	Caverlee, J	8.00	Review, revise and finalize DIP Credit Agreement; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/05/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Meeting on Cash Collateral with Weil
05/05/2026	Conover, J	2.10	Draft Response to Objections to Cash Collateral Motion
05/05/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Internal Strategy Conference with M. Mokrzycka, J. Blanchard, and M. Berthiaume
05/05/2026	Conover, J	1.30	Draft letters to utility providers to continue service
05/05/2026	Conover, J	3.80	Revise DIP Motion and Declarations in Support of DIP Motion and prepare for filing
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Committee counsel to discuss DIP motion,.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management team to discuss latest developments.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Review and comment on DIP pleadings prior to filing and emails related to same.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with junior CLNs.
05/05/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls and emails with Kinterra’s counsel.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and respond to emails related to credit agreement and calls with Kinterra's counsel.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: Committee comments to cash mgt and critical vendors orders.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Jefferies re: sale issues.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with counsel for Elemental.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Status update call with case advisors.

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05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls and emails with counsel for TKJV.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Calls and emails related: revisions to APA and due diligence.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and respond to working group emails re: cash collateral objections.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with working group re: use of proceeds for DOE grant.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with counsel for TQL re: notice of assumption and insurance issues.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Status update email with Board members.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: cash collateral objections and reply to same.
05/06/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for American Battery re: bid issues.
05/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.10	Finalize the notice and APA and file the same.
05/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Draft stalking horse notice.
05/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Work on the schedules and statements.
05/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Internal call regarding DIP hearing.
05/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review and revise sale order.
05/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Internal calls with J. Boland, Jason Blanchard and others regarding the DIP motion and credit bid.
05/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review and revise final orders for the second day hearing (.5); confer with the Committee regarding the language (.2); and email communication with Weil regarding the same (.1).
05/06/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.60	Review blacklines of DIP motion and interim DIP Order sent from Latham; review as-filed DIP motion.
05/06/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.60	Emails with NRF team re: [redacted]; review prior files to respond to same; review S. McNellie response to DOE question.
05/06/2026	Adams, K	1.00	Review motions for upcoming hearing; prepare hearing binder index; coordinate preparation of hearing binder for M. Berthiaume.
05/06/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Berthiaume, and counsel to JV partner regarding case matters and sale process.
05/06/2026	Blanchard, J	1.90	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, M. Berthiaume,

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			and J. Conover regarding case assignments and workstreams (.8); prepare issues list and recommendations for R. Mann regarding case strategy and work assignments (.7); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding case strategy and work streams for DIP, sale, and second day hearings (.4).
05/06/2026	Blanchard, J	2.20	Review and analyze draft form of sale order in connection with submission to prospective bidders (.7); draft comments to form of sale order (.3); confer with M. Berthiaume regarding comments to form of sale order (.1); review and revise draft order approving sale to stalking horse (.5); review and revise draft stalking horse designation notice (.3); participate in telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies teams regarding sales process and case updates (.2); telephone conference with M. Berthiaume regarding sale of Polish assets (.1).
05/06/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Analyze administrative claim issues in connection with potential rejection of the Debtors' leases.
05/06/2026	Blanchard, J	2.90	Telephone conference with J. Boland and M. Mokrzycka regarding DIP priming issues and strategy (.4); analyze DIP priming issues in connection with hearing on DIP Motion (1.8); telephone conference with counsel to the secured noteholders regarding cash collateral matters (.1); telephone conference with A&M and counsel and financial advisors to the secured noteholders regarding budget and cash collateral issues (.6)
05/06/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Analyze UCC comments to final orders in connection with resolving potential objections (.1); email correspondence with M. Mokrzycka regarding potential resolutions with UCC (.1).
05/06/2026	Boland, J	2.10	Numerous emails with team regarding cash management/ DIP matters (.5); review / consider DIP motion and related declarations (.8); call with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka regarding sale and DIP matters (.4); consider/preliminary research regarding priming DIP matters (.4).
05/06/2026	Boland, J	1.30	Numerous emails with NRF team regarding APA matters and attend to related matters (.5); call with J. Conover regarding same (.1); review precedent of APA issues and propose langauge regarding same (.7).
05/06/2026	Boland, J	0.30	Conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding case update, status and go-forward hearings.
05/06/2026	Brown, S	1.00	Review and analyze revised draft DIP Term Loan

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			Agreement and send comments to AE team regarding the same.
05/06/2026	Conover, J	3.10	Continue drafting Reply in Support of Cash Collateral Motion
05/06/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Conduct research on [redacted]
05/06/2026	Conover, J	1.40	Prep workstream tracker and strategy conference with internal NRF team on next steps after filing DIP for workstreams
05/06/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Conduct research on and draft correspondence related to [redacted]
05/06/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Strategy conference with A&M and Jefferies teams for post-DIP steps
05/06/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Various correspondence with internal NRF team regarding outstanding creditor issues and communications
05/06/2026	Caverlee, J	1.50	Review and comment on revised draft of DIP Credit Agreement distributed by Latham.
05/06/2026	Caverlee, J	1.50	Review, revise and distribute revised resolutions to Latham; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/06/2026	Burton, S	0.50	Review state inspection report, confer with Mr. Singh regarding confirmation of batter materials received/ managed at the site.
05/06/2026	Brown, S	1.00	Review, analyze and revise draft Omnibus Written Consent and send comments to AE team regarding the same.
05/06/2026	Brown, S	0.70	Coordinate with AE team to execute Asset Purchase Agreement and Omnibus Written Consent.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls with TKJV to discuss credit bid motion and meetings with prospective bidders.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Revisions to credit bid motion.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with counsel for Kinterra.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review and revise certificates of no objection regarding CM, NOL, and CV (.6) and communication with K. Adams regarding the same (.1).
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Draft, revise, and file notice of continued auction.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review comments to the Cash Collateral Order.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Emails regarding protective order.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with J. Blanchard regarding onoing issues.

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05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Attention to the BoTree Chemical Disposal.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Internal call with with NRF regarding next steps and DIP hearing.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Call with Scarlett McNeille regarding schedules and statements.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.70	Review, finalize, and file the credit bid motion and related exhibits (1.4) and confer with the company and NRF team regarding exhibits and review of the same (.3).
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Revisions to the sale order.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with A&M regarding assumption of the contracts.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review the APA comments and work on the sale order.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Incorporate comments from Senior Secured Noteholders and finalize the critical vendor order.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with A&M regarding assumption of the executory contracts in connection with sale.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the Ascend Batter's bid.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review Nooter's exhibits in connection with the DIP hearing order.
05/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Numerous communication with counsel for AirGas regarding AirGas's performance (.3) follow up communication with the Company and A&M (.2).
05/07/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review blackline of changes to DIP agreement sent from Latham.
05/07/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Review final changes to APA and execution version sent from Latham; review NRF motion seeking to deny or limit ability of TKJV and other mechanics' lienholders to credit bid at sale auction.
05/07/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Review other new pleadings filed.
05/07/2026	Blanchard, J	4.70	Review and revise draft notice of continued auction (.2); review and revise draft motion to limit credit bidding (1.5); participate in telephonic meet and confer with R. Manns and counsel to TKJV regarding motion to limit credit bidding (.4); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding bid procedures issues (.6); analyze bid procedures and sale precedent in connection with credit bidding matters (1.0); confer with M. Berthiaume about assignment concerning final sale order (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns, Jefferies, and A&M team members regarding sale issues

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			and strategy (.6); telephone conference with counsel to Planter's bank regarding sale matters (.1); telephone conference with counsel to stalking horse bidder regarding sale matters (.1).
05/07/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Analyze [redacted] (1.1); email correspondence with J. Conover regarding research about same (.3); review and revise draft correspondence to management regarding same (.1).
05/07/2026	Blanchard, J	3.30	Review and analyze proposed final cash collateral order (1.5); email correspondence with counsel to the City of Hopkinsville, United Electric, and Nooter regarding final cash collateral matters (.4); telephone conference with R. Manns and counsel to junior noteholders regarding cash collateral matters (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding preparation for hearing in DIP Motion (.1); review and analyze UCC cash collateral issues list (.2); analyze DIP priming issues in preparation for hearing on DIP Motion (.9).
05/07/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conference with S. McNellie, M. Mokrzycka, and corporate team regarding disclosures in SOFA and schedules (.4); confer with M. Mokrzycka regarding issues about SOFA disclosures (.2).
05/07/2026	Brown, S	2.60	Review, analyze and revise draft DIP Term Loan Agreement (1.0); discussions with C. Segrest regarding the same (0.3); communications with Polish counsel regarding Polish formalities certificate and signature blocks (0.5); coordinate with AE team to execute DIP Term Loan Agreement (0.3); attention to various other signing matters (0.50).
05/07/2026	Caverlee, J	2.50	Review and comment on revised DIP Credit Agreement from Latham; attention to DIP Credit Agreement corporate authorizations; attention to closing deliverables in connection with DIP Credit Agreement; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/07/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Correspondence related to UCC issues list on cash collateral
05/07/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Correspondence with J. Blanchard and with the client team discussing analysis of and [redacted]
05/07/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Analyze NDAs to determine executoriness for listing on Schedule G

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05/07/2026	Conover, J	2.30	Conduct research on [redacted] in chapter 11
05/07/2026	Gaona, M	1.20	Draft confidentiality and protective order for exchange of documents; Attention to collection of core documents for discovery production.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call with working group to discuss sale strategy.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group to discuss validity of mechanic liens.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Analyze to DOE issues related to sale.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for TKJV and Princeton.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group calls and emails re: discovery issues.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Analyze Committee cash collateral order issues list.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss strategy considerations.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review TKJV emergency motion for status conference.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management team to discuss status update.
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for junior CLNs
05/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Special Committtee.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management to discuss bids and financing considerations.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails with counsel for Kinterra.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Review and revise response in opposition to motion for emergency status conference.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of bid package of TKJV.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review and revise the list of contract assumption (.3) and draft the notice (.3) confer with A&M regarding the assumption issues (.2).
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review the deposition notices and document requests (.4) and confer with the team regarding the same (.2).
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review and revise global notes.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Veria and Chambers regarding protective order.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review Nooter's discovery requests (.4) and confer with the team regarding the same (.1).

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05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.00	Attend status conference regarding DIP hearing.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review the Committee's objection to cash collateral.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Call with A&M and Jefferies Team regarding the next steps and ongoing issue.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review the committee's issue list.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Draft and revise examination outline for CRO.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Draft, revise, and file witness and exhibit list (1.2);review committee's witness and exhibit list (.1) and communication (.1).
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise the respond to the emergency motion.
05/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review and revise the confidentiality agreement.
05/08/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review UCC objection to cash collateral motion.
05/08/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.80	Review closing checklist for the APA sent from C. Segrest; Review T-KJV motion for a status conference in response to credit bid motion and NRF response to same.
05/08/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review current list of executory contracts and estimated cure costs sent from S. McNellie.
05/08/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Review and revise draft notice of assumption of executory contracts and unexpired leases.
05/08/2026	Blanchard, J	2.20	Review and analyze TKJV's motion for emergency status conference (.1); review and revise draft response to motion for status conference (.5); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding strategy for status conference and case work assignments (.4); confer with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding work assignments (.2); attend emergency court status conference virtually (1.0)
05/08/2026	Blanchard, J	1.20	Review and analyze proposed revisions to stalking horse designation notice (.2); telephone conference with C. Segrest regarding proposed revisions (.2); review and analyze APA, staking horse order, and bid procedures order in connection with making proposed revisions to designation notice (.8).
05/08/2026	Blanchard, J	4.60	Analyze proposed final cash collateral order (.9); review and analyze UCC's objection to approval of cash collateral on a final basis (.4); analyze cash collateral issues in connection with addressing objections to the approval of cash collateral on a final basis (1.6); telephone conferences with J. Conover and M. Mokrzycka to discuss work assignments

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			and strategy for hearing on DIP Motion (1.2); telephone conference with R. Manns, L. Maher, J. Conover, and M. Mokrzycka regarding discovery in connection with hearing on DIP Motion (.5).
05/08/2026	Conover, J	1.60	Strategy conference with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka post-Status Conference
05/08/2026	Conover, J	1.30	Attend status conference based on TKJV Motion
05/08/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Continue drafting Reply to Objections on Cash Collateral and DIP Motions
05/08/2026	Conover, J	2.10	Draft and revise response to Motion for Status Conference +30m
05/08/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Conduct research on post-petition tax liens and interaction with § 546(b)
05/08/2026	Gaona, M	6.10	Review and analyze TKJV Requests for Production to identify documents for collection; Draft objections and responses to TKJV's requests for production; Review opposing counsel's revisions to protective order and correspond re same; Strategy conference with team regarding discovery efforts; Draft objections and responses to Titus deposition notice and document requests.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to multiple emails with Committee counsel.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call with Jefferies to discuss latest developments.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: revisions to cash collateral order.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group calls and emails to discuss discovery issues.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with Keyframe to discuss financing considerations.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple emails with counsel for TKJV re: discovery issues.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Prepare for and appear for status conference.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call with advisors re: latest developments with sale and DIP considerations.
05/08/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with counsel for CLNs
05/09/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Review alternative DIP order with lower DIP loan amount but excluding priming of mechanics' and materialmen's liens.

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05/09/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.20	Work on the deposition preparation, including summary of the topics, outline, etc.
05/09/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review responses and objections regarding TKJC's discovery (.3) review of the proposed documents to be produced (.6).
05/09/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review A&M's lien issues and related notes.
05/09/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Call with NRF team regarding Cash Collateral issues, DIP issues, Credit Bid Motion and next steps.
05/09/2026	Gaona, M	8.40	Revise objections and responses to TKJV requests for production; Prepare initial document production of responsive documents; Strategy call with team regarding status of discovery, pending motions, and privilege issues; Collection of corporate governance documents for production; Draft objections and responses to O'hara deposition notice and document requests; Conduct privilege redactions of responsive board meeting minutes for production.
05/09/2026	Conover, J	2.30	Continue drafting Reply in support of cash collateral motion
05/09/2026	Conover, J	2.90	Draft deposition defense outline for L. Maher
05/09/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Internal call with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, J. Blanchard, L. Maher, and M. Gaona
05/09/2026	Blanchard, J	0.70	Analyze lien issues in connection with debtors' asset sales (.4); telephone conference with J. Kass and Jefferies team members regarding lien issues in connection with debtors' asset sales (.3).
05/09/2026	Blanchard, J	1.80	Telephone conference with R. Manns and NRF team members regarding discovery in connection with hearing on DIP motion (.5); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding work streams for hearing on DIP motion (.5); review and analyze draft responses to TKJV's request for production in connection with DIP motion (.5) draft comments to responses to TKJV's request for production (.3).
05/10/2026	Blanchard, J	3.30	Analyze revised proposed DIP financing order (.6); review and draft comments to proposed final cash collateral order (1.5); analyze comments from the UCC in connection with drafting same (.9); telephone conference with R. Manns and counsel to TKJV regarding DIP Motion (.3).
05/10/2026	Caverlee, J	1.00	Attention to revised Interim DIP Order; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.

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05/10/2026	Gaona, M	0.70	Draft objections and responses to Nooter's Second Set of Requests for Production and First Set of Interrogatories.
05/10/2026	Gaona, M	0.50	Coordinate production of documents to TKJV.
05/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Begin to work on the 363 motion.
05/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review of the proposed bids.
05/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review of additional proposed bids.
Total		**247.00**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Boland, J	4.60	1,465.00	6,739.00
Burton, S	1.50	1,585.00	2,377.50
Manns, R	41.50	1,355.00	56,232.50
Rosenblatt, A	6.70	1,460.00	9,782.00
		Sub Total	**75,131.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	50.60	1,065.00	53,889.00
Caverlee, J	22.50	1,195.00	26,887.50
		Sub Total	**80,776.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	47.20	935.00	44,132.00
		Sub Total	**44,132.00**

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Associate			
Brown, S	12.30	1,000.00	12,300.00
Conover, J	39.20	730.00	28,616.00
Gaona, M	18.20	1,040.00	18,928.00
		Sub Total	**59,844.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	2.50	440.00	1,100.00
		Sub Total	**1,100.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Practice Support			
Rastogi, E	0.20	350.00	70.00
		Sub Total	**70.00**
Total	**247.00**		**261,053.50**

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Professional Services Rendered to May 17, 2026

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SUMMARY	
Fees	296,947.00
Disbursements	63.45
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 297,010.45**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
05/01/2026	Wilson-Iguade, O	1.10	Revise draft of omnibus written consent.
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with AM regarding insurance issues
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.50	Conference with TKJV team regarding credit bid
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.50	Conference with AM team regarding notice of assumed contracts
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.80	Review and comment Nooter discovery requests.
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	5.50	Attention to credit bid motion including exhibits and proposed order and drafting.
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Conference with AM team regarding cash collateral issue
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.90	Conference with NRF team regarding open work streams
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with AM and Jefferies teams regarding open items
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.90	Review and summarize markup and other attention to insurance issue
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.10	Review of live correspondence and related documents ahead of call with AM and Jefferies teams.
05/04/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.10	Review of live correspondence and relevant documents ahead of call with NRF team
05/04/2026	Gizzo, C	0.90	Review Carta for information on the preferred share exchange and prepare email correspondences with NRF team regarding same.
05/04/2026	Rastogi, E	0.20	Correspond with M. Berthiaume regarding review workflow and database navigation scheduling.
05/04/2026	Wilson-Iguade, O	0.20	Correspond with corporate team to locate missing organizational documents.
05/04/2026	Wilson-Iguade, O	1.00	Prepare omnibus officer's certificate.
05/04/2026	Wilson-Iguade, O	0.40	Correspond with Associate Spencer Brown regarding missing organizational and determine strategy for obtaining documents.
05/04/2026	Wilson-Iguade, O	2.20	Review available organizational documents of Borrower and subsidiaries to determine authorization to enter written consent.

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05/05/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.80	Analysis and review of executory contract issues with respect to letters of credit issue
05/05/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.20	Review and analysis of executory contract, PFA, and insurance issues.
05/05/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.20	Attention to DIP matters including motion and order.
05/05/2026	Berthiaume, M	5.10	Preparation of draft sale order.
05/05/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.40	Conference with Noteholders counsel regarding cash collateral issues
05/05/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with J. Blanchard regarding insurance funding
05/05/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.40	Conference with J. Blanchard regarding insurance financing terms
05/06/2026	Wilson-Iguade, O	1.40	Prepare draft of omnibus officer's certificate.
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Conference with VHH team regarding polish entity.
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with Jeffereis and AM teams
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.60	Attention to credit bid motion exhibits
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Review of [redacted]
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.20	Review of JV Agreement ahead of call with Polish JV partner
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Attention to BOA cash collateral issue
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.40	Attention to form sale order including updates edits and revisions.
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.80	Updates edits and revisions to credit bid motion
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.80	Conference with NRF team regarding open work streams and coverage
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Review of live correspondence, live drafts, and related materials ahead of workstream call
05/06/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.60	Continued updates and revisions to credit bid motion
05/07/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Review Certificate of No Objection re Cash Management Motion; organize and file same.
05/07/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Review, revise and organize Certificate of No Objection re NOL motion; file same.
05/07/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Review and revise certificate of No Objection re Critical Vendors Motion; organize and file same.

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05/07/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review Nooter filed Witness and Exhibit List exhibits; organize exhibits to zip folder and forward to M. Mokrzycka.
05/07/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.70	Conference with NRF teams regarding open work streams in preparation for DIP
05/07/2026	Berthiaume, M	3.30	Edit and revide draft stalking horse sale order
05/07/2026	Gizzo, C	0.80	Prepare for and participate in teleconference with NRF team regarding conversion details required for the disclosures; Review Carta.
05/08/2026	Adams, K	0.60	Review filed Witness and Exhibit List re second day hearing; organize and forward to M. Mokrzycka.
05/08/2026	Adams, K	0.60	Prepare draft Certificate of No Objection and proposed order re Rejection motion; forward to M. Mokrzycka.
05/08/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review docket re filed Witness and Exhibit List; organize exhibits; forward exhibits to M. Mokrzycka.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call with working group to discuss discovery issues and work streams.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with advisors re: bid issues.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls with CRO re: proposed financing proposals.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	1.70	Attention to discovery issues and responsive documents, revisions to responses and objections.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with Special Committee re: bids and strategy.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Analyze submitted bids and infirmities and confer with working group
05/09/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Calls and emails re: expert report issues and witnesses for DIP hearing.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple emails re: discovery issues with TKJV.
05/09/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to Kinterra modified DIP order and APA and working group emails re: same.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple working group emails re: bid procedures and strategy issues.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Analyze bid procedures and emails with working group re: same.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls with Special Committee to discuss bids and strategy.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to TKJV emails re: discovery issues.

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05/10/2026	Manns, R	1.80	Multiple calls and emails with Kinterra's counsel to discuss DIP and purchase agreement.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with mgt to discuss bids and strategy.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with counsel for TKJV to discuss discovery issues.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with advisors to discuss submitted bids.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on summary of bid comparisons.
05/10/2026	Manns, R	1.30	Review and comment on counter proposal for DIP Lender and Stalking Horse.
05/10/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Conduct research on postpetition perfection of tax liens
05/10/2026	Brown, S	0.60	Review and analyze interim drafts of DIP Term Loan Agreement (0.4); communications with S. McNellie regarding the same (0.2).
05/11/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with advisors re: strategic concerns.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call with management and advisors to discuss latest developments.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Working group calls to discuss preparation for DIP hearing and status conference.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Committee counsel.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with counsel for TKJV.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review of Committee stalking horse objection.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with Special Committee.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Attention to revisions to APA and emails related to same.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to emails with Jefferies re: bid and process issues.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for Kinterra.
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Call with the committee regarding DIP, Bid Credit issues, and cash Collateral.
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review and revise global notes.
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Draft and file a notice of adjournment of the action.
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review responses and objections to Nooter's discovery.
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.00	Various communication regarding assumption of executory contracts (.1); and review of certain contracts (.9).
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Numerous communication regarding the bid procedures.

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05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.90	Review the polish documents regarding the land agreement (.8) and draft proposed 363 motion (2.1).
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review objections to stalking horse designations.
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review United Electric's joinder.
05/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review revised pleadings.
05/11/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Review blackline of proposed stalking horse order sent from Latham and blackline showing final changes to APA.
05/11/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Review latest pleadings filed in bankruptcy case.
05/11/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Emails to and from Latham re: remaining DIP agreement open issues and items.
05/11/2026	Blanchard, J	3.30	Analyze lien priority and waterfall issues in connection with bids for the sale of the debtors' assets (1.3); telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies teams and counsel to Kinterra regarding sale matters (.8); telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies teams regarding sale strategy and auction issues (.2); review proposed staking horse order in connection with drafting revisions to address revised transaction structure (.3); review and analyze further revised proposed stalking horse order from stalking horse bidder (.3); draft comments to propose sale order (.4).
05/11/2026	Blanchard, J	4.40	Review and draft further revisions to proposed final cash collateral order (.5); preparation of response to cash collateral objections (1.2); telephone conference with J. Copeland regarding prospective DIP financing supplement (.2); analyze DIP financing precedent in connection with prospective supplement (.6); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, and L. Maher regarding DIP hearing strategy and court status conference regarding DIP motion (1.0); review updated proposed DIP order regarding alternative DIP (.9).
05/11/2026	Blanchard, J	2.00	Prepare case assignments and task list for J. Conover and M. Mokrzycka (.5) Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding case work streams and assignments (.7); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding case strategy and assignments (.8).
05/11/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conference with R. Manns, NRF team and counsel to the UCC regarding case updates and court status conference.

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05/11/2026	Boland, J	0.10	Call with J. Blanchard regarding case update (.1).
05/11/2026	Boland, J	0.50	Review UCC and lienholder bid/stalking horse objections (.5).
05/11/2026	Boland, J	0.20	Review DIP financing objection (.2).
05/11/2026	Brown, S	0.40	Revise Omnibus Officer's Certificate and distribute the same to LW team.
05/11/2026	Brown, S	0.20	Review and analyze DIP closing punch list.
05/11/2026	Caverlee, J	1.50	Review Latham punch list of open items to DIP funding; attention to Stalking Horse Order DIP-related matters; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/11/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Conduct research on bid procedures for auction strategy and draft notice of revised DIP order
05/11/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Internal strategy conference with R. Manns, J. Blanchard, and M. Mokrzycka
05/11/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Call with McDermott (counsel for the UCC) on case strategy and next steps for the Debtors
05/11/2026	Conover, J	1.70	Summarize further objections to DIP, cash collateral, and stalking horse relief; revise DIP order to address new comments from Kinterra
05/11/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Internal conference with Jefferies and A&M
05/11/2026	Conover, J	1.00	Internal strategy conference with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka to go over next steps
05/11/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Conference with Latham/Kinterra team on next steps with the DIP
05/11/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Internal strategy conference with R. Manns, J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka to go over big picture strategy and DIP motion approach
05/11/2026	Conover, J	1.00	Analyze and summarize objections to DIP and Stalking Horse motions
05/11/2026	Conover, J	1.70	Conduct research on ability to sell free and clear [redacted]
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management team to discuss case status update.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Attend Kinterra/Ascend call to discuss executory contract issues.
05/11/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with D. Powell re: asset purchase agreement.

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05/12/2026	Conover, J	1.30	Conduct research on assignability of § 506(b) surcharge rights
05/12/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Conduct research on previous Judge Lopez opinions addressing value allocation
05/12/2026	Conover, J	1.00	Internal post-status conference debrief with R. Manns, L. Maher, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Blanchard
05/12/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Draft examination outline for Michael O'Hara for DIP Hearing
05/12/2026	Copeland, J	0.60	Email J. Blanchard re: DIP reply and relevant precedents; review files re: same.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review DOE's proposed language and confer with the team.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Review proposed schedules and statements and confer with A&M team regarding the same.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the DIP budget.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.00	Prepare for and attend status conference.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.60	Review on the Cash Collateral objections and DIP Objections.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.40	Work on the omnibus reply.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review, revise the DIP Order and file the same.
05/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Work on the witness outlines.
05/12/2026	Rosenblatt, A	1.00	Speak with J. Blanchard re: update on sale-related issues, including M&M credit bid, other bids that came in, strategy for dealing with competing bids, etc.
05/12/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.40	Attend Court status conference; follow-up emails with Blanchard re: Judge's comments, strategy and related issues.
05/12/2026	Blanchard, J	0.80	Participate in telephone conference with DOJ regarding Hopkinsville interests (.5); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding matters for continued status conference (.1); telephone conference with A. Rosenblatt regarding continued status conference and status of negotiations with objecting parties (.2)
05/12/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Draft discussion points for court status conference (.5); attend court status conference on DIP motion and credit bidding motion virtually (1.0)
05/12/2026	Blanchard, J	8.50	Review and analyze updated proposed DIP financing order

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			for alternative transaction (.2); draft omnibus reply to DIP and cash collateral objections (6.0); analyze DIP motion objections (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, and L. Maher regarding preparation for evidentiary hearing on cash collateral and DIP financing motions (1.0); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, and R. Manns regarding preparation for evidentiary hearing on cash collateral and DIP financing motions (.4); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, and R. Manns and Kinterra's counsel regarding preparation for evidentiary hearing on cash collateral and DIP financing motions (.7).
05/12/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Review draft responses to Nooter's requests for production and interrogatories (.2); confer with M. Gaona regarding comments to same (.1); analyze documents in connection with draft responses to Nooter's requests for production (.3).
05/12/2026	Boland, J	0.30	Conference with R. Manns regarding case status/next steps (.3).
05/12/2026	Boland, J	1.10	Various emails with team regarding DIP revisions (.1); review redlined interim revised draft DIP order (.4); attend portion of hearing (.4); debrief from R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka (.2).
05/12/2026	Boland, J	0.20	Various emails with NRF and Jefferies teams regarding bid procedures amendments (.1); review redlined stalking horse order (.1).
05/12/2026	Brown, S	1.30	Coordinate with NRF UK team regarding UK and French debt deliverables (0.4); review and analyze DIP Order and send comments to S. McNellie regarding the same (0.7); order certified charters and good standing certificates (0.2).
05/12/2026	Caverlee, J	0.50	Attention to closing deliverables in connection with DIP; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/12/2026	Caverlee, J	0.50	Attention to Asset Purchase Agreement matters.
05/12/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Internal call with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Blanchard
05/12/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Call with Latham/Kinterra team on DIP Hearing strategy
05/12/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Attend status conference
05/12/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Draft Reply to DIP Objections
05/12/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Review overnight correspondence on Kinterra turn of DIP Order, Stalking Horse Order, and amended APA; review changes to those documents
05/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	11.00	Preparation for the hearing, including drafting outlines for

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			witness, attending witness preparation sessions of Michael O'Hara and Adam Titus, revise witness and exhibit list and file the same; work on the reply and file the same; numerous meetings with NRF team and other teams regarding strategies for the hearing; draft closing argument; numerous conference with Senior Lenders regarding the DIP and cash collateral hearing; revisions to the cash collateral order and the DIP order and file the same; conference with the DOJ.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls and emails with counsel for noteholders concerning cash collateral and contested hearing issues.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Review and comment on draft omnibus reply.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls and emails with management team re: latest developments.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Analyze Committee, United and TKJV objections to DIP financing motion and prepare counter responses.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.80	Hearing and outline preparations for contested DIP hearing.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Special Committee in advance of contested hearing.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for DOJ re: transaction and DIP order.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Multiple emails with Committee counsel.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	3.50	Revisions to examination outlines for O'Hara and Titus.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Meetings with stakeholders to discuss hearing prep issues
05/13/2026	Manns, R	3.00	Witness preparations for contested DIP hearing.
05/13/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for DOJ re: transaction and DIP order.
05/13/2026	Copeland, J	1.30	Review cash collateral and DIP financing motions, objections, and related filings; consider issues and responses re: same; review and consider revisions to cash-collateral and DIP financing reply; emails with J. Blanchard and J. Conover re: same.
05/13/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Draft notices of revised DIP and Cash Collateral Orders and finalize such orders for filing
05/13/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Revise closing remarks for DIP Motion; analyze recent objections as they come in
05/13/2026	Conover, J	2.60	Revise Reply to Cash Collateral and DIP Objections

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05/13/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Draft examination outline for Michael O'Hara on Stalking Horse Notice and Order
05/13/2026	Conover, J	3.10	Continue revisions to Reply to Cash Collateral and DIP Objections
05/13/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Revise witness examination outline for Michael O'Hara for DIP Hearing
05/13/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Analyze new objections lodged on the docket to assignment of contracts.
05/13/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Analyze UCC objection to DIP financing.
05/13/2026	Caverlee, J	1.00	Attention to corporate deliverables; attention to closing deliverables.
05/13/2026	Brown, S	2.10	Compile US closing documents signature packet and coordinate with AE team to execute the same (0.8); review and analyze closing punch list and discuss the same to S. McNellie (0.3); communications with Olesinski team regarding Polish security documents (0.2); communications with AE team regarding UK security matters (0.2); attention to various other pre-closing matters (0.6).
05/13/2026	Boland, J	1.00	Various emails with team regarding DIP revisions/hearing matters (.2); conference with R. Manns (and M. Mokrzycka) regarding DIP hearing strategy (.5); conference with S. Bullock regarding DIP hearing (.3).
05/13/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.70	Analyze data room for certified copies of formation documents of Ascend Elements, Inc. and Battery Resourcers LLC and responses to diligence requests from LW.
05/13/2026	Blanchard, J	13.60	Draft omnibus reply in support of cash collateral and DIP motions (9.5); analyze legal precedent and objections to cash collateral and DIP motions in connection with drafting reply (2.5); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding evidentiary matters in connection with contested cash collateral and DIP hearing (.4); review updated draft cash collateral order (.2); email correspondence with objecting parties regarding proposed revisions to cash collateral and DIP financing orders (.2); telephone conference with counsel to AMCON regarding revised DIP order (.1); telephone conference with counsel to the senior noteholders regarding reply and revised cash collateral order (.2); confer with R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka regarding strategy for contested cash collateral and DIP hearing (.5)

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05/13/2026	Blanchard, J	4.00	Travel from Dallas to Houston for contested cash collateral and DIP hearing.
05/14/2026	Rosenblatt, A	6.50	Attendance at contested DIP/Cash Collateral hearing.
05/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	11.20	Prepare for (1.5) and attend the DIP hearing (9.0), post hearing debrief (.7).
05/14/2026	Manns, R	12.00	Prepare for and participate in contested DIP hearings.
05/14/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Call and emails with advisor working group re: strategy considerations.
05/14/2026	Conover, J	3.80	Attend morning session of contested DIP and cash collateral hearing
05/14/2026	Conover, J	3.00	Attend afternoon session of contested DIP and cash collateral hearing and ruling
05/14/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Correspondence with Bill Transier regarding hearing details
05/14/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Finalize Reply in support of DIP Motion and Final Cash Collateral Order
05/14/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Prepare for contested DIP hearing and revise DIP order for third revised DIP order filing
05/14/2026	Brown, S	1.00	Prepare Borrowing Request (0.3); compile executed Omnibus Officer's Certificate (0.3); communications with Olesinski team regarding Polish security documents (0.2); attention to various other pre-closing matters (0.2).
05/14/2026	Boland, J	1.40	Preliminary review of various DIP objections (.4); attend portion of DIP hearing (1.0).
05/14/2026	Bodunrin, D	1.00	Draft consents of City of Hopkinsville and Hopkinsville Foundation, Inc. regarding Recorded Instruments on Hopkinsville Property in accordance with purchase agreement.
05/14/2026	Blanchard, J	10.50	Analyze revised cash collateral and DIP financing orders in preparation for contested hearings on cash collateral and DIP financing (.5); Attend contested hearing on approval of cash collateral on a final basis and DIP financing (7.3); participate in meetings with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and A&M teams regarding hearing preparation and strategy (2.7).
05/14/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Travel to and from courthouse for contested cash collateral and DIP hearing.
05/15/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.20	Review new pleadings filed in bankruptcy.

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05/15/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.30	Call with J. Blanchard to discuss Court ruling and next steps following same.
05/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review of cash collateral order and confer with the team.
05/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Review objections to assumption and assignment list of executory contracts.
05/15/2026	Miramontes, C	0.60	Review evidence received regarding Good Standing Certificates and Certified Charters from the following jurisdictions and entities, Delaware, Texas and Massachusetts Secretary of States, Ascend Elements, Inc., Ascend Elements US, LLC, Battery Resources LLC and update files regarding the same. Prepare expense report for Capitol Services Invoice no. 2026543999 regarding document retrievals of Good Standing Certificates and Certified Charters from the following jurisdictions for the following entities, Delaware, Texas and Massachusetts Secretary of States, Ascend Elements, Inc., Ascend Elements US, LLC, and Battery Resources LLC.
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on draft funding structure.
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with Committee.
05/15/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls with counsel for Kinterra
05/15/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Travel to Dallas
05/15/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls with management
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with DOJ and TKJV
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Calls and emails re: expert report issues.
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Attention to cash collateral extension issues.
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails concerning Nooter discovery issues.
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call with Committee
05/15/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls with counsel for Senior noteholders
05/15/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Analyze cure objections and document for the group
05/15/2026	Blanchard, J	5.00	Travel from Houston to Dallas following court hearing on contested cash collateral and DIP financing motion.
05/15/2026	Blanchard, J	2.30	Analyze cash collateral order in connection with adequate protection obligations (.5); analyze cash collateral issues in connection with continue negotiations with senior

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			noteholders (1.1); telephone conference with A. Rosenblatt regarding strategy for continued cash collateral and DIP financing negotiations (.5); email correspondence with counsel to noteholders regarding cash collateral and bid procedures (.1); telephone conference with counsel to noteholders regarding cash collateral and bid procedures issues (.1)
05/16/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Call with counsel for Committee re: case developments.
05/16/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call and emails with Kinterra re: transaction considerations.
05/16/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls and emails with counsel for TKJV.
05/16/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Multiple emails with counsel for DOJ and prospective bidders.
05/16/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call and emails with CRO re: budget
05/16/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
05/16/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for American Battery.
05/17/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Participate in telephonic meeting with R. Manns, A&M, Jefferies, and counsel to the UCC regarding prospective mediation.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and respond to emails with counsel for DOJ.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Special Committee calls.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls and emails with advisor working group to discuss strategy considerations.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Call with counsel for Senior CLNs.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails with Kinterra.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call with the Committee to discuss latest developments.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with Nooter re: discovery issues.
05/17/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Summary update call with Special Committee and advisors.
Total		**280.60**	

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Partner			
Boland, J	4.80	1,465.00	7,032.00
Manns, R	69.50	1,355.00	94,172.50
Rosenblatt, A	9.30	1,460.00	13,578.00
		Sub Total	**114,782.50**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	58.40	1,065.00	62,196.00
Caverlee, J	3.50	1,195.00	4,182.50
Copeland, J	1.90	1,210.00	2,299.00
		Sub Total	**68,677.50**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Berthiaume, M	35.40	935.00	33,099.00
Mokrzycka, M	40.50	935.00	37,867.50
		Sub Total	**70,966.50**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	1.70	860.00	1,462.00
Brown, S	5.60	1,000.00	5,600.00
Conover, J	37.50	730.00	27,375.00
Gizzo, C	1.70	1,080.00	1,836.00
Wilson-Iguade, O	6.30	675.00	4,252.50
		Sub Total	**40,525.50**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			

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Adams, K	3.70	440.00	1,628.00
Miramontes, C	0.60	495.00	297.00
		Sub Total	**1,925.00**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Practice Support			
Rastogi, E	0.20	350.00	70.00
		Sub Total	**70.00**
Total	**280.60**		**296,947.00**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	**DESCRIPTION**		**AMOUNT**
05/14/2026	050053575826 - May 8, 2026 hearing transcript (Ascend) - 5000018176 - JUDICIAL TRANSCRIBERS OF TEXAS, LLC		63.45
		Sub Total	**63.45**
		TOTAL	**63.45**

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Professional Services Rendered to May 03, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	71,221.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 71,221.00**

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DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
05/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise the letter to AirGas.
05/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review and revise credit bid motion.
05/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review Nooter's supplemental objection to cash collateral.
05/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with Jefferies and A&M team regarding ongoing issues and next steps.
05/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Call with the NRF construction group regarding credit bid's rights.
05/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.30	Work on the schedules and statements.
05/01/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and comment on draft motion to credit bid.
05/01/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review of multiple IOIs and working group emails.
05/01/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Call and emails with counsel for TKJV.
05/01/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with counsel for Kinterra.
05/01/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss motion to limit credit bid.
05/01/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with counsel for Senior CLNs.
05/01/2026	Gaona, M	0.80	Attention to identification and collection of responsive documents to the requests for production propounded by Nooter.
05/01/2026	Boland, J	0.10	Emails with R. Manns regarding credit bid motion matters (.1).
05/01/2026	Boland, J	0.10	Analysis of vmm from third party inquiring about case and forward to team to respond to same (.1).
05/01/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Telephone conferences with R. Manns regarding case strategy matters (.4); telephone conference with M. Berthiaume and M. Mokrzycka regarding work assignments (.5).
05/01/2026	Blanchard, J	0.10	Email correspondence with mortgagees regarding lien issues and cash collateral.
05/01/2026	Blanchard, J	2.50	Review and draft comments to proposed stipulation and order regarding premium financing agreement (.3); email correspondence with H. Ross and M. Berthiaume regarding terms of stipulation and court approval (.1); review and revise draft DIP financing motion (2.1)

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05/01/2026	Blanchard, J	4.10	Analyze lien priority issues in connection with sale proceeds waterfall (3.0); telephone conference with R. Manns, L. Maher, and NRF team regarding motion to limit credit bid (.6); telephone conference with R. Manns, L. Maher, A&M, and counsel to TKJV regarding sale and credit bid issues (.5).
05/01/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding KEIP, second day matters, and credit bidding motion.
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.30	Review of automatic stay issues vis a vis premium financing agreements.
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Ongoing correspondence with BOA regarding cash collateral.
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.20	Preparation of agreed stipulation and order re insurance issues
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.50	Conference with AM and Jefferies teams
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Review of live correspondence and relevant materials ahead of call with AM team
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with BOA counsel regarding cash collateral issues
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.30	Conference with AM team regarding BOA cash collateral issues
05/01/2026	Berthiaume, M	1.60	Attention to credit bid motion including specific performance issues.
05/01/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review and organize DIP term sheet for signature; prepare Adobe request for execution of DIP term sheet; prepare correspondence re executed copy of DIP term sheet.
05/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review the KEIP motion.
05/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Call with the Committee regarding ongoing issues and second day hearing.
05/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.30	Review and revise the credit bid motion (2.9) numerous communication with NRF team regarding the same (.4).
05/02/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with Senior CLNs to discuss bid process.
05/02/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management team to discuss indications of interest.
05/02/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call and emails with counsel for the Committee.
05/02/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Calls with Special Committee.
05/02/2026	Manns, R	2.20	Revisions to motion to limit credit bid.

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05/02/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Calls and emails with CRO.
05/02/2026	Caverlee, J	1.00	Review and comment on revised DIP Credit Agreement; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/02/2026	Boland, J	0.20	Various emails with team regarding DIP financing (.2).
05/02/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Email correspondence with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, M. Berthiaume regarding case work streams and updates.
05/02/2026	Blanchard, J	3.50	Review and revise draft motion to limit credit bidding rights.
05/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review the DIP term sheet and comment on the same.
05/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review and revise credit bid motion.
05/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review, revise, and file the KEIP.
05/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Internal call with RF regarding ongoing steps and strategy.
05/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Numerous emails with Hallie Ross regarding assumption and assignment of executory contracts in relation with sale.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Revisions to credit agreement, DIP order and motion.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and analyze Kinterra term sheet.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with counsel for TKJV.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls and emails with Special Committee.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Calls and emails with working group re: transactional documents.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	1.20	Call with Special Committee and advisors.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Multiple calls and emails with Kinterra to discuss DIP financing.
05/03/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with American Battery Resources investment banker .
05/03/2026	Conover, J	1.50	Revise DIP Motion to new term sheet from Kinterra
05/03/2026	Caverlee, J	2.00	Review and comment on revised DIP Credit Agreement; review and respond to correspondence regarding the same.
05/03/2026	Brown, S	1.20	Review and analyze revised draft DIP Credit Agreement and send comments to R. Manns regarding the same.
05/03/2026	Boland, J	0.50	Review revised redlined draft motion to limit credit bid (.5).
05/03/2026	Boland, J	0.20	Numerous emails with team and advisors regarding DIP matters (.2).
05/03/2026	Blanchard, J	6.90	Revise draft DIP financing motion (4.5); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding status of DIP

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			negotiations and next steps (.2); analyze cash collateral issues in connection with adequate protection obligations (.3); review and draft comments to proposed interim DIP order (1.9)
05/03/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Telephone conference with M. Berthiaume, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding case work streams and status of negotiations with stakeholders.
05/03/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.50	Review of adequate protection and property of the estate issues presented by letter of credit analysis by BOA
05/03/2026	Berthiaume, M	2.70	Attention to credit bid motion including citations and exhibits.
05/03/2026	Berthiaume, M	0.20	Conference with NRF team regarding open items and next steps.
05/03/2026	Adams, K	3.00	Work on draft agenda and witness and exhibit list for May 8, 2026 second day hearing.
Total		**68.10**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Boland, J	1.10	1,465.00	1,611.50
Manns, R	13.70	1,355.00	18,563.50
		Sub Total	**20,175.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	18.90	1,065.00	20,128.50
Caverlee, J	3.00	1,195.00	3,585.00
		Sub Total	**23,713.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Berthiaume, M	12.90	935.00	12,061.50

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Mokrzycka, M	11.20	935.00	10,472.00
		Sub Total	**22,533.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Brown, S	1.20	1,000.00	1,200.00
Conover, J	1.50	730.00	1,095.00
Gaona, M	0.80	1,040.00	832.00
		Sub Total	**3,127.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	3.80	440.00	1,672.00
		Sub Total	**1,672.00**
Total	**68.10**		**71,221.00**

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Professional Services Rendered to May 24, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	235,657.44
Disbursements	3,899.98
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 239,557.42**

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05/11/2026	Gaona, M	0.30	Strategy correspondence regarding documents responsive to discovery requests.
05/12/2026	Gaona, M	2.50	Prepare document production in response to Nooter's Second Requests for Production.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and comment on Nooter discovery.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Travel to Houston for hearings.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of objecting parties' witness and exhibit lists.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple status updates with management team and working group.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Review and analyze evidence in support of DIP motion and cash collateral.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Calls and emails with counsel for Kinterra.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	4.10	Preparation for contested DIP hearing.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Call with DOE and working group (.6); follow-up calls with working group (.3).
05/12/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Prepare for and attend status conference.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and respond to multiple emails with counsel for DOJ.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Attention to Board minutes in connection with discovery and emails with working group re: same.
05/12/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Multiple calls and emails with Special Committee.
05/13/2026	Frost, A	0.50	Ascend - instructions to Georgia; emails with NRF US
05/13/2026	Gaona, M	1.20	Execute privilege redactions and prepare board minutes for production.
05/13/2026	Levivier, B	2.00	Review of the securities account pledge.
05/13/2026	Mortimer Tracy, G	0.50	Call with Alannah. Reviewing company search.
05/14/2026	Mortimer Tracy, G	2.00	Drafting director's certificate and board minutes.
05/14/2026	Lorenzo, A	2.80	Reviewed the new Ascend DIP term loan transaction and related post-closing requirements; analysed the [redacted] coordinated with B. Levivier to

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			prepare the French deliverables, including the formalities certificate and corporate authorisations (discussed about precedents to use and scope of work) and to order the relevant French social documents via Infogreffe; liaised with NRF London on timing, deliverables and French law scope
05/14/2026	Frost, A	1.00	Started review of English security documents
05/15/2026	Frost, A	0.50	Review of English security documents.
05/15/2026	Lorenzo, A	4.40	Reviewed and prepared a commented version of the securities account pledge agreement; reviewed the bylaws of the French entity
05/15/2026	Mortimer Tracy, G	1.90	Drafting two sets of shareholder resolutions (for shareholder approval of transaction, and to disapply the articles).
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Tim Powell regarding the assumption of the H2O contract.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Draft and revise notice of hearing.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with NRF, the Court, and various parties regarding status conference.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review the reply.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with the Committee regarding 341 meeting.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with the team regarding releasing Ascend employees.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Review and revise the schedules and statements.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.00	Review of qualified bid summary and related documents (.7) and confer with J. Blanchard (.3) regarding the same and sell of the IP to Kinterra.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with NRF team and Senior Lenders regarding cash collateral usage and next steps.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Contact numerous parties regarding the settlement meeting.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Jefferies team regarding the auction.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with NRF regarding fee statements.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review the research regarding 363 sale.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with counsel for TKJV.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and working group emails re: draft notice of sale.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.60	American Battery call and emails.

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05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call and emails with Committee.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group call to discuss prep for stakeholders meeting.
05/18/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Analyze issues concerning usage of cash collateral and related remedies (1.2); draft summary of analysis for negotiations with senior noteholders (.3).
05/18/2026	Blanchard, J	4.60	Review and analyze bid procedures order in connection with sale of certain assets of the debtors (.9); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding analysis of same (.4); draft summary of bid procedures and sale issues in connection with recommendation for R. Manns (.3); analyze lien issues in connection with prospective sale proceeds waterfall (.6); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding potential sale transaction (.3); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding bid procedures in connection with potential sale transaction (.4); review and analyze sale precedent in preparation for negotiations with stakeholders (.8); draft discussion items for R. Manns in preparation for negotiations with stakeholders (.6); review and analyze bids for sale of the debtors' assets in connection with same (.3).
05/18/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Analyze interim compensation order and NRF retention application in connection with prospective fee statement and fee application (.5); email correspondence with R. Manns and M. Mokryzcka regarding issues about same (.1).
05/18/2026	Blanchard, J	0.70	Analyze client questions [redacted] (.4); draft recommendation to client (.3).
05/18/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Review and analyze cure objections by Total Quality and Covington Industrial to potential assumption and assignment of contracts and leases.
05/18/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding case strategy and work streams (.5); telephone conference with M. Mokryzcka regarding mediation and case work assignments (.2); telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies teams regarding case updates and negotiations with key stakeholders regarding contested matters (.2)
05/18/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Strategy conference with A&M and Jefferies teams
05/18/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Internal call with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Blanchard with update on next steps after unsuccessful DIP hearing

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05/18/2026	Gizzo, C	1.60	Review Carta records to prepare common stock conversion information required for disclosure schedules.
05/18/2026	Lorenzo, A	1.40	Coordinated with French counterpart on French law aspects of the Ascend DIP financing; progressed review of French CPs and initiated call to align on French workstreams and transaction mechanics.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call and emails with counsel for the DOJ;
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with Senior CLNs.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Call with management team to discuss latest developments.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls and emails with working group re: case developments.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Calls and emails with Kinterra.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to cash collateral issues.
05/18/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Analyze Kinterra proposal and confer with working group.
05/19/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.90	Review revised transaction term sheet sent from Latham implementing bifurcated sale process involving Polish assets and IP separate from Hopkinsville sale; attend status conference.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.00	Prepare and attend the meeting with various parties regarding sale issues.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Travel to Houston
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Analyze motion to convert and emails with working group re: same.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails re: American Battery revised bid.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review draft notice of term sheet and Kinterra term sheet and addendum..
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to emails with counsel for DOJ.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with CRO re: liquidity issues.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Attend and participate status conference with chambers.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with counsel for TKJV.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	4.50	Meetings with stakeholders from Committee, TKJV, DOE, Senior CLNs and Kinterra.
05/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with counsel for the Committee.
05/19/2026	Conover, J	2.50	Conduct research on ability of the Debtors to sell property free and clear of junior interests under 363(f)(5).

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05/19/2026	Conover, J	1.00	Attend mediation with constituents to discuss current Kinterra offer
05/19/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Attend status conference on proposed sale motion of Poland and IP assets
05/19/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.30	Draft description of each of Junior CLN, Senior CLN, and Decarb Warrant for summaries of transaction to be disclosed in response to SOFA 13.
05/19/2026	Blanchard, J	4.50	Participate in in-person settlement discussions with stakeholders, including counsel for the senior noteholders, TKJV, Kinterra, the UCC, and the Department of Justice and Energy regarding potential resolution for the cases (4.0); attend court status conference virtually (.5).
05/19/2026	Blanchard, J	3.90	Analyze sale issues and precedent in preparation for negotiations with stakeholders regarding assets sales (1.6); conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding evidentiary matters and strategy for sale hearing (.4); analyze bid procedures and order in connection with sale of IP and Polish assets (.8); draft notice of sale regarding IP and Polish assets (1.1)
05/19/2026	Blanchard, J	2.50	Travel from Dallas to Houston office for meetings with stakeholders.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with Special Committee
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of objection to A&M retention application.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with counsel for the DOJ and Kinterra re: IP and Polish asset sale order.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Call and email with counsel for Committee re: sale and cash collateral issues.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Calls with A&M re: Nooter retention application objection
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with counsel for American Battery
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management team to discuss latest developments.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Prepare for contested sale hearing.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	1.30	Review drafts of APA mark-up and calls and emails with working group re: same.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with counsel for WPI re: objection
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.10	Emails with counsel for TQL re cure issues.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with counsel for TKJV.

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05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to Kinterra declaration in support of sale.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Revisions to witness and exhibit list and emails re: same.
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Call with Jefferies and AM regarding the sale hearing.
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.60	Draft and revise declarations of Titus and O'Hara in support of the sale.
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Attend call with management regarding the sale.
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.20	Review and finalize the schedules and statements and global notes.
05/20/2026	Blanchard, J	7.20	Review and analyze revised notice, sale order, and transaction documents for sale of IP and Polish assets (1.8); email correspondence with R. Manns and NRF team regarding sale hearing issues (.2); analyze sale waterfall issues in connection with ongoing negotiations with stakeholders regarding assets sales (.9); revise draft notice and proposed sale order for sale of IP and Polish assets (.7); review and revise draft declarations of Michael O'Hara and Adam Titus in support of sale of IP and Polish assets (2.5); telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies teams regarding sale hearing matters and strategy (.7); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding sale hearing filings and strategy (.4).
05/20/2026	Blanchard, J	0.70	Review and analyze Nooter's objection to retention of A&M as advisor and CRO (.3); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and A&M team regarding response to Nooter objection (.2); review and analyze United Electric's objection to retention of Jefferies (.2)
05/20/2026	Blanchard, J	2.00	Telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding cash collateral budgetary matters (.6); analyze cash collateral precedent in connection with same (.2); review and analyze proposed final cash collateral order (.7); draft comments to proposed final cash collateral order (.3); confer with R. Manns regarding proposed final cash collateral order (.2)
05/20/2026	Blanchard, J	1.40	Review and analyze WPI's objection to assumption and assignment in connection with sale of IP (.3); review and analyze proposed assumed contracts and cure amounts in connection with negotiations with counterparties (.4); video conference with counsel to H2O regarding assumption and assignment issues (.3); confer with M. Mokrzycka regarding assumption and assignment issues for sale of Polish assets

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			and IP (.2); review and revise proposed reservation of rights language from H2O (.2)
05/20/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.10	Prepare Second A&R Asset Purchase Agreement for signature by L. Austin.
05/20/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Search for copy of H20 contracts for executory analysis.
05/20/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Draft Notice of Revised Cash Collateral Order.
05/20/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Analyze correspondence from A&M, Jefferies, and Latham regarding global settlement and sale transaction
05/20/2026	Conover, J	3.50	Draft objection to TKJV/United Electric's Motion to Convert
05/20/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Call with representatives of creditor H2O to discuss IP assumption and assignment and whether their client will be affected by the sales
05/20/2026	Conover, J	1.00	Analyze objection to A&M fee application and objection to credit bid motion by RE Nooter and summarize for objection tracker; create chart of A&M objections for M. Mokrzycka
05/20/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Draft sale timeline for R. Manns' opening remarks
05/20/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Catch-up call with A&M and NRF teams to prepare for sale hearing.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Calls and emails with Latham re: Poland/IP sale.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Hearing prep call with advisors.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and comment on revisions to APA.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	1.40	Revisions to declarations in support of sale motion and multiple emails with declarants.
05/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple emails with DOJ.
05/21/2026	Rosenblatt, A	1.30	Attend bifurcated sales approval hearing.
05/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Attend hearing.
05/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Revise the certificate of no objection regarding the NRF employment application.
05/21/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Calls and review and respond to multiple emails with Kinterra.
05/21/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Review, comment and revise sale order and APA.
05/21/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Calls and emails with counsel for DOJ.
05/21/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Calls and emails with estate advisors.

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05/21/2026	Manns, R	5.00	Prepare for contested sale and cash collateral hearings and attend multiple status conferences.
05/21/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call and emails with management to discuss strategy issues.
05/21/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
05/21/2026	Manns, R	2.50	Calls and emails with TKJV, United, Committee and Nooter re: APA and Sale Order and related objections.
05/21/2026	Killian, K	3.90	Review and revise Disclosure Schedules based on updated Purchase Agreement.
05/21/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Attend status conference on sale order
05/21/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Prepare documentation for objectors comparing versions of the APA
05/21/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Strategy conference with Jefferies and A&M team after status conference
05/21/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Draft notice of auction for the Hopkinsville assets
05/21/2026	Conover, J	1.60	Attend sale hearing of Poland/IP assets
05/21/2026	Conover, J	2.50	Various correspondence and tasks related to final documentation of Poland/IP APA, Sale Order, and negotiations thereto
05/21/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Revise Sale Order with new provisions and references
05/21/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.10	Send revised draft of Second A&R Asset Purchase Agreement for L. Austin's signature.
05/21/2026	Blanchard, J	6.20	Attend court status conference on sale motion telephonically (.6); review and analyze updated drafts of the sale order and APA for sale of IP and Polish assets (2.5); draft responses to UCC's, Nooter's, and other party's questions regarding draft APA and sale order (.4); telephone conference with NRF, A&M, and Jefferies team regarding sale hearing matters and strategy (.5); attend second continued court status conference on sale motion for sale of IP and Polish assets (1.4); review and revise draft notice of auction for Hopkinsville property (.5); review and analyze bid procedures order and bid procedures in connection with auction matters (.3)
05/21/2026	Blanchard, J	2.10	Review and revise proposed final cash collateral order (.9); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding proposed revisions to proposed final cash collateral order (.2); review and analyze further revisions to the proposed final cash

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			collateral order (.9); telephone conference with counsel to senior noteholders regarding revisions to proposed final cash collateral order (.1).
05/21/2026	Blanchard, J	7.50	Travel from Houston following court hearings.
05/22/2026	Manns, R	4.00	Prepare for and attend status conference and contested hearing.
05/22/2026	Manns, R	2.50	Calls and emails with Kinterra and objecting parties re: sale order revisions and issues.
05/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Special Committee.
05/22/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Return travel to Dallas.
05/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with counsel for Senior CLNs.
05/22/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with counsel for TKJV.
05/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with DOJ re: FCA issues.
05/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review, finalize and file the final versions of the sale order.
05/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Review, revise, and file notice of filing cash collateral (.4) and review and revise the cash collateral order (.7).
05/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Prepare for and attend 341 preparation call ahead of 341 meeting.
05/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review, finalize, and file the auction notice.
05/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review the disclosure schedules to the Sale Order.
05/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review TKJV's objection to the proposed sale.
05/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.80	Prepare for and attend the hearings at 9:45 am and 2:00 pm.
05/22/2026	Rosenblatt, A	0.70	Attend Court's ruling on sale approval hearing sale; review draft Oder approving same.
05/22/2026	de Fleurieu, M	3.80	Reviewed instruction email from Scarlet McNelie. Reviewed APA re France closing deliveries. Ordered commercial court documents for French target. Drafted closing deliveries. Email to Scarlet with draft of closing deliveries and queries. Reviewed closing deliveries circulated by Latham. Email to Scarlet in response. Exchanges with Latham on closing deliveries. Exchanges re share registers. Reviewed exchanges of emails re closing
05/22/2026	Blanchard, J	3.80	Attend court status conference on sale motion telephonically (.1); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, NRF team members, and counsel to Kinterra regarding

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			revisions to the APA for the sale of the IP and Polish assets (.6); review and analyze further revised drafts of the APA and sale order (1.1); review and draft responses to comments to sale order (.5); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to revised sale order and APA (.2); attend hearing telephonically on sale of IP and Polish assets (.6); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding auction and sale hearing strategy (.5); review and revise draft notice of auction for Hopkinsville property (.2)
05/22/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Analyze chapter 11 filings and work product in connection with section 341 preparation session with CRO (.7); conduct section 341 meeting preparation session with CRO, M. Mokryzcka, and A&M team (.4).
05/22/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Review and revise proposed final cash collateral order to address comments and update milestones.
05/22/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding case work streams and strategy (.5); analyze reporting requirements in connection with first day order obligations (.5); telephone conference with B. Wong regarding reporting issues (.1).
05/22/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.10	Prepare third A&R APA for L. Austin's signature.
05/22/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Revise notice of auction for Hopkinsville assets and draft notice of revised sale order and revised APA
05/22/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Strategy conference on sale hearing with R. Manns, J. Blanchard, and M. Mokrzycka
05/22/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Post-hearing correspondence regarding updated order and auction strategy
05/22/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Conference with Latham team regarding updated sale order and APA addressing licenses
05/22/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Review of declarations to respond to objection by Nooter to A&M retention app
05/22/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Attend final sale hearing on Poland/IP assets
05/22/2026	Conover, J	0.10	Attend status conference on sale hearing
05/22/2026	Conover, J	1.80	Various correspondence and tasks related to new sale order and APA and addressing comments thereto
05/22/2026	De Caux, H	1.60	Reviewing APA and VPOA and STF for disposal of UK subsidiary.
05/22/2026	De Caux, H	1.70	Reviewing Board Resolution, VPoA, Share certificate indmenity and STF prepared by Latham; Providing

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			comments and sign off; Preparing execution versions and circulating with NRF US to coordinate execution; Dealing with queries on signing process
05/22/2026	De Caux, H	1.70	Preparing Directors Resolutions; Resignation Letter; Share Certificate Indemnity.
05/23/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with counsel for Committee.
05/23/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with counsel for Irongrey.
05/23/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call and emails with counsel for TQL.
05/23/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with counsel for American Battery.
05/23/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to Special Committee resolution approving APA and emails related to same.
05/23/2026	De Caux, H	1.20	Updating Board Resolution and Director Resignation to [redacted]; Circulating with Latham for sign off
05/23/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.70	Draft special committee resolutions approving third A&R APA.
05/23/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Analyze issues concerning Debtor's contracts with H2O Innovation (.3); draft summary of issues for discussion with counsel and A&M (.2)
05/24/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, Jefferies, and counsel to the UCC regarding auction for Hopkinsville assets (.5); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, Jefferies, counsel to the UCC, and counsel to bidder for Hopkinsville assets at auction (.4).
05/24/2026	De Caux, H	0.80	Preparing execution version of UK deliverables and sending to NRF US for sign off / to coordinate execution; Dealing with queries on witness requirements and use of electronic signatures.
05/24/2026	Killian, K	1.20	Draft and review Invention Assignment Agreements.
05/24/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review ABT APA and emails related to Debtors' comments.
05/24/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to discovery propounded on Kinterra by TKJV.
05/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Committee to discuss Hopkinsville.
05/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with ABT and Committee to discuss Hopkinsville bid and auction.
05/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Kinterra re: Hopkinsville auction; emails related to same.

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TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Manns, R	73.20	1,355.00	99,186.00
Rosenblatt, A	2.90	1,460.00	4,234.00
		Sub Total	**103,420.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	54.60	1,065.00	58,149.00
de Fleurieu, M	3.80	1,174.72	4,463.94
		Sub Total	**62,612.94**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Frost, A	2.00	1,478.38	2,956.76
Mokrzycka, M	21.30	935.00	19,915.50
		Sub Total	**22,872.26**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	1.30	860.00	1,118.00
Conover, J	24.30	730.00	17,739.00
De Caux, H	7.00	866.87	6,068.09
Gaona, M	4.00	1,040.00	4,160.00
Gizzo, C	1.60	1,080.00	1,728.00

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Killian, K	5.10	675.00	3,442.50
Levivier, B	2.00	672.11	1,344.22
Lorenzo, A	8.60	853.28	7,338.20
Mortimer Tracy, G	4.40	866.87	3,814.23
		Sub Total	**46,752.24**
Total	**216.10**		**235,657.44**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
05/13/2026	050053595924 - Document retrievals of Good Standing Certificates and Certified Charters from the Delaware, Texas and Massachusetts Secretary of States, Ascend Elements, Inc., Ascend Elements US, LLC, Battery Resourcers LLC. - 5000014804 - Capitol Services, LLC	621.34
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - Southwest Airlines - Traveled to Houston re Ascend Elements Meetings.	674.79
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - Four Seasons Hotel in Houston. Traveled to Houston to attend Ascend Elements Meetings.	850.90
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - In-Room Dining at Four Seasons Hotel in Houston. Traveled to Houston to attend Ascend Elements Meetings.	47.53
05/19/2026	050053647247 - May 14, 2026 hearing transcript - 5000018176 - JUDICIAL TRANSCRIBERS OF TEXAS, LLC	380.70
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - Uber from Home to DFW Airport. Traveled to Houston to attend Ascend Elements Meetings.	45.98
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - Uber in Houston from Airport to Four Seasons Hotel. Traveled to Houston to attend Ascend Elements Meetings.	53.98
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - Uber in Houston from Four Seasons Hotel to Airport. Traveled to Houston to attend Ascend Elements Meetings.	51.98
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - Uber from DFW Airport to Home. Traveled to Houston to attend Ascend Elements Meetings.	36.98
05/19/2026	010081830907 - Jason Blanchard - Uber in Houston from meetings to NRF Houston Office Traveled to Houston to attend Ascend Elements Meetings.	9.56

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05/21/2026	010081899339 - - Ascend Elements Meeting - Lunch		75.41
05/21/2026	010081899339 - - Ascend Elements Meeting - Lunch		279.12
05/21/2026	010081899339 - - Ascend Elements Meeting - Dinner		389.70
05/21/2026	010081899339 - - Ascend Elements Meeting - Lunch		382.01
		Sub Total	**3,899.98**
		TOTAL	**3,899.98**

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Professional Services Rendered to May 31, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	170,484.90
Disbursements	4,974.71
Other Charges	107.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 175,566.61**

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05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with the Committee regarding the status conference.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Draft declarations in support of the sale.
05/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Call with R. Manns and Jason Blanchard regarding the sale to Kinterra and next steps (.4); a follow up call with Jefferies and A&M regarding the same (.2).
05/19/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Review docket re objections to retention application for Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Jeffries, and Alverez & Marsal North America; prepare draft certificates of no objection for each; forward to M. Mokrzycka.
05/19/2026	Adams, K	0.60	Review docket re sale hearing exhibits; organize same.
05/19/2026	Gizzo, C	1.60	Review Carta to identify value of the Decarb warrant; Calculate value of the junior convertible notes and prepare email correspondence with NRF team regarding same.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review the motion to convert.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the summaries for the SOFA 13 regarding the conversion preferred stock into common stock.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Attend status conference.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review parties' witness and exhibit lists.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Confer with the Committee regarding extending objection to the employment applications (.2) and follow up with the A&M team regarding the same (.2).
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review the asset purchase agreement.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the addendum to the transaction process term sheet.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with David Fauvre regarding the notice of assumption of executory contracts,
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review and follow up research regarding 363 (f)(5).
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Draft, revise, pull exhibits and file witness and exhibit list.
05/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review and revise the notice of designation of SH bidder and cancellation of the auction,
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.30	Draft the outlines of examination for the sale hearing.

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05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Numerous revisions to the declarations.
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review the APA and related changes and communication with respect the same.
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review objections to the application to employ of A&M and Jefferies.
05/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review the Notice of United Electric Company to the Motion to Convert.
05/21/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review docket re order for interim compensation motion; prepare certificate of no objection for interim compensation motion; file same.
05/21/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Review and organize certificate of no objection for the retention application for Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP; file same.
05/21/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review and finalize certificate of no objection re rejection motion; organize and file same.
05/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.30	Prepare for and attend the hearing.
05/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.70	Review and revise and finalize various sale documents and sale order and file the same, including notices, APA, sale order, declarations.
05/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review additional documents and comments before the continued hearing.
05/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review the notice of auction.
05/22/2026	Adams, K	1.40	Review email re auction for 5/26/26 and transcriber request; prepare email to transcriber re setting up meeting and answer to questions; email correspondence to R. Manns re status of transcriber request; forward meeting invite re auction.
05/22/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review docket re orders approving the retention of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP and the interim compensation motion; begin draft of first monthly fee statement.
05/25/2026	de Fleurieu, M	1.80	Revised tax transfer form and share transfer form. Drafted resignation letter. Email to Latham and Scarlet with execution versions. Email to Scarlet re signing instructions for share transfer form.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Follow-up call with counsel for TKJV.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to Kinterra revised APA and working group emails re: same.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: Covington and Amcon issues.

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05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of disclosure schedules and call with wokring group re: same in advance of filing.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Call and emails with Special Committee.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Strategy call with Debtors' advisors.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to multiple emails with government re: auction.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to working group emails re: auction prep.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with counsel for TKJV.
05/25/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with FE Moran and TKJV.
05/25/2026	Killian, K	2.50	Review data room materials to identify contracts with relevant counterparties and analyze agreements for letter of credit obligations.
05/25/2026	De Caux, H	0.50	Updating signature pack for UK documents to include revised Board Resolution received from Latham
05/25/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Review correspondence and draft workstream list for the group
05/25/2026	Bodunrin, D	1.30	Attention to closing of transaction with Kinterra.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: 341 meeting.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Calls and emails with TKJV to discuss auction update and feedback from government.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management to discuss auction update.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with Iron Grey to discuss LOI.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Working group calls with advisors to discuss auction developments.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with counsel for Kinterra.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Special Committee.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with TKJV and follow up communication with NRF team.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	5.00	Attend the auction of assets.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Numerous communication with Jefferies and AM regarding the auction.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Draft notice of closing (.2), review executed APA and related disclosures (.3) and file the same (.1).

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05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Prepare for and attend 341 meeting.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Attend call with AM and Jefferies with Special Committee regarding the auction.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Numerous communication with various parties regarding the auction.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Call with NRF team regarding the ongoing issues and next steps.
05/26/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Kim Adams regarding the fee statement.
05/26/2026	de Fleurieu, M	1.50	Called domiciliation company re share registers. Call to formalist re delay to stamp registers at commercial court. Received call from Latham Paris. Reviewed emails from Scarlet and re signed documents. Email to Scarlet re signing of tax transfer form. Email to Scarlet re share registers.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with management team re: auction.
05/26/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Several email correspondences with Esquire and team re transcriber for upcoming auction; prepare auction information for Esquire and scheduling process.
05/26/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding work assignments for the chapter 11 cases.
05/26/2026	Blanchard, J	6.70	Participate in telephone conference with special committee, R. Manns, S. McNellie, A&M, and Jefferies teams regarding Hopkinsville auction (.5); confer with R. Manns regarding sale strategy and Hopkinsville auction (.2); analyze precedent in connection with evaluating sale options for the Debtors (.8); participate in auction for sale of Hopkinsville property (4.5); analyze bid procedures in connection with auction for sale of Hopkinsville property (.7).
05/26/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Analyze local rules and precedent in connection with establishing bar date for creditor claims.
05/26/2026	Blanchard, J	0.80	Preparation for section 341 meeting of creditors (.5); telephone conference with A. Titus regarding preparation for section 341 meeting of creditors (.1); attend section 341 meeting of creditors (.2).
05/26/2026	Blanchard, J	1.00	Review and analyze final cash collateral order in connection with ongoing reporting and adequate protection obligations (.7); telephone conference with B. Wong regarding reporting and adequate protection obligations (.3).
05/26/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.40	Attention to closing of transaction with Kinterra.

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05/26/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Review retention applications and engagement letters for division of labor on defense of retention applications
05/26/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Update objection tracker with live objections on the docket
05/26/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Catch-Up call with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka to go over workstreams
05/26/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Draft first notice of rejected contracts
05/26/2026	Conover, J	1.50	Draft motion to establish claims bar date and noticing procedures
05/26/2026	De Caux, H	0.80	Reviewing comments from Latham on STF and VPoA; Updating documents and circulating with Latham; Correspondence with NRF US regarding the same
05/26/2026	Gizzo, C	0.60	Preview updated junior and senior convertible note pro forma.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Call and emails with DOJ/DOE.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	5.00	Attend and participate at Hopkinsville auction.
05/26/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Committee counsel.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group re: 9019 and government closeout issues.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Special Committee.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with counsel for Fifth Wall and Doral.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with counsel for Irongrey.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Amcon lien analysis and working group emails re: same.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Comment on mark-up of APA and working group emails re: same.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Working group calls and emails re: APA and LOI issues.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Draft, revise, and file a notice of successful bidder.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Preliminary review of the bar date motion.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Internal call regarding the upcoming sale hearing, next steps, and strategy.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise the first rejection notice.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review MORs and global notice and provide comments.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review the IRS correspondence and confer with AM team regarding the same.

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05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Maegan Quejada regarding the back up bidder and bid procedures.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Draft. revise, and file notice of successful bidder and back up bidder.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.00	Internal check in call regarding next step regarding sale, bar date, and other issues.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Address the employees' issues and confer with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Draft notice of intent to adduce testimony from a remote location and file the same.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review and revise the fee statement and time entries.
05/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with H2O's counsel regarding sale.
05/27/2026	de Fleurieu, M	0.50	Exchanges of emails with Scarlet and Latham re share registers to be delivered. Instruction to Salomé to handle creation of share registers
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review revised sale order and workign group emails re: same.
05/27/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review and revise Notice of Rejection Contracts; organize and file same.
05/27/2026	Adams, K	4.00	Review and revise fee/task code information in spreadsheets; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re revisions.
05/27/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Review and analyze unexpired leases and executory contracts and related issues in connection with potential rejection and assumption.
05/27/2026	Blanchard, J	3.80	Review and draft comments to proposed sale order for Hopkinsville Assets (2.2); analyze sale order precedent in connection with same (.9); [redacted] (.7)
05/27/2026	Blanchard, J	0.70	Analyze wages order in connection with company and UCC questions concerning employees (.2); draft responses to company questions concerning employee claims (.5).
05/27/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Analyze cash collateral order and related correspondence in connection with ongoing reporting and adequate protection obligations (.2); telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding adequate protection obligations (.2); draft responses to B. Wong's questions regarding ongoing reporting and adequate protection obligations (.2).

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05/27/2026	Blanchard, J	1.00	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding case work assignments.
05/27/2026	Bodunrin, D	1.40	Prepare Covington APA term sheet for signature; confer regarding anticipated Covington and Hopkinsville sales; draft disclosure schedules for Hopkinsville APA.
05/27/2026	Burton, S	1.60	Review client battery management documentation and draft lithium battery regulatory review summary and convey initial comments to Mr. Singh.
05/27/2026	Conover, J	2.00	Begin drafting 9019 Motion for False Claims Act claims.
05/27/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Finalize bar date motion.
05/27/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Conduct further research on Amcon lien and the Georgia lease [redacted]"; correspondence with J. Blanchard regarding the same
05/27/2026	Conover, J	1.70	Conduct research on Amcon lien and its attachment to Debtors' leasehold interest; call with M. Mokrzycka and J. Blanchard on next steps for workstreams
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with counsel for TKJV.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Multiple emails with Committee counsel re: global settlement related issues.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to working group emails concerning communications with chambers and case updates.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with CRO to discuss liquidity issues
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with management team to discuss Covington issues.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to emails with counsel for Murphy.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with counsel for TKJV re: sale order.
05/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review FCA settlement agreement and working group emails re: same.
05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: Airgas draw down of letter of credit issues.
05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to multiple emails with Committee counsel re: sale hearing and DOJ settlement.
05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on further revised settlement agreement with DOJ.
05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with counsel for senior noteholders.
05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Irongrey's counsel re: Covington.

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05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call and emails with counsel for TKJV re sale hearing prep and objections.
05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss case updates.
05/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review comments to the APA.
05/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the settlement agreement.
05/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Draft witness and exhibit list and gather all exhibits for filing.
05/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Numerous conferences regarding the auction transcript.
05/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review and revise the sale order.
05/28/2026	de Fleurieu, M	0.50	Instructed Salomé Ayache re identification of shareholder to be indicated in register
05/28/2026	Adams, K	3.50	Further review of restructuring matter spreadsheets; forward revised spreadsheet to M. Mokrzycka for review.
05/28/2026	Adams, K	1.00	Review and organize Witness and Exhibit List for sale hearing; file same; download Witness and Exhibit List and forward filed copy to M. Mokryzcka.
05/28/2026	Adams, K	0.40	Review and organize Certificate of No Objection for Motion to Seal; file same.
05/28/2026	Ayache, S	2.30	Research into the shareholder structure of Ascend Elements France, drafting of emails, and coordination of the order for the share register.
05/28/2026	Blanchard, J	1.90	Draft responses to company questions concerning employee claims (.3); analyze wages order in connection with drafting responses (.2); analyze wage claim precedent in connection with drafting responses (.4); telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding employee claim issues (.3); review and revise draft FAQs for employees (.7)
05/28/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Telephone conference with R. Manns, J. Conover, and M. Mokrzycka regarding case updates and work assignments.
05/28/2026	Blanchard, J	0.10	Telephone conference with B. Wong regarding tax reporting by the debtors.
05/28/2026	Blanchard, J	1.50	Review and analyze revised versions of the asset purchase agreement for the Hopkinsville assets (.8); telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding Covington sale issues (.3); review and analyze draft sale order for Covington sale (.4)

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05/28/2026	Bodunrin, D	1.80	Draft and revise disclosure schedules for Hopkinsville purchase agreement.
05/28/2026	Burton, S	0.40	Confer with Mr. Singh regarding Li-ion battery regulatory analysis and conclusions/recommendations.
05/28/2026	Conover, J	0.90	Internal strategy conference with M. Mokrzycka, J. Blanchard, and R. Manns; updates to workstream tracker and email correspondence
05/28/2026	De Caux, H	0.80	Correspondence with CoSec provider to obtain registers and filing code; Circulating same with Latham
05/28/2026	Killian, K	1.80	Analyze changes to the Purchase Agreement and draft list of required signing and closing deliverables.
05/28/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Multiple emails with counsel for H2O.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Analyze government objection to sale.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with Senior CLN advisors.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with management to discuss strategic considerations with Covington transaction.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to auction transcript.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Multiple calls and emails with counsel for TKJV re: sale related issues.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with counsel for TQL.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review MOR and global notes and confer with AM team regarding the same.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review Committee's application to employ.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.70	Draft and revise the bar date motion.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the AMCON issues and follow up with the team regarding the same.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.50	Review sale objections and confer with NRF team regarding the same.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review schedules in connection with APA.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Internal call regarding various issues, next steps, and case strategy.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review the revised sale order (.3) and draft and file notice of filing of sale order (.3).
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review and revise fee statement.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with Chambers regarding hearing dates.

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05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review delivery payment matrix.
05/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review and revise the 9019 motion.
05/29/2026	de Fleurieu, M	0.90	Reviewed information summarized by Salomé re shareholder of Ascend France. Instructed her to email Scarlet re confirmation of information with cient
05/29/2026	Ayache, S	0.50	Drafting Email - Coordination
05/29/2026	Blanchard, J	1.20	Review and analyze objections to sale of Hopkinsville assets
05/29/2026	Blanchard, J	0.70	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding work assignments.
05/29/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Telephone conference with R. Manns regarding strategy in connection with pending disputes with creditors and other parties in interest.
05/29/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Review and analyze revised draft sale order for sale of Hopkinsville assets (.7); draft comments to same (.4).
05/29/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Review and analyze draft reports to the US Trustee and counsel to the committee required under first day orders (.1); review and analyse first day orders in connection with same (.2); draft email correspondence to B. Wong regarding reporting requirements and reports (.1).
05/29/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.70	Finalize draft of disclosure schedules for Hopkinsville purchase agreement; draft disclosure schedules for Covington purchase agreement.
05/29/2026	Burton, S	0.20	Confer with Mr. Singh regarding lithium ion battery regulatory analysis and client meeting scheduling.
05/29/2026	Conover, J	4.50	Continue drafting and finalize 9019 motion for FCA settlement with the DOE (3.7); Internal strategy conference with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka (0.8)
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with estate advisors to discuss latest developments.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call and emails with tax advisor re: protest update at Hopkinsville.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Special Committee re: sale updates and developments.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Emails with counsel for Amcon re: Covington and potential bid (.2); analyze Amcon lien issues (.3).
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with United's counsel.

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05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Attention to revisions to sale order and emails with working group.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with counsel for Irongrey.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Working group calls re: APA and revisions.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Calls and emails with Committee counsel.
05/29/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with A&M re: Nooter objection and emails re: same (.3); emails with Nooter's counsel (.1).
05/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review updated MOR.
05/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the auction transcript.
05/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.30	Draft declarations in support of sale.
05/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise updated spreadsheet for the fee statement.
05/30/2026	Conover, J	4.90	Draft Reply to Objections to Hopkinsville Sale Order
05/30/2026	Adams, K	6.50	Review and revise corrected spreadsheets for April fee statement; forward to M. Mokrzycka.
05/31/2026	Adams, K	2.00	Further review and revise time entry spreadsheets.
05/31/2026	Blanchard, J	1.30	Review and analyze draft reply in support of sale of Hopkinsville assets (.4); analyze precedent in connection with drafting comments to reply (.3); draft comments to reply (.1); review and analyze draft declarations in support of sale of Hopkinsville assets (.5).
05/31/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Review and analyze draft bar date motion and notices (.7); draft comments to motion and notices (.4).
05/31/2026	Conover, J	1.90	Revise Reply to Objections to Hopkinsville Sale Order
05/31/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Review and revise Titus and O'Hara declarations.
05/31/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with working group re: wind down considerations.
05/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Revise the bar date motion.
05/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review further comments to declarations.
05/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the proposed changes to the APA.
05/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review comments to the Titus declaration.
05/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.60	Review and revise the reply to the objections.
Total		**180.60**	

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NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Burton, S	2.20	1,585.00	3,487.00
Manns, R	34.10	1,355.00	46,205.50
		Sub Total	**49,692.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	26.30	1,065.00	28,009.50
de Fleurieu, M	5.20	1,174.72	6,108.55
		Sub Total	**34,118.05**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	49.30	935.00	46,095.50
		Sub Total	**46,095.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Ayache, S	2.80	672.11	1,881.91
Bodunrin, D	5.60	860.00	4,816.00
Conover, J	21.80	730.00	15,914.00
De Caux, H	2.10	866.87	1,820.44
Gizzo, C	2.20	1,080.00	2,376.00
Killian, K	4.30	675.00	2,902.50
		Sub Total	**29,710.85**

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NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Paralegal			
Adams, K	24.70	440.00	10,868.00
		Sub Total	**10,868.00**
Total	**180.60**		**170,484.90**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
05/21/2026	Companies House-13.05.26-1-Full Search-REJX-	67.20
05/25/2026	010081840149 - RYAN E. MANNS - Flights on Southwest Airlines to Houston re meetings with Ascend Elements (NRF Client) et al.	814.80
05/25/2026	010081840149 - RYAN E. MANNS - Parking at Dallas Love Field while flying Southwest Airlines to Houston re meetings with Ascend Elements (NRF Client) et al.	84.00
05/25/2026	010081840149 - RYAN E. MANNS - Hotel in Houston. Was there attending Ascend Elements meetings/hearings.	1,276.35
05/25/2026	010081840149 - RYAN E. MANNS - Miscellaneous Tips on Trip to Houston and back.	20.00
05/25/2026	010081840149 - RYAN E. MANNS - Travel meal in Houston. Was there attending Ascend Elements meetings/hearings.	7.03
05/25/2026	010081840149 - RYAN E. MANNS - Travel meal in Houston. Was there attending Ascend Elements meetings/hearings.	10.49
05/28/2026	010082026867 - RYAN E. MANNS - Fly to Houston on Southwest Airlines to attend meetings and court hearing.	750.80
05/28/2026	010082026867 - RYAN E. MANNS - Parking Receipt from Dallas Love Field Airport. Flew to Houston on Southwest Airlines to attend meetings and court hearing.	150.00
05/28/2026	010082018541 - - Ascend Elements Meeting - Lunch	277.93
05/28/2026	050012958962 - SAB Formalités 26.75407 28/05/2026 - Purchase of a register and initialling - 5000052268 - SAB FORMALITES - 26.75407	443.82

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05/28/2026	010082026867 - RYAN E. MANNS - Uber in Houston from NRF Office to Houston Hobby Airport to return home to Dallas.	45.99
05/28/2026	010082026867 - RYAN E. MANNS - Uber in Houston from Courthouse back to NRF Office after attending Hearing re Ascend Elements.	20.97
05/28/2026	010082026867 - RYAN E. MANNS - Uber in Houston from the NRF Office to Courthouse to attend an Ascend Elements Hearing.	17.98
05/28/2026	010082026867 - RYAN E. MANNS - Uber in Houston from Hobby Airport to NRF Office. Went there to attend meetings and court hearing re Ascend Elements.	51.98
05/29/2026	010082018463 - Jason Blanchard - American Airlines Receipt - Houston back to Dallas on 5-21-26. Went to Houston re Ascend Elements for meetings.	399.69
05/29/2026	010082018463 - Jason Blanchard - American Airlines Receipt - Dallas to Houston on 5-19-26. Went there re Ascend Elements for meetings.	337.39
05/29/2026	010082018463 - Jason Blanchard - Uber in Dallas from DFW Airport to my home. Was returning from Houston where I attended Ascend Elements meetings.	34.68
05/29/2026	010082018463 - Jason Blanchard - Uber in Houston from NRF Office to George Bush (IAH) Airport to return to Dallas. Was in Houston re Ascend Elements meetings.	96.25
05/29/2026	010082018463 - Jason Blanchard - Uber in Houston from Hobby Airport to NRF Office. Traveled to Houston re Ascend Elements meetings.	32.59
05/29/2026	010082018463 - Jason Blanchard - Uber from my home to DFW Airport to travel to Houston re Ascend Elements meetings.	34.77
	Sub Total	**4,974.71**

DESCRIPTION		**AMOUNT**
eDiscovery		107.00
	Sub Total	**107.00**
	TOTAL	**5,081.71**

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Professional Services Rendered to May 10, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	126,018.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 126,018.00**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
05/01/2026	Killian, K	3.10	Review and analyze Note Purchase Agreement and related documents, revise Diligence Tracker, and assess outstanding obligations from the Joint Venture Agreement.
05/01/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Review and revise due diligence request list provided by the TKJV and their counsel and correspondence with Ascend Elements regarding diligence requests.
05/01/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review requirements for Schedule of Financial Affairs and review June 2025 Junior CLN Note Purchase Agreement related to conversion of preferred stock into common stock and relevance to the Schedule of Financial Affairs.
05/02/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Senior CLN Noteholders regarding indications of interest letters from potential bidders at the auction.
05/02/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on indications of interest from potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/02/2026	McNellie, S	2.80	Review and revise Disclosure Schedules to the Asset Purchase Agreement from Latham.
05/02/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise critical due diligence request list provided by Kinterra and Latham and correspondence with Ascend Elements regarding critical diligence requests.
05/02/2026	Segrest, C	0.90	Review correspondence re: diligence matters.
05/03/2026	Segrest, C	6.80	Review revised Term Sheet; review revised APA; prepare summary of revisions; begin to revise APA.
05/03/2026	McNellie, S	3.00	Review and revise critical due diligence request list provided by Kinterra and Latham and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Latham regarding responses to the critical diligence requests.
05/03/2026	McNellie, S	1.20	Review DIP Term Loan Agreement.
05/03/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review draft of Term Sheet and Addendum provided by Latham and correspondence with Ascend Elements regarding summary and comments to the term sheet and

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05/03/2026	McNellie, S	3.00	Review and revise Asset Purchase Agreement draft provided by Latham and correspondence with Ascend Elements regarding summary and comments to the Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/03/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Polich counsel regarding Kinterra DIP and security documents and correspondence with Elemental Metals regarding the Joint Venture Agreement, Service Agreement and Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/03/2026	Killian, K	1.10	Draft and revise responses to the Critical Diligence List and conference with NRF colleagues regarding the same.
05/04/2026	Killian, K	5.20	Draft list of action items during internal check in call regarding the Disclosure Schedules and on client call regarding changes to the Purchase Agreement; review and revise disclosure schedules and reconcile incorporation of new edits from Buyer's counsel; review and analyze Senior and Junior CLN Documents; conference with NRF colleagues regarding entity status and corporate governance documents; assess outstanding requested documents from the Schedules.
05/04/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell and Latham regarding questions and comments to the Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/04/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/04/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/04/2026	McNellie, S	4.50	Review and revise Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules.

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05/04/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review DIP Term Loan Agreement and discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell and Spencer Brown on comments to the DIP Term Laon Agreement.
05/04/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements team and Latham team regarding diligence questions and requests.
05/04/2026	Segrest, C	7.90	Continue to revise Asset Purchase Agreement; correspondence re: diligence matters; attend internal NRF check-in call; attend call with D. Powell to discuss APA comments; attend call with Ascend team to discuss cure costs; attend call with Latham to discuss APA revisions; review revised Disclosure Schedules.
05/04/2026	Wilson-Iguade, O	0.60	Review loan agreement to determine the deliverables needed at closing.
05/05/2026	Segrest, C	2.60	Review and revise APA; correspondence re: diligence matters and disclosure schedules.
05/05/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell and Latham regarding update on the transaction and additional comments to the Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/05/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules.
05/05/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/05/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements team and Latham team regarding diligence questions and requests.
05/06/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review documents and notices related to Polish Joint Venture and communications with joint venture partner and discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell and Latham regarding same.
05/06/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.

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05/06/2026	McNellie, S	4.50	Review, revise and finalize the Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and coordinate the execution of the Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/06/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review and revise resolutions to approve the execution of the DIP Term Loan Agreement and the Asset Purchase Agreement and discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE) regarding the resolutions.
05/06/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/06/2026	Segrest, C	6.10	Revise and negotiate Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/07/2026	Segrest, C	7.30	Review changes to Credit Agreement against APA for conformity; review and revise Closing Checklist; review and revise Sale Order; review and revise Stalking Horse Notice.
05/07/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise the revised draft of the Disclosure Schedules and related attachments on the intellectual property assignment and NDAs.
05/07/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/07/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discission with Hallie Ross (A&M) regarding executory contracts and cure costs related to assumed and rejected contractions.
05/07/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Bradley counsel for American Battery regarding diligence questions and requests.
05/07/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Department of Energy Government Contract Closeout Meeting with individuals at the Department of Energy and discussion and correspondence with Roger Lin, Deacon Powell and Maryclaire Kennedy regarding the DOE meeting.
05/07/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Review requirements related to the Schedules of Financial Affairs related to Senior CLN Notes Offering, Junior CLN Notes Offering and conversion of preferred stock into common stock.

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05/07/2026	Killian, K	1.00	Draft and revise Closing Checklist and conference with NRF colleagues regarding the same.
05/07/2026	Killian, K	3.20	Take notes on call covering Schedule of Financial Affairs.
05/08/2026	Killian, K	0.50	Review and assess Confidentiality Agreements and draft list of missing employee Non-Disclosure Agreements.
05/08/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), executive officers, and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/08/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Ascend Elements Emergency Status Conference.
05/08/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with [redacted], regarding questions about the bankruptcy process and auction.
05/08/2026	McNellie, S	3.50	Review and revise the revised draft of the Disclosure Schedules and related attachments on the intellectual property assignment and NDAs.
05/08/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/08/2026	Segrest, C	2.40	Review Sale Order and Stalking Horse Notice; telephone calls and correspondence with J. Blanchard to discuss conforming Sale Order.
05/09/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Review and redact Board of Directors minutes with respect to discovery requests from creditors.
05/09/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/10/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), executive officers, and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul

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			Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/10/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Review and redact Board of Directors minutes with respect to discovery requests from creditors.
Total		**118.70**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
McNellie, S	70.00	1,240.00	86,800.00
Segrest, C	34.00	920.00	31,280.00
		Sub Total	**118,080.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Killian, K	14.10	540.00	7,614.00
Wilson-Iguade, O	0.60	540.00	324.00
		Sub Total	**7,938.00**
Total	**118.70**		**126,018.00**

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Professional Services Rendered to May 17, 2026	Charges USD
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DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
05/11/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Kinterra, Latham and Ascend teams regarding contract diligence queries, assumed contracts list and other contracts list that was filed with the bankruptcy court.
05/11/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell, Adam Titus and NRF team regarding comments to and finalizing the Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/11/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and revisions to the Disclosure Schedules.
05/11/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/11/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/12/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.10	Prepare Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement for L. Austin's signature.
05/12/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/12/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Discussion and correspondence with the Department of Justice, Department of Energy, Linh Austin, Deacon Powell, the NRF Team and the Jefferies regarding objections to the DIP motion, proposed DIP order, and the Stalking Horse Bid, and overview of the sales process and outreach.

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05/12/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review, revise and finalize the Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and revisions to the Disclosure Schedules.
05/12/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Deacon Powell regarding comments to and finalizing the Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/12/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with TKJV and Clifford Chance regarding objections to the DIP motion.
05/13/2026	Meaney, T	1.50	Review employee NDAs for effective IP assignment language; review correspondence with buyer regarding request for inventor assignment agreements; provide comments and analysis of NDA language and buyer request; spot check sampling of patents and patent applications for inventor assignment agreements; review joint development agreements for handling of IP registration; provide comments, analysis, and recommendations regarding request for executed inventor assignment agreements.
05/13/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/13/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the Department of Justice, the Latham Team, and the NRF Team regarding objections to the DIP motion, proposed DIP order, and the Stalking Horse Bid and diligence questions about Kinterra.
05/13/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/13/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Discussion and correspondence with the Ascend team and Latham team regarding outstanding priority diligence requests.
05/13/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Ryan Manns regarding Special Committee formation, resolutions and approvals regarding the DIP Term Loan Agreement and Stalking Horse Asset Purchase Agreement.

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05/13/2026	Killian, K	0.50	Review and analyze Joint Development Agreements and WPI Licenses.
05/14/2026	Segrest, C	0.60	Attend telephone call with Latham team re: closing items.
05/14/2026	Segrest, C	0.50	Attend telephone call with Latham IP team.
05/14/2026	Miramontes, C	0.40	Correspondence with Scarlett McNellie and Jenni Mintz (Capitol Services) regarding assistance with a document to be notarized and an apostille for use in Poland.
05/14/2026	Meaney, T	1.20	Confirm inventor assignments on USPTO database; prepare list of patents and patent applications that did not have inventor assignments on file and list of corresponding inventors; research license status of selected patents and patent applications; provide inventor assignments for requested inventors; review, revise, and comment on draft form inventor assignment agreement.
05/14/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with WPI regarding assignment of license agreements and review pleadings related to objections filed by WPI.
05/14/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the Department of Justice, the Department of Energy, the Ascend Elements team, and the NRF Team regarding the sales process and current status.
05/14/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with the Latham intellectual property team regarding invention assignments and the Disclosure Schedules.
05/14/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the Latham team regarding closing checklist and closing items.
05/14/2026	McNellie, S	3.00	Discussion and correspondence regarding Cash Collateral and DIP hearing.
05/14/2026	Killian, K	0.70	Review and analyze invention assignment search results and compare against current draft of the schedules.
05/15/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the Department of Justice and TKJV's counsel regarding the sale process and diligence questions about TKJV.
05/15/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/15/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and

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			correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/15/2026	Meaney, T	1.00	Review additional patent assignment documentation from Ascend; compare assignment documentation against Latham requests for inventor assignments.
05/16/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/17/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review, revise and finalize the Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Latham regarding the finalized Disclosure Schedules.
05/17/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Review the revised bid proposal from Kinterra/Latham.
05/17/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the Unsecured Creditors Committee and counsel regarding the sales process, objections, and next steps.
05/17/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
Total		**47.00**	

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NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
McNellie, S	40.50	1,240.00	50,220.00

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Segrest, C	1.10	920.00	1,012.00
		Sub Total	**51,232.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Meaney, T	3.70	996.00	3,685.20
		Sub Total	**3,685.20**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	0.10	688.00	68.80
Killian, K	1.20	540.00	648.00
		Sub Total	**716.80**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Miramontes, C	0.40	396.00	158.40
		Sub Total	**158.40**
Total	**47.00**		**55,792.40**

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SUMMARY	
Fees	86,174.40
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 86,174.40**

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05/17/2026	Owings, J	0.30	Prepare for call with Deacon Powell and Barbara Knight regarding potential plant closing.
05/18/2026	Braun, A	1.20	Telephone conference with client regarding employee matters; correspondence with client regarding [redacted].
05/18/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Discussion and correspondence with Department of Justice and Department of Energy regarding the intellectual property, Poland business, Hopkinsville auction, sales process, objections, next steps, and diligence queries.
05/18/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Latham regarding intellectual property, WPI licenses and assumed contracts.
05/18/2026	Owings, J	0.50	Confer with Deacon Powell, Barbara Knight, S. McNellie, and A. Braun regarding potential plant closings.
05/19/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise the Second Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Latham regarding same.
05/19/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review diligence questions regarding intellectual property, WPI licenses and assumed contracts and discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Latham regarding same.
05/19/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Status Conference with Judge Lopez.
05/20/2026	McNellie, S	6.50	Review and revise the Second Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Latham regarding same.
05/20/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/20/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with American Battery and counsel regarding the Hopkinsville auction, sales process, objections, and next steps.

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05/20/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with TKJV and counsel regarding the Hopkinsville auction, sales process, objections, and next steps.
05/20/2026	Segrest, C	2.80	Correspondence re: Kinterra APA; review revisions to Kinterra APA.
05/21/2026	Segrest, C	2.60	Review American Battery APA revisions for Hopkinsville acquisition; prepare issues list.
05/21/2026	Segrest, C	7.30	Prepare Covington APA and Term Sheet.
05/21/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/21/2026	McNellie, S	5.50	Review and revise the Second Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Latham regarding same.
05/21/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the executive officers and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/21/2026	Braun, A	2.30	Telephone conference with opposing counsel regarding asset purchase agreement (0.3); revise asset purchase agreement and correspondence with opposing counsel and S. McNellie regarding same (2.0).
05/22/2026	Killian, K	1.10	Review and revise list of outstanding closing deliverables.
05/22/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with the Polish counsel, UK counsel and French counsel regarding closing logistics, closing documents, and execution of closing documents.
05/22/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Sale Hearing Status Update and then full Sale Hearing with Judge Lopez.
05/22/2026	McNellie, S	6.50	Review and revise the Third Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Latham regarding same.

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05/22/2026	Segrest, C	2.80	Review/revise ancillary documents; correspondence re: closing deliverables.
05/23/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise the Third Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Latham regarding same.
05/23/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise closing documents related to the Asset Purchase Agreement, including the invention assignment agreement and termination agreement of intercompany loans.
05/23/2026	Segrest, C	4.10	Prepare Intercompany Loan Termination Agreement; review intercompany loan agreements; review disclosure schedules; correspondence regarding closing deliverables.
05/24/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise closing documents related to the Asset Purchase Agreement, including the invention assignment agreement and termination agreement of intercompany loans.
05/24/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise the Third Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Latham regarding same.
05/24/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Tomasz Poznar regarding EBRD Notice, contracts material to the Poland business and Polish closing documents.
05/24/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with TKJV and counsel regarding the Hopkinsville auction, sales process, objections, and next steps.
Total		**76.00**	

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Partner			
Braun, A	3.50	1,028.00	3,598.00
McNellie, S	51.00	1,240.00	63,240.00
Segrest, C	19.60	920.00	18,032.00

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Counsel			
Owings, J	0.80	888.00	710.40
		Sub Total	**710.40**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Killian, K	1.10	540.00	594.00
		Sub Total	**594.00**
Total	**76.00**		**86,174.40**

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05/25/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with UK counsel regarding closing logistics, UK closing documents, and execution of UK closing documents.
05/25/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Discussion and correspondence with the client regarding closing logistics, signing of closing documents, and notarizing certain closing documents.
05/25/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with French counsel regarding closing logistics, UK closing documents, and execution of UK closing documents.
05/25/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Latham regarding closing logistics and closing documents.
05/25/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with the Polish counsel regarding closing logistics, Polish closing documents, and execution of Polish closing documents.
05/25/2026	McNellie, S	4.50	Review, revise, finalize and compile the Third Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement and Disclosure Schedules and discussion and correspondence with Latham regarding same.
05/25/2026	McNellie, S	2.00	Special Committee Meeting update - discussion and correspondence with the Special Committee, Bill Transier (AE), and advisors Adam Titus (AE), Michael O'Hara (Jeffries), Paul Shin (Jeffries) and Ryan Manns (NRF) regarding updates on the bankruptcy case, potential bidders, negotiations with Kinterra, noteholders, and lienholders and restructuring work streams.
05/25/2026	Segrest, C	1.50	Review Kinterra Poland/IP closing-related correspondence.
05/26/2026	McNellie, S	4.50	Discussion and correspondence with the client, Polish counsel, UK counsel, French counsel and Latham regarding closing logistics, exchange of closing documents, and closing of the APA transaction.
05/26/2026	McNellie, S	0.80	Review and revise the term sheet for the Covington Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/26/2026	McNellie, S	4.50	Attendance at Sale Auction for the sale of the Hopkinsville Facility, pursuant to the Bidding Procedures and Bidding Procedures Order.
05/26/2026	Segrest, C	4.40	Review Hopkinsville drafts from TKJV and Kinterra.

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05/26/2026	Segrest, C	1.50	Review and revise Covington Term Sheet with Irongrey.
05/27/2026	Segrest, C	6.20	Review and revise TKJV APA for Hopkinsville assets.
05/27/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review, revise and finalize the term sheet for the Covington Asset Purchase Agreement and discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Irongrey's counsel regarding the final term sheet.
05/27/2026	McNellie, S	1.20	Attention to post-closing matters related to the Kinterra Poland/IP Asset Purchase Agreement, like the invention assignment agreements, and UK, French and Polish matters.
05/27/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review, revise and finalize the term sheet for the Covington Asset Purchase Agreement and discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and Irongrey's counsel regarding the final term sheet.
05/27/2026	McNellie, S	4.50	Review and revise the Hopkinsville Asset Purchase Agreement with TKJV.
05/27/2026	Killian, K	0.90	Participate in discussion with NRF colleagues regarding auction updates and next steps.
05/28/2026	Braun, A	0.40	Revise employee FAQ and correspondence with S. McNellie regarding same.
05/28/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and the A&M team regarding the Assumed Contracts and Letters of Credit related to the Hopkinsville Facility and the Covington Facility.
05/28/2026	McNellie, S	4.50	Review and revise Hopkinsville Asset Purchase Agreement with TKJV and discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and TKJV's counsel regarding the Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/28/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review and revise TKJV Hopkinsville Disclosure Schedules.
05/28/2026	Owings, J	0.60	Prepare proposed revisions to the employee FAQ.
05/28/2026	Segrest, C	4.40	Revise TKJV APA; review disclosure schedules.
05/29/2026	Killian, K	2.20	Revise and finalize closing checklist to ensure comprehensive coverage of all transaction deliverables required under the Purchase Agreement and confer with NRF colleagues to align on outstanding items.

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05/29/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Review and revise TKJV Hopkinsville Disclosure Schedules and correspondence with TKJV's counsel (Clifford Chance and Winston Strawn) regarding the TKJV Hopkinsville Disclosure Schedules.
05/29/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and TKJV's counsel (Clifford Chance and Winston Strawn) regarding the Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/29/2026	Owings, J	0.60	Provide advice regarding state law requirements for payment of final wages.
05/29/2026	Segrest, C	1.50	Review and revise Closing Checklist for TKJV Hopkinsville transaction.
05/29/2026	Segrest, C	0.60	Attend telephone call with Clifford Chance to discuss TKJV APA.
05/29/2026	Segrest, C	3.20	Review previous TKJV APA drafts and issues lists.
05/31/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise Hopkinsville Asset Purchase Agreement with TKJV and discussion and correspondence with Ascend Elements and the A&M team regarding the revised Asset Purchase Agreement and comments to the Asset Purchase Agreement.
05/31/2026	Segrest, C	3.60	Review and revise TKJV APA.
Total		**76.60**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Braun, A	0.40	1,028.00	411.20
McNellie, S	45.00	1,240.00	55,800.00
Segrest, C	26.90	920.00	24,748.00
		Sub Total	**80,959.20**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Owings, J	1.20	888.00	1,065.60

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		Sub Total	**1,065.60**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Killian, K	3.10	540.00	1,674.00
		Sub Total	**1,674.00**
Total	**76.60**		**83,698.80**

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Hopkinsville Kentucky Lien Dispute

Professional Services Rendered to May 10, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	25,107.20
Disbursements	270.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 25,377.20**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT	TASK	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
05/01/2026	Cluskey, E	12.70	7,112.00	B130		Strategy conference with M. Kennedy [redacted] review and analyze witness interview notes and Project documents related to Turner-Kokosing for use in Motion to Limit Credit Bid; strategy conference with bankruptcy team and M. Kennedy regarding Motion to Limit Credit Bid; revise and supplement Motion to Limit Credit Bid and prepare exhibits for same.
05/01/2026	Maher, L	3.20	2,611.20	B130		Conferences and correspondence with attorney team to discuss Motion to Limit TKJV Credit Bid; analyze same; attend conference with TKJV regarding same.
05/04/2026	Cluskey, E	0.10	56.00	B130		Review and analyze exhibits to Motion to Limit Credit Bid for confidentiality concerns and correspondence with M. Kennedy regarding same.
05/04/2026	Maher, L	0.40	326.40	B130		Review Responses to Nooter's Requests for Production; review current draft of Motion to Limit Credit Bid.
05/04/2026	Maher, L	0.40	326.40	B130		Correspondence with attorney team regarding claims administration; review TKJV correspondence related to same.
05/05/2026	Maher, L	0.20	163.20	B130		Correspondence with attorney team regarding claims administration.
05/06/2026	Cluskey, E	0.10	56.00	B130		Correspondence with L. Maher regarding upcoming depositions and status of matter.
05/06/2026	Maher, L	0.30	244.80	B130		Conference and correspondence with R. Manns to discuss claims strategy.
05/06/2026	Maher, L	0.20	163.20	B130		Review Responses to Nooter's Requests for Production.

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05/07/2026	Maher, L	1.00	816.00	B130	Review requests from Murphy's counsel; prepare for upcoming depositions of Titus and O'Hara, including analysis of likely topics of examination.
05/07/2026	Maher, L	0.40	326.40	B130	Conference and correspondence with client and attorney team to discuss claims strategy and upcoming depositions.
05/07/2026	Cluskey, E	0.10	56.00	B190	Strategy conference with L. Maher regarding status of matter.
05/08/2026	Maher, L	0.60	489.60	B130	Conferences and correspondence with attorney team to discuss claims strategy.
05/08/2026	Maher, L	1.00	816.00	B130	Prepare for upcoming depositions of Titus and O'Hara, including analysis of likely topics of examination; review Nooter's discovery requests.
05/09/2026	Maher, L	2.10	1,713.60	B130	Conference with client team to discuss strategy for upcoming hearings and depositions; analyze and develop approach for potential Hostettler declaration and expert report; correspondence with team regarding same; prepare for upcoming depositions of Titus and O'Hara, including analysis of likely topics of examination.
05/10/2026	Maher, L	0.80	652.80	B130	Prepare for upcoming depositions and expert disclosures; correspondence with attorney team regarding same.
05/11/2026	Maher, L	2.90	2,366.40	B130	Correspondence with client team to discuss lawsuit and arbitration statuses; analyze Hostettler report outline; correspondence with Hostettler and conference with attorney team to discuss same; conference with attorney team following court hearing.
05/12/2026	Cluskey, E	1.20	672.00	B130	Strategy conference with L. Maher regarding Georgia leasehold lien research; conduct legal research regarding mechanic's liens in relation to a leasehold interest under Georgia law and correspondence to

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					J. Blanchard regarding same.
05/12/2026	Cluskey, E	1.20	672.00	B230	Internal strategy conference with L. Maher and bankruptcy team regarding status of matter and upcoming DIP hearing.
05/12/2026	Maher, L	4.70	3,835.20	B130	Conferences and correspondence with attorney team to discuss claims strategy; review and analyze Hostettler draft report; prepare summary of suggested revisions to same; correspondence with Hostettler regarding same.
05/13/2026	Maher, L	0.90	734.40	B130	Review schedule for upcoming hearings and correspondence regarding discovery requests and potential depositions; conferences and correspondence with attorney team regarding same; review strategy for potential expert and current draft of same.
05/13/2026	Maher, L	0.30	244.80	B130	Correspondence with Murphy's counsel regarding subcontractor settlements.
05/15/2026	Maher, L	0.80	652.80	B130	Conferences and correspondence with legal team to discuss claims strategy; review correspondence from A&M regarding same.
Total		**35.60**	**25,107.20**		

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Maher, L	Partner	20.20	816.00	16,483.20
Cluskey, E	Associate	15.40	560.00	8,624.00
Total		**35.60**		**25,107.20**

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
05/08/2026	050053500613 - Local counsel fees. - 5000021365 - English Lucas Priest Owsley, LLP	270.00
	Sub Total	**270.00**
	TOTAL	**270.00**

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Hopkinsville, Kentucky Investigation

Professional Services Rendered to May 31, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	31,613.30
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 31,613.30**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
05/01/2026	Kennedy, M	11.10	10,367.40	Prepare for ana attend strategy call with E. Cluskey concerning [redacted]; prepare for and attend call with bankruptcy team regarding [redacted]; analyze emails, interview memos, and call notes to inform revisions; draft and revise motion.
05/01/2026	Spektor, A	0.50	562.50	Correspond with team and provide guidance to M. Kennedy on privilege issues touching on investigation.
05/02/2026	Kennedy, M	0.40	373.60	Draft and revise motion; confer with E. Cluskey regarding same; circulate draft to bankruptcy group noting outstanding aspects to address prior to finalization and dissemination to client and OC.
05/03/2026	Kennedy, M	0.20	186.80	Review email history with AUSA to respond to bankruptcy team's due diligence requests and discuss subject matter of initial calls with A. Spektor to inform response to related follow up.
05/03/2026	Spektor, A	0.30	337.50	Review correspondence re: investigation with S. McNellie and others, discuss with M. Kennedy and respond.
05/04/2026	Kennedy, M	2.10	1,961.40	Call and text O. Sherman to discuss sworn statement and availability to testify; email bankruptcy team to update on same, noting no response yet and to respond to questions about the scope of testimony that W. Richardson could cover; review proposed exhibits for confidentiality concerns, discuss with E. Cluskey, and respond to M.Berthiaume email regarding same; email R. Mann regarding revisions to O.Sherman affidavit.
05/04/2026	Spektor, A	0.60	675.00	Discussions throughout the day with M. Kennedy and correspond with R. Manns re: [redacted].
05/06/2026	Spektor, A	0.40	450.00	Correspond with R. Manns and team re: [redacted] and other issues; discuss with L. Maher and M. Kennedy.
05/07/2026	Kennedy, M	0.90	840.60	Prepare for and attend DOE closeout call; revise notes from same and circulate; respond to S. McNellie questions concerning Section 309

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				closeout.
05/09/2026	Spektor, A	0.30	337.50	Review DOJ email re: bankruptcy, team correspondence, and correspond with R. Manns, M. Kennedy and L. Maher
05/22/2026	Kennedy, M	0.30	280.20	Prepare for and attend call with AUSA to discuss resolution; strategize regarding same with A. Spektor.
05/22/2026	Spektor, A	1.10	1,237.50	Correspond with AUSA Malloy and R. Manns re: FCA resolution; call with AUSA Malloy re: terms; review sample FCA resolutions involving DOE and correspond with AUSA Malloy to provide her certain templates; discuss with M. Kennedy; review correspondence from DOJ re: effect of FCA resolution on proceeding.
05/27/2026	Kennedy, M	3.40	3,175.60	Review FCA agreements to inform analysis of draft; revise draft resolution; prepare redline and circulate to clients; attend call to discuss same; proofread and finalize draft; discuss same with A. Spektor.
05/27/2026	Spektor, A	4.60	5,175.00	Review proposed settlement agreement from the DOJ; analyze comparing to other similar agreements, meet with M. Kennedy to discuss; provide edits and comments; review M. Kennedy's edits; correspond with R. Manns re: bankruptcy-related provisions; meet with D. Powell, R. Manns, M. Kennedy, R. Lin to discuss portions that we will ask to be amended; revise final version and send to DOJ with redline; correspond with AUSA Malloy, and research and send agreements to push back on some of the comments; prepare for call tomorrow with AUSA Malloy.
05/28/2026	Kennedy, M	2.80	2,615.20	Analyze AUSA pushback on revisions;review publicly-available FCA settlements to inform response; discuss same with A.Spektor; prepare for and attend call with J.Malloy to walk trough each revision and align on final draft; analyze revised draft from J.Malloy; compare revised and initial drafts for client consideration; consider R. Mann feedback regarding bankruptcy procedure; finalize settlement agreement and circulate for signature; correspond with R. Manns regarding copy for commission review.

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05/28/2026	Spektor, A	2.70	3,037.50	Review latest proposed edits to the DOJ agreement, organize prior publicly-available FCA settlements to use as precedent, strategize with M. Kennedy to focus on most important changes; prepare for call with AUSA to walk her through justifications for changes; attend call with AUSA and M. Kennedy; review and analyze revised agreement; draft email summary for group to discuss changes; correspond with R. Manns; finalize, sign and correspond with AUSA and Ascend.
Total		**31.70**	**31,613.30**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP				
New York				
Kennedy, M	Senior Associate	21.20	934.00	19,800.80
Spektor, A	Partner	10.50	1,125.00	11,812.50
			Sub Total	**31,613.30**
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP			**Total**	**31,613.30**
			GRAND TOTAL	**31,613.30**

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

THIRD MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Name of applicant:	Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
Role in case:	Counsel to the Debtors
Date of retention:	May 21, 2026, *effective as of* April 9, 2026 [Dkt. No. 370]
Period covered:	June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026
Fees incurred:	$710,569.22
20% holdback:	$142,113.84
Total fees incurred less 20% holdback:	$568,455.38
Expenses incurred:	$2,607.73
Total fees (80%) and expenses (100%) due:	$571,063.11
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	$1,035.98
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	$1,004.91

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

In accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 369] , each party receiving notice of the monthly fee statement will have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), 14 days after service of the monthly fee statement to object to the requested fees and expenses. Upon the expiration of such 14-day period, the Debtors are authorized to pay the Professional an amount of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the applicable monthly fee statement.

1. Pursuant to sections 327, 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 Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "Retention Order") [Dkt. No. 370], and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Order") [Dkt. No. 369], the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF"), counsel for Ascend Elements, Inc. *et al.* (the "Debtors"), hereby files this monthly statement for (a) compensation in the amount of $571,063.11 (80% of $710,569.22) for the reasonable and necessary legal services NRF rendered to the Debtors from June 1, 2026 through and including June 30, 2026 (the "Compensation Period") and (b) reimbursement for 100% of the actual and necessary expenses that NRF incurred, in the amount of $2,607.73 during the Compensation Period.

2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a billing summary of NRF professionals and paraprofessionals by individual, setting forth the (a) name and title of each individual who performed services during the Compensation Period, (b) aggregate time expended by each such

individual, (c) hourly billing rate for each such individual, and (d) amount of fees earned by each NRF professional and paraprofessional.

3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a summary of hours and fees by task code.

4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a summary of reimbursement sought by expense type for all expenses for the Compensation Period incurred in connection with the performance of professional services.

5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is NRF's itemized time records of its professionals and paraprofessionals and itemized records of reimbursement sought for the Compensation Period.

6. This Monthly Fee Statement includes all the information and supporting detail regarding fees and expenses available to NRF at the time of the filing of this Monthly Fee Statement. If additional information and supporting detail in connection with this Compensation Period should become available as a result of delays in accounting processing or an inadvertence with respect to time or expenses entered in the accounting system, or any other reason, NRF reserves the right to make an application to the Court for an allowance of such fees and expenses not included in this Monthly Statement.

7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, each Monthly Fee Statement shall be served upon: (a) the Debtors, c/o Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 1550 Lamar, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: Ryan Manns (ryan.manns@nortonrosefulbright.com), Maria Mokrzycka (maria.mokrzycka@nortonrosefulbright.com), and Jason I. Blanchard (jason.blanchard@nortonrosefulbright.com); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Ha Nguyen (Ha.Nguyen@usdoj.gov) and Vianey Garza (Vianey.Garza@usdoj.gov); (c) counsel to the Senior Secured Holders: Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153,

Attn: Sunny Singh (sunny.singh@weil.com), and 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Stephanie Morrison (stephanie.morrison@weil.com) and Emma Wheeler (emma.wheeler@weil.com); Goodwin Procter LLP, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Robert Lemons (rlemons@goodwinlaw.com) and Debora Hoehne (dhoehne@goodwinlaw.com); and Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, Attn: Jason Brookner (jbrookner@grayreed.com); and (d) counsel to the Committee, McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 2801 North Harwood Street, Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Charles R. Gibbs (crgibbs@mcdermottlaw.com) and Kristin K. Going (kgoing@mcdermottlaw.com).

8. Any party in interest shall have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) on the date that is fourteen (14) days after service of this Monthly Fee Statement (the "Monthly Objection Deadline") to review such statement and, in the event that such party in interest has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in this Monthly Fee Statement, such party in interest shall, on or before the Monthly Objection Deadline, serve upon NRF and upon the Debtors, a written notice of objection (the "Objection") setting forth the nature of the Objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

WHEREFORE, NRF, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors, respectfully requests (a) allowance of compensation and reimbursement in the amount of (i) $568,455.38 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered (80% of $710,569.22) and (ii) $2,607.73 for 100% of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and (b) payment of the forgoing sums.

Dated: July 10, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP

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EXHIBIT A

COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL
JUNE 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Ryan Manns	Partner	Restructuring	2003	$1355.00	107.8	146,069.00
Maria Mokrzycka	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2020	$935.00	136.3	127,440.50
Kim Adams	Paralegal	Restructuring	N/A	$440.00	36.5	16,060.00
Salome Ayache	Associate	Corporate M&A	2026	$671.55	2.5	1,678.92
Jason Blanchard	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2012	$1,065.00	132.1	140,686.50
Danielle Bodunrin	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2023	$860.00	16.3	14,018.00
Jason Boland	Partner	Restructuring	2003	$1,465.00	0.6	879.00
Adam Braun	Partner	Tax-Employee Benefits	2018	$1,028.00	0.3	308.40
Bob Bruner	Partner	Restructuring	2008	$1,340.00	1.0	1,340.00
Scott Burton	Partner	Environmental and Mass Tort	1981	$1,585.00	5.6	8,876.00
Elsie Cluskey	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2023	$560.00	0.5	280.00
John Conover	Associate	Restructuring	2023	$730.00	72.1	52,633.00
Madison Gaona	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2021	$1,040.00	3.8	3,952.00
Maryclaire Kennedy	Senior Associate	Financial Institutions Disputes	2019	$934.00	2.3	2,148.20
Kendall Killian	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2025	$540.00	3.1	2,092.50
Luke Maher	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2009	$816.00	1.2	979.20
Scarlet McNellie	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2003	$1,240.00	70.0	86,800.00
Christine Miramontes	Senior Paralegal	Finance	N/A	$495.00	0.4	198.00
Caleb Segrest	Partner	Corporate, MA and Securities	2015	$920.00	69.5	63,940.00
Jagdeep Singh	Counsel	Environmental and Mass Tort	2019	$865.00	41.0	35,465.00
Andrey Spektor	Partner	Litigation and Disputes	2009	$1,125.00	4.2	4,725.00
				TOTAL	**707.1**	**710,569.22**

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
JUNE 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B120: Asset Analysis and Recovery	40.8	34,954.80
B130: Asset Disposition	386.1	404,029.50
B140: Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection Proceedings	0.5	432.00
B150: Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	11.2	14,672.00
B160: Employment and Fee Applications	45.5	26,159.50
B170: Fee/Employment Objections	19.2	16,480.00
B185: Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts	13.3	13,709.00
B190: Other Contested Matters	62.7	64,119.90
B195: Non-Working Travel	8.5	11,517.50
B210: Business Operations	6.3	6,270.81
B220: Employee Benefits/Pensions	2.5	2,886.40
B230: Financing/Cash Collections	2.7	3,629.50
B260: Board of Directors Matters	27.1	31,477.11
B310: Claims Administration and Objections	12.4	12,659.20
B320: Plan and Disclosure Statement	68.3	67,572.00
TOTAL	**707.1**	**710,569.22**

EXHIBIT C

REIMBURSEMENT BY EXPENSE TYPE
JUNE 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Description	Amount
Transcript Fee	$1,433.91
Filing Fees	224.76
Courier Fees	28.80
Meals	150.55
Travel	762.71
eDiscovery	7.00
Total:	**$2,607.73**

EXHIBIT D

TIME DETAIL

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

FOURTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JULY 31, 2026

Name of applicant:	Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
Role in case:	Counsel to the Debtors
Date of retention:	May 21, 2026, *effective as of* April 9, 2026 [Dkt. No. 370]
Period covered:	July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026
Fees incurred:	$523,757.00
20% holdback:	$104,751.40
Total fees incurred less 20% holdback:	$419,005.60
Expenses incurred:	$5,876.72
Total fees (80%) and expenses (100%) due:	$424,882.32
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	$1,020.63
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	$948.49

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

In accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 369] , each party receiving notice of the monthly fee statement will have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), 14 days after service of the monthly fee statement to object to the requested fees and expenses. Upon the expiration of such 14-day period, the Debtors are authorized to pay the Professional an amount of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the applicable monthly fee statement.

1. Pursuant to sections 327, 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 Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "Retention Order") [Dkt. No. 370], and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Order") [Dkt. No. 369], the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF"), counsel for Ascend Elements, Inc. *et al.* (the "Debtors"), hereby files this monthly statement for (a) compensation in the amount of $424,882.32 (80% of $523,757.00) for the reasonable and necessary legal services NRF rendered to the Debtors from July 1, 2026 through and including July 31, 2026 (the "Compensation Period") and (b) reimbursement for 100% of the actual and necessary expenses that NRF incurred, in the amount of $5,876.72 during the Compensation Period.

2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a billing summary of NRF professionals and paraprofessionals by individual, setting forth the (a) name and title of each individual who performed services during the Compensation Period, (b) aggregate time expended by each such

individual, (c) hourly billing rate for each such individual, and (d) amount of fees earned by each NRF professional and paraprofessional.

3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a summary of hours and fees by task code.

4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a summary of reimbursement sought by expense type for all expenses for the Compensation Period incurred in connection with the performance of professional services.

5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is NRF's itemized time records of its professionals and paraprofessionals and itemized records of reimbursement sought for the Compensation Period.

6. This Monthly Fee Statement includes all the information and supporting detail regarding fees and expenses available to NRF at the time of the filing of this Monthly Fee Statement. If additional information and supporting detail in connection with this Compensation Period should become available as a result of delays in accounting processing or an inadvertence with respect to time or expenses entered in the accounting system, or any other reason, NRF reserves the right to make an application to the Court for an allowance of such fees and expenses not included in this Monthly Statement.

7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, each Monthly Fee Statement shall be served upon: (a) the Debtors, c/o Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 1550 Lamar, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: Ryan Manns (ryan.manns@nortonrosefulbright.com), Maria Mokrzycka (maria.mokrzycka@nortonrosefulbright.com), and Jason I. Blanchard (jason.blanchard@nortonrosefulbright.com); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Ha Nguyen (Ha.Nguyen@usdoj.gov) and Vianey Garza (Vianey.Garza@usdoj.gov); (c) counsel to the Senior Secured Holders: Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153,

Attn: Sunny Singh (sunny.singh@weil.com), and 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Stephanie Morrison (stephanie.morrison@weil.com) and Emma Wheeler (emma.wheeler@weil.com); Goodwin Procter LLP, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Robert Lemons (rlemons@goodwinlaw.com) and Debora Hoehne (dhoehne@goodwinlaw.com); and Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, Attn: Jason Brookner (jbrookner@grayreed.com); and (d) counsel to the Committee, McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 2801 North Harwood Street, Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Charles R. Gibbs (crgibbs@mcdermottlaw.com) and Kristin K. Going (kgoing@mcdermottlaw.com).

8. Any party in interest shall have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) on the date that is fourteen (14) days after service of this Monthly Fee Statement (the "Monthly Objection Deadline") to review such statement and, in the event that such party in interest has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in this Monthly Fee Statement, such party in interest shall, on or before the Monthly Objection Deadline, serve upon NRF and upon the Debtors, a written notice of objection (the "Objection") setting forth the nature of the Objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

WHEREFORE, NRF, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors, respectfully requests (a) allowance of compensation and reimbursement in the amount of (i) $419,005.60 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered (80% of $523,757.00) and (ii) $5,876.72 for 100% of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and (b) payment of the forgoing sums.

Dated: August 19, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JULY 31, 2026

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Maria Mokrzycka	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2020	$935.00	100.0	$93,500.00
Kim Adams	Paralegal	Restructuring	N/A	$440.00	38.3	$16,852.00
Jason Blanchard	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2012	$1,065.00	106.2	$113,103.00
Danielle Bodunrin	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2023	$860.00	6.1	$5,246.00
Bob Bruner	Partner	Restructuring	2008	$1,340.00	1.0	$1,340.00
Scott Burton	Partner	Environmental and Mass Tort	1981	$1,585.00	1.2	$1,902.00
Elsie Cluskey	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2023	$560.00	0.5	$280.00
John Conover	Associate	Restructuring	2023	$730.00	55.9	$40,807.00
Christopher Curcuruto	Analyst	eDiscovery Services	N/A	$250.00	12.5	$3,125.00
Madison Gaona	Associate	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2021	$1,040.00	23.9	$24,856.00
Julie Goodrich Harrison	Partner	Restructuring	2014	$1,150.00	0.2	$230.00
Scarlet McNellie	Partner	Commercial & Energy Disputes	2003	$1,240.00	8.0	$9,920.00
Eric Rastogi	Senior Project Manager	eDiscovery Services	N/A	$350.00	7.2	$2,520.00
Todd Schroeder	Partner	Tax	2002	$1,248.00	1.0	$1,248.00
Caleb Segrest	Partner	Corporate, MA and Securities	2015	$920.00	59.2	$54,464.00
Cathy Shu	Associate	Restructuring	2022	$940.00	42.2	$39,668.00
Jagdeep Singh	Counsel	Environmental and Mass Tort	2019	$865.00	1.3	$1,124.50
Chris Smith	Senior Advisor, Digital Collections	Litigation Technology/E-Discovery	N/A	$450.00	3.5	$1,575.00
Andrey Spektor	Partner	Litigation and Disputes	2009	$1,125.00	0.5	$562.50
Ashlyn Wilson	Supervisor, eDiscovery Services	Litigation Technology/E-Discovery		$350.00	1.7	$595.00
				TOTAL	**552.2**	**$523,757.00**

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JULY 31, 2026

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B120: Asset Analysis and Recovery	6.3	$5,275.00
B130: Asset Disposition	305.2	$285,209.50
B150: Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	9.7	$12,681.50
B160: Employment and Fee Applications	29.7	$16,374.00
B185: Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts	17.0	$18,040.50
B190: Other Contested Matters	47.7	$52,601.00
B210: Business Operations	3.6	$3,202.50
B220: Employee Benefits/Pensions	1.6	$1,729.00
B230: Financing/Cash Collections	1.1	$1,490.50
B240: Tax Issues	1.5	$1,715.50
B260: Board of Directors Matters	3.7	$4,023.50
B310: Claims Administration and Objections	16.6	$15,506.50
B320: Plan and Disclosure Statement	108.5	$105,908.00
TOTAL	**552.2**	**$523,757.00**

EXHIBIT C

REIMBURSEMENT BY EXPENSE TYPE
JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JULY 31, 2026

Description	Amount
Transcript Fee	$261.25
Local Counsel	$2,581.48
Courier Fees	$57.99
Meals	$23.43
Travel	$1,467.14
eDiscovery	$1,485.43
Total:	**$5,876.72**

EXHIBIT D

TIME DETAIL

INVOICE

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Invoice Number	9495722688
Matter Number	1001387558
Invoice Date	July 07, 2026
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Project Ember

Professional Services Rendered to July 05, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	26,904.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 26,904.00**

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NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Invoice Date	July 07, 2026	**Invoice Number**	9495722688	**Page**	**2**
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Matter Description	Project Ember				

TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/01/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with Adam Titus and Hallie Ross at A&M regarding the Hopkinsville post-closing obligations related to contracts, invoices, and letters of credit.
07/01/2026	Segrest, C	3.80	Correspondence re: various closing deliverables and other pre-closing items.
07/01/2026	Segrest, C	2.10	Revise Covington Transition Services Agreement.
07/01/2026	Segrest, C	0.80	Revise Lease Assignment Agreement for two acquired Covington Leases.
07/01/2026	Segrest, C	0.90	Prepare form of notice/consent letter for third party consents.
07/02/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the Clifford Chance team (TKJV's counsel) and Adam Titus at A&M regarding the Hopkinsville post-closing obligations related to contracts, invoices, and letters of credit.
07/02/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Review and revise the Covington Lease amendment document and discussion and correspondence regarding the assignment and assumption of the Covington Lease.
07/02/2026	Segrest, C	4.60	Correspondence re: various closing deliverables and pre-closing action items; review and finalize Integration Planning Agreement; revise TSA; review revised lease assignment agreement.
07/02/2026	Segrest, C	2.60	Review revised closing deliverables; review IP License Agreement.
07/03/2026	Segrest, C	5.20	Correspondence re: required consents and other pre-closing items; review and revise APA amendment; correspondence with Covington Industrial landlord re: lease assignment and cure order; prepare Covington IP License Assignment; correspondence with Latham/Kinterra re: IP license.
07/04/2026	Segrest, C	2.30	Review and revise TSA; correspondence re: TSA negotiations; correspondence re: other closing deliverables.
07/05/2026	Segrest, C	2.90	Revise TSA; correspondence re: closing matters; update closing checklist.
Total		**28.20**	

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TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
McNellie, S	3.00	1,240.00	3,720.00
Segrest, C	25.20	920.00	23,184.00
Total	**28.20**		**26,904.00**

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Project Ember

Professional Services Rendered to July 12, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	26,676.00
Disbursements	57.99
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 26,733.99**

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Matter Description	Project Ember				

TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/06/2026	McNellie, S	2.50	Review and revise the Covington closing documents and discussion and correspondence with the Ascend and A&M teams, Jones Walker and R3 Lithium regarding the Covington closing documents.
07/06/2026	Segrest, C	8.90	Attend call with NRF team re: check-in; call with A&M and Ascend team re: pre-closing matters; Prepare good faith deposit release letter; prepare and negotiate Second Amendment to APA; correspondence re: compilation and review of closing deliverables; review funds flow; correspondence re: TQL issues; correspondence re: various closing matters.
07/07/2026	McNellie, S	1.50	Attention to the closing of the Covington Asset Purchase Agreement and discussion and correspondence with the Ascend and A&M teams, Jones Walker and R3 Lithium regarding the Covington Closing.
07/07/2026	Segrest, C	5.50	Correspondence re: closing matters; attend call with Ascend to discuss Kinterra Polish equity option; attend call with Latham to discuss Kinterra Polish equity option; revise TQL consent letter; revise Covington IP License Assignment and correspondence with Latham re: same.
07/08/2026	McNellie, S	1.00	Discussion and correspondence with the Ascend and A&M teams and Latham regarding Kinterra's option to acquire AE Poland.
07/08/2026	Segrest, C	3.10	Review and revise Latham's draft of Covington IP License Assignment; prepare WBO Bill of Sale; correspondence re: various post-closing matters.
07/09/2026	Schroeder, T	1.00	Prepare for and call to discuss the potential sale of the NOLs.
07/09/2026	Segrest, C	1.30	Correspondence re: Covington IP License; review Assignment; review Latham Option Letter re: Polish equity.
07/10/2026	Segrest, C	0.90	Review and revise WBO Bill of Sale; correspondence re: APA questions regarding Ascend obligations in connection with GA EPD variance.
07/11/2026	Segrest, C	1.20	Review APA and Sale Order re: authority to reject contracts for Hopkinsville; correspondence with S. McNellie re: same.
Total		**26.90**	

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TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
McNellie, S	5.00	1,240.00	6,200.00
Schroeder, T	1.00	1,248.00	1,248.00
Segrest, C	20.90	920.00	19,228.00
Total	**26.90**		**26,676.00**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
06/30/2026	050054302927 - Delivery for the NY Office (Scarlett McNellie) - 5000021611 - NPD LOGISTICS, LLC	57.99
	Sub Total	**57.99**
	TOTAL	**57.99**

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Project Ember

Professional Services Rendered to July 19, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	4,876.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 4,876.00**

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Matter Description	Project Ember				

TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/13/2026	Segrest, C	1.80	Correspondence re: rejection of Hopkinsville contracts; Covington landlord lease amendment; review Hopkinsville APA re: pCAM transfer.
07/14/2026	Segrest, C	0.50	Correspondence re: WBO equipment sale.
07/15/2026	Segrest, C	0.40	Correspondence re: notice letter under Covington APA re: non-exercise of Poland JV Option.
07/16/2026	Segrest, C	1.10	Review Kinterra Demand Letter; review TQL revisions to consent letter.
07/17/2026	Segrest, C	1.50	Correspondence re: Kinterra Demand Letter.
Total		**5.30**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Segrest, C	5.30	920.00	4,876.00
Total	**5.30**		**4,876.00**

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Invoice Date	July 28, 2026
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Project Ember

Professional Services Rendered to July 26, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	4,968.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 4,968.00**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/20/2026	Segrest, C	1.40	Review Bluegrass/Latham Demand Letter Response.
07/21/2026	Segrest, C	0.50	Review Covington Industrial 2nd Amendment to Lease.
07/21/2026	Segrest, C	0.80	Revise WBO Bill of Sale.
07/22/2026	Segrest, C	1.90	Revise WBO Bill of Sale; review TQL consent letter; review APAs for insurance requirements and summarize.
07/24/2026	Segrest, C	0.80	Review 2nd Amendment to Covington Industrial Lease; revise WBO Bill of Sale.
Total		**5.40**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Segrest, C	5.40	920.00	4,968.00
Total	**5.40**		**4,968.00**

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Professional Services Rendered to July 31, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	2,208.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 2,208.00**

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Matter Description	Project Ember			

TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/28/2026	Segrest, C	0.70	Review Covington APA and TSA re: insurance obligations.
07/29/2026	Segrest, C	0.20	Correspondence re: R3 insurance requirements.
07/30/2026	Segrest, C	1.20	Review Demand Letter re: Poland JV.
07/31/2026	Segrest, C	0.30	Review correspondence re: Kinterra supplemental Invention Assignment Agreements and IP Assignment.
Total		**2.40**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Segrest, C	2.40	920.00	2,208.00
Total	**2.40**		**2,208.00**

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Invoice Date	August 11, 2026
NRF Contact	Luke Maher
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Hopkinsville Kentucky Lien Dispute

Professional Services Rendered to July 12, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	280.00
Disbursements	720.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 1,000.00**

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Matter Description	Hopkinsville Kentucky Lien Dispute				

TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT	TASK	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
07/01/2026	Cluskey, E	0.50	280.00	B130		Strategy conference with M. Gaona regarding document production and review and analyze documents for same.
Total		**0.50**	**280.00**			

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Cluskey, E	Associate	0.50	560.00	280.00
Total		**0.50**		**280.00**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
07/07/2026	050054449582 - Local counsel fees - 5000021365 - English Lucas Priest Owsley, LLP	720.00
	Sub Total	**720.00**
	TOTAL	**720.00**

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Hopkinsville, Kentucky Investigation

Professional Services Rendered to July 12, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	562.50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 562.50**

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Matter Number	1001338588				
Matter Description	Hopkinsville, Kentucky Investigation				

TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
07/01/2026	Spektor, A	0.50	562.50	Review team correspondence re request for document production, review potentially responsive material, discuss with M. Kennedy and respond.
Total		**0.50**	**562.50**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	TITLE	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP				
New York				
Spektor, A	Partner	0.50	1,125.00	562.50
			Sub Total	**562.50**
Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP			**Total**	**562.50**
			GRAND TOTAL	**562.50**

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Professional Services Rendered to July 19, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Disbursements	255.50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 255.50**

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Matter Description	Hopkinsville Kentucky Lien Dispute			

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
07/15/2026	010083027307 - JULIE GOODRICH HARRISON - copies of May 22, 2026 and July 8, 2026 hearing transcripts (Ascend Elements)	255.50
	Sub Total	**255.50**
	TOTAL	**255.50**

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to July 05, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	50,141.50
Disbursements	938.18
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 51,079.68**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/01/2026	Singh, J	0.30	Analyze insurance documentation, and email a summary to S. Burton.
07/01/2026	Shu, C	1.30	Emails w/ J.Blanchard re: whether the sale order authorizes assumption and assignment agreement without further court approval (0.1); review sale order re: provisions authorizing self-executing assumption and assignment agreements (0.4); review bankruptcy precedent for similar provisions in sale order (0.8).
07/01/2026	Shu, C	4.00	Legal research re: assumption and assignment agreement in SDTX in preparing for same (1.2); review sale order and precedent (0.8); prepare Covington Lease assumption and assignment agreement (1.8); multiple emails w/ R.Manns (0.1) and J.Blanchard (0.1) re: same.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and respond to working group emails re: TQL.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with working group re: Amcon issues.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to closing issues and emails with working group.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Multiple working group emails re: lease issues.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple emails with Committee counsel.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails with TQL re: open issues.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to draft liquidation analysis.
07/01/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Multiple working group emails re: Nooter revisions to form of order and discovery.
07/01/2026	Conover, J	2.70	Draft disclosure statement and solicitation motion
07/01/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Call with A&M to go over post-Covington-closing issues
07/01/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Conduct research on treatment of WPI licenses after deemed termination
07/01/2026	Burton, S	0.40	Attention to inquiry regarding facility environmental compliance status, follow up with Mr. Manns and Mr. Singh regarding same.
07/01/2026	Bruner, B	0.50	Conference with NRF team regarding M&M lien resolution issues.
07/01/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.90	Prepare draft of Lease Assignments for Covington and J. Hart leases; prepare Integration Planning Agreement for

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			signature.
07/01/2026	Blanchard, J	1.80	Participate in telephone conference with counsel to purchaser and TQL regarding cure and other outstanding items for Covington sale (.5); telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding cures and other Covington sale-related issues (.3); review and analyze comments to stipulation for termination of contracts (.1); telephone conference with C. Segrest regarding assumption and cure issues in Covington APA (.2); telephone conferences with R. Manns regarding outstanding Covington Sale deliverables (.5); email correspondence with counsel to purchaser and counsel to TQL regarding outstanding items for Covington sale (.2)
07/01/2026	Blanchard, J	1.20	Analyze assumption and rejection issues in connection with prospective assumption and rejection of contracts by purchasers of Hopkinsville and Covington assets.
07/01/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, H. Ross, A. Titus, and A&M team regarding case work streams and related strategy.
07/01/2026	Blanchard, J	3.50	Review and revise draft combined disclosure statement and plan.
07/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review and file a notice of extension of designation period.
07/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Internal check in regarding the strategy and next steps.
07/02/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to landlord assumption and assignment issues.
07/02/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to final draft of WPI stipulation and working group emails re: same.
07/02/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Attention to Covington closing issues and working group emails re: same.
07/02/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to Nooter discovery and 9019 order issues and confer with working group re: same.
07/02/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to DOJ confirmation order language.
07/02/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails re: TQL assumption and assignment issues.
07/02/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to Covington closing flow of funds.
07/02/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Call with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka to go over workstream assignments ahead of status conference
07/02/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Locate certificate of insurance listing out active policies to provide to TQL/Victory

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07/02/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.20	Review draft of purchaser's officer's certificate to be delivered in connection with APA.
07/02/2026	Blanchard, J	1.30	Telephone conference with R. Manns regarding case work assignments and strategy (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover to discuss matters concerning Amcon lien dispute and other case work assignments (.8); review and finalize draft stipulation for termination of license agreement (.2); email correspondence with contract counterparty and R. Manns regarding termination of license agreement (.1).
07/02/2026	Blanchard, J	1.70	Prepare for continued negotiations with TQL/Victory regarding Covington Sale issues (.3); telephone conference with counsel to TQL/Victory regarding Covington Sale issues (.3); email correspondence with D. Powell regarding TQL/Victory negotiations and outstanding Covington Sale issues (.1); email correspondence with J. Conover, H. Ross, and B. Wong regarding company documents related to resolving outstanding Covington Sale issues (.2); analyze the Debtors' contracts in connection with resolving outstanding Covington Sale issues (.5); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding Covington Sale issues (.1); draft correspondence to purchaser's counsel regarding resolution of outstanding Covington Sale issues (.2)
07/02/2026	Blanchard, J	5.40	Review and revise combined disclosure statement and plan (3.8); analyze combined disclosure statement and plan precedent in connection with drafting revisions to same (1.6).
07/03/2026	Blanchard, J	1.70	Review and draft comments to motion for approval of solicitation of combined disclosure statement and plan and solicitation procedures.
07/03/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.10	Prepare amendment to APA for signature.
07/03/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Begin drafting motion to release escrow proceeds
07/03/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group emails re: closing and governance issues.
07/03/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group emails re: termination issues.
07/03/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group emails with counsel for TQL and client re: open issues.
07/04/2026	Conover, J	2.00	Draft motion to release funds from Covington escrow
07/05/2026	Adams, K	5.00	Review and revise spreadsheet of June time entries.
07/05/2026	Conover, J	6.10	Draft motion to release funds from Covington escrow

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Total	**53.10**

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Bruner, B	0.50	1,340.00	670.00
Burton, S	0.40	1,585.00	634.00
Manns, R	8.00	1,355.00	10,840.00
		Sub Total	**12,144.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	17.10	1,065.00	18,211.50
Singh, J	0.30	865.00	259.50
		Sub Total	**18,471.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	0.70	935.00	654.50
		Sub Total	**654.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	1.20	860.00	1,032.00
Conover, J	14.60	730.00	10,658.00
Shu, C	5.30	940.00	4,982.00
		Sub Total	**16,672.00**

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Paralegal			
Adams, K	5.00	440.00	2,200.00
		Sub Total	**2,200.00**
Total	**53.10**		**50,141.50**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
07/02/2026	010082797531 - RYAN E. MANNS - Went to Houston to attend the Ascend Elements Hearing on 6-29-26.	775.81
07/02/2026	010082797531 - RYAN E. MANNS - Parking at Dallas Love Field Airport while traveling to Houston to attend the Ascend Elements Hearing.	21.00
07/02/2026	010082797531 - RYAN E. MANNS - Smoothie King Drink at Dallas Love Field Airport. Traveled to Houston to attend the Ascend Elements Hearing.	8.20
07/02/2026	010082797531 - RYAN E. MANNS - Snack at Dunkin Fat Cat Creamery while in Houston to attend the Ascend Elements Hearing.	4.39
07/02/2026	010082797531 - RYAN E. MANNS - Snack at Dunkin Fat Cat Creamery while in Houston to attend the Ascend Elements Hearing.	10.84
07/02/2026	010082797531 - RYAN E. MANNS - Uber in Houston from Hobby Airport to NRF Office. Was in Houston to attend the Ascend Elements Hearing.	66.97
07/02/2026	010082797531 - RYAN E. MANNS - Uber in Houston from Courthouse to Hobby Airport to return to Dallas. Was in Houston to attend the Ascend Elements Hearing.	50.97
	Sub Total	**938.18**
	TOTAL	**938.18**

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Your Reference	4500005358

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Ascend Elements, Inc.
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Westborough MA 01581

Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to July 12, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	106,340.50
Disbursements	5.75
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 106,346.25**

Payable Upon Receipt
PAYMENT INFORMATION – Please reference the invoice number when remitting payment.

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TIME DETAILS

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07/06/2026	Singh, J	1.00	Analyze background information, confer with S. Burton, and respond to proposed assertions regarding company's facilities.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review the updated liquidation analysis.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Draft and revise interim fee application.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Numerous emails with Ascend team and AM regarding employee termination.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Calls with H. Ross regarding administration issues.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.30	Review and revise the disclosure statement and plan; call with J. Blanchard to go over the comments; additional revisions to the plan; review and revise the solicitation motion.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Call with A&M regarding the plan.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Call with AM and NRF regarding the sale and related matters, confer with J. Blanchard about the schedule; email with the Committee regarding the plan and timing.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Emails with NRF team regarding the varriance issues and sale order.
07/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review and file stipulation regarding the cure amount in connection with the sale.
07/06/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to amended lease issues and email re: same.
07/06/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Review and respond to multiple emails re: closing issues.
07/06/2026	Adams, K	0.40	Review docket re: audio file of June 29, 2026 hearing; obtain audio file and prepare correspondence to Mr. Powell re: same.
07/06/2026	Adams, K	0.20	Prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: June fee statement.
07/06/2026	Blanchard, J	2.10	Review and analyze supplemental documents and correspondence in connection with resolving outstanding Covington sale issues (.9); telephone conference with C. Segrest regarding resolving outstanding Covington sale issues (.2); email correspondence with counsel to TQL/ Victory regarding resolution of Covington sale issues (.4); telephone conference with S. McNellie, M. Mokrzyca, H.

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			Ross and A&M team regarding Covington sale issues (.5); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding Covington sale issues (.1).
07/06/2026	Blanchard, J	2.50	Review and analyze draft motion for release of Covington Sale escrow in connection with Amcon lien dispute (1.1); draft comments to same (.8); analyze precedent in connection with drafting comments (.6)
07/06/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Review and revise draft agreed order resolving cure objection.
07/06/2026	Blanchard, J	1.60	Review and analyze updated draft of combined disclosure statement and plan (.9); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to updated draft of combined disclosure statement and plan (.3); telephone conference with H. Ross, M. Mokrzycka, and A&M team regarding liquidation analysis and plan issues (.4).
07/06/2026	Bodunrin, D	2.80	Confer with Ascend regarding status of closing; attention to closing; prepare closing documents for signature; engage in correspondence regarding the same.
07/06/2026	Burton, S	0.80	Review TQL inquiry and confer with Mr. Singh regarding same; review draft TQL inquiry response and convey comments to Mr. Singh.
07/06/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to lease and contract rejection issues and working group emails re: same.
07/06/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to corporate governance issues.
07/06/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: Amcon strategy issues.
07/06/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to multiple emails with counsel for TQL.
07/07/2026	Shu, C	4.50	Emails w/ R.Manns and M.Mokrzycka re: confirmation order (0.1); legal research re: confirmation order precedent in the same district (1.8); prepare confirmation order (2.6).
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review and file the agreed order resolving Covington's limited objection.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with B. Bruner regarding Amcon litigation and follow up conversation with J. Blanchard.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.40	Review the solicitation motion and disclosure statement and plan; review comments to the same and implement them.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review the termination letter and proposed communication to the employees and revise the same.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Draft, revise, and file a notice of closing.

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07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review and revise the June fee statement.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Draft proposed communication to Amcon and confer with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Preliminary review of claims analysis.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review list of rejected contracts; draft second notice of rejection, and file the same.
07/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review updated Liquidation analysis.
07/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to emails with Committee counsel.
07/07/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Review and analyze draft plan and disclosure statement
07/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to multiple emails re: closing issues.
07/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group emails re: scheduling issues.
07/07/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with government and client re: Covington.
07/07/2026	Bruner, B	0.50	Further analysis of lien challenge issues and communications with NRF team regarding the same.
07/07/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.40	Attention to closing of transaction.
07/07/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Email correspondence with company representatives and TQL's counsel regarding issues concerning Covington sale (.2); telephone conference with S. McNellie and counsel to Purchaser regarding resolution of issues for Covington sale (.2).
07/07/2026	Blanchard, J	1.40	Draft comments to motion for release of Covington Sale escrow in connection with Amcon lien dispute (.8); analyze precedent in connection with drafting comments (.4); email correspondence with counsel to Amcon regarding procedure and scope of issues for lien dispute (.2).
07/07/2026	Blanchard, J	5.10	Review and draft comments to liquidation analysis for combined disclosure statement and plan (1.5); draft responses to comments by R. Manns to combined disclosure statement and plan (.2); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding liquidation analysis and combined disclosure statement and plan (.2); draft further comments to combined disclosure statement and plan (2.5); review and draft comments to solicitation motion (.7)
07/07/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Review and analyze proposed correspondence to employees regarding termination (.2); review and revised proposed correspondence to employees regarding PTO claims (.3)

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07/07/2026	Adams, K	2.50	Review task code updates for June fee statement; review April supplemental fee statement; prepare correspondence to M. Mokryzcka re: fee statements; prepare correspondence to K. Sommerfeld re: revised June fee statement; review task codes for recently released May and June time.
07/08/2026	Shu, C	4.10	Research legal precedent re: stipulation and agreed scheduling order (1.2); review background information re: AMCON lien dispute (0.5); prepare stipulation and agreed scheduling order re AMCON lien dispute (2.2); emails w/ J. Blanchard re: same (0.2).
07/08/2026	Shu, C	1.80	Prepare proposed confirmation order to the liquidation plan (1.8).
07/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Attention to the AirGas' issues and quick research regarding LC.
07/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.60	Review the litigation schedule, and draft and revise motion removal motion; and file the same.
07/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.20	Additional revisions to the solicitation motion; review the timeline; review and revise the disclosure statement; review the exhibits; file the same; draft a notice of exhibit A and file the same.
07/08/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Call with working group to discuss case developments and strategy.
07/08/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review draft TQL stipulation
07/08/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with AMCON's counsel to discuss scheduling issues.
07/08/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on motion to approve DS and Plan.
07/08/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group to discuss projections and budgeting issues.
07/08/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Prepare for and attend/participate in status conference.
07/08/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review motion to remove.
07/08/2026	Conover, J	2.20	Draft TQL/Victory and R3 Lithium Cure and Assignment Stipulation
07/08/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Attend status hearing set by the Court
07/08/2026	Blanchard, J	2.00	Telephone conference with R. Manns regarding Amcon lien litigation (.1); telephone conference with counsel to Amcon and R. Manns regarding Amcon lien litigation (.3); attend court status conference on Amcon lien litigation (.3); draft email correspondence to counsel to Amcon regarding

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			scheduling proposal for Amcon lien litigation (.1); participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, H. Ross, and NRF and A&M team members regarding case work streams and strategy (.8); email correspondence with counsel to the UCC regarding Amcon lien litigation schedule and issues (.1); review and draft comments to motion for extension of removal deadline (.3).
07/08/2026	Blanchard, J	1.60	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and R. Manns regarding plan and solicitation issues (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and H. Ross regarding liquidation analysis (.2); draft comments to liquidation analysis (.7); review and analyze further revised combined plan and disclosure statement and solicitation motion (.5).
07/08/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Draft comments to proposed bill of sale for de minimis asset sale (.3); review and analyze de minimis asset procedures in connection with same (.2)
07/08/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Review and revise draft stipulation with TQL and R3 counsel resolving cure and adequate assurance issues for Covington sale (1.0); email correspondence with counsel to TQL and R3 regarding issues related to draft stipulation (.1).
07/08/2026	Adams, K	6.50	Review and redact June fee statement; revise April supplemental fee statement.
07/09/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with tax people and AM regarding the potential NOL transaction.
07/09/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review proposed language to the order.
07/09/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple emails with the DOJ.
07/09/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to post-closing issues and related emails.
07/09/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call and emails with counsel for TQL.
07/09/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with working group re: potential NOL transaction.
07/09/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with Committee counsel re: NOL transaction.
07/09/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Review and comment on draft Amcon stipulation mark-up and confer with working group.
07/09/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Internal check-in call with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka; correspondence related to plan and AMCON litigation
07/09/2026	Blanchard, J	0.80	Telephone conference with R. Manns, A. Titus, and A&M team regarding potential transaction for the Debtors' NOLs and related financing (.3); telephone conference with R. Manns, and counsel to the UCC regarding potential

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			transaction for the Debtors' NOLs and related financing (.5).
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07/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Call with Hallie Ross regarding rejection of the lease.
07/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review and revise the list of rejected contracts; revise the notice and confer with K. Adams regarding filing.
07/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Draft, review, and revise certificate of counsel and related order.
07/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Attend call with AM regarding the ongoing issues and next steps.
07/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review stipulation regarding the AMCON litigation and related comments and file the same.
07/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review and revise monthly fee statements.
07/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Call with Verita regarding the solicitation process.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with Special Committee.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with counsel for TQL.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Prepare for conditional Disclosure Statement hearing.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of NOL transaction deck.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	1.50	NOL analysis and impact on the plan.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to GA EPD variance transfer issues.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple emails with government re: proposed confirmation language and objection deadline.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: lease rejection issues.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on Amcon scheduling order.
07/10/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Multiple emails and call with IP counsel re: case updates.
07/10/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Call with A&M to discuss post-sale issues and plan issues

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07/10/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Call with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka on AMCON brief issues; review J. Blanchard edits to AMCON dispositive motion
07/10/2026	Blanchard, J	3.10	Draft further revisions to proposed scheduling order for Amcon lien dispute (.5); telephone conference with J. Conover and M. Mokrzycka regarding procedural and factual issues regarding Amcon lien dispute (.4); analyze procedural and factual issues regarding Amcon lien dispute (.9); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, J. Conover, and A&M team regarding case workstreams and pending disputes (.2); review and analyze precedent in connection with Amcon lien dispute (1.1)
07/10/2026	Blanchard, J	3.80	Review and analyze solicitation precedent in connection with addressing solicitation questions from Verita for combined disclosure statement and plan (.7); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and Verita team regarding solicitation issues for combined disclosure statement and plan (.2); review and revise draft combined disclosure statement and plan (2.9).
07/10/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review and organize Third Notice of Rejected Contracts; file same; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed notice.
07/10/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review draft interim compensation application; prepare correspondence to K. Sommerfeld re: calculation of total fee request re: same.
07/10/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review and organize Certificate of Counsel re: 9019 Motion; file same; prepare correspondence re: file certificate.
07/10/2026	Adams, K	1.80	Further review and redact fee statements; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: same; prepare correspondence to R. Manns re: April supplemental fee statement and June fee statement; prepare correspondence re: service of April supplemental fee statement and June fee statement.
07/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Emails with counsel for Kinterra and working group re: compliance with APA and sale order re:data issues.
07/12/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: GA EPD transfer variance issues.
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Partner			
Bruner, B	0.50	1,340.00	670.00
Burton, S	0.80	1,585.00	1,268.00
Manns, R	18.10	1,355.00	24,525.50
		Sub Total	**26,463.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	33.40	1,065.00	35,571.00
Singh, J	1.00	865.00	865.00
		Sub Total	**36,436.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	23.40	935.00	21,879.00
		Sub Total	**21,879.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	3.20	860.00	2,752.00
Conover, J	4.60	730.00	3,358.00
Shu, C	10.40	940.00	9,776.00
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Paralegal			
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	Sub Total	**5.75**
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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to July 19, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	104,575.50
Disbursements	552.39
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 105,127.89**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.30	Additional revisions to the disclosure statement and plan.
07/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review and revise interim fee application.
07/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Call with J. Blanchard, and then call with H. Ross and J. Blanchard regarding the comments from Weill to the plan.
07/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Attend call with A&M regarding next steps.
07/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.90	Review and revise the reply.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to inquiries re: Hopkinsville and Covington contracts designated for rejection,
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and respond to emails with Committee counsel.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and comment on draft w&e list.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Multiple working group emails re: Kinterra data requests.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on proposed joint letter to Court in FTI matter.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Working group call with NRF and A&M teams to discuss case developments.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with working group re: transfer of data obligations under Customer X contract.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and comment on draft interim fee application.
07/13/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and comment on draft amended plan and disclosure statement.
07/13/2026	Bodunrin, D	1.10	Draft [redacted] and special committee resolutions authorizing CRO to execute documents regarding winding down of Ascend.
07/13/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Telephone conference with counsel to USFIC regarding surety bond issues (.3); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding resolution of surety bond issues (.2).
07/13/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Analyze Hopkinsville sale order in connection with assumption and rejection of executory contracts.
07/13/2026	Blanchard, J	3.70	Review and revise combined disclosure statement and plan (2.1); telephone conference with counsel to senior secured holders regarding comments to combined disclosure statement and plan (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to combined disclosure

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			statement and plan (.4); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and H. Ross regarding issued about the combined disclosure statement and plan (.4); analyze sale and cash collateral orders in connection with addressing comments to the combined disclosure statement and plan (.5); review draft witness and exhibit list for conditional approval hearing (.1).
07/13/2026	Adams, K	2.80	Review and revise draft interim fee application; prepare correspondence to K. Sommerfeld re: fee discrepancy; prepare correspondence re objection deadlines for fee statements; prepare draft order for interim fee application; prepare correspondence to R. Manns re: draft interim fee application; file interim fee application; prepare correspondence re: filed application and objection deadline for same.
07/13/2026	Adams, K	2.00	Review bankruptcy docket re: objection and related filings for plan and disclosure statement; prepare and revise draft Witness and Exhibit List for conditional approval of plan and disclosure statement; file same;
07/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with the Committee regarding potential NOL transaction.
07/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review Interco Trading's claim for breach of contract and confer with AM.
07/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	4.80	Finalize the proposed order; finalize and revise the agenda, revise and finalize the disclosure statement; numerous conferences regarding the comments to the disclosure statements; review comments from parties; file all the documets and provide summary for the hearing.
07/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review the list of additonal contracts to be rejected and confer with H. Ross.
07/14/2026	Manns, R	0.50	NOL call with Committee counsel.
07/14/2026	Manns, R	3.20	Prepare for approval of conditional disclosure statement hearing.
07/14/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Review of amended disclosure statement and plan and working group emails re: same.
07/14/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and analyze AMCON discovery,
07/14/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Strategy conference with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka regarding AMCON discovery request
07/14/2026	Blanchard, J	1.90	Review and analyze Amcon's discovery requests (.5); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover

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			regarding responding to discovery for AMCON lien dispute (.5); analyze discovery issues in preparation for responding to AMCON discovery requests (.9)
07/14/2026	Blanchard, J	2.40	Participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzyca, H. Ross and UCC's counsel regarding potential NOL transaction (.5); review further comments and revisions to combined disclosure statement and plan (.8); draft further comments to combined disclosure statement and plan (.2); analyze local precedent in connection with drafting comments (.5); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding further comments to combined disclosure statement and plan and confirmation issues (.4)
07/14/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Review and respond to company questions regarding [redacted].
07/14/2026	Adams, K	1.30	Review bankruptcy docket re: agenda items for conditional approval hearing; prepare draft agenda for conditional approval hearing; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: draft agenda.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Attend hearing on the conditional approval of the disclosure statement and plan.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Attend meeting regarding discovery.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with AM regarding the next steps.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the disclosure statement order and calendar relevant deadlines.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.90	Review the entered order; finalize the solicitation materials; confer with Verita and AM; review claim registers; review the solciitations plan and next steps; follow up communication.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with NRF team regarding the hearing.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review the list exeutory contracts; drfat fourth notice of rejection and file the same.
07/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with team regarding draw notifications.
07/15/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with A&M re: case developments and updates.
07/15/2026	Manns, R	2.50	Prepare for and participate at hearing.
07/15/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with IP litigation counsel and working group.
07/15/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with creditors re: claim issues.

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07/15/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Further attention to AMCON discovery issues.
07/15/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to Board resolution re: CRO responsibilities and resignation issues.
07/15/2026	Gaona, M	1.90	Review and analyze written discovery requests propounded by Amcon.
07/15/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.50	Prepare draft of notice to [redacted].
07/15/2026	Blanchard, J	1.20	Analyze discovery issues in preparation for responding to AMCON's discovery in the parties' lien dispute (.3); telephone conference with M. Gaona, R. Manns, and M. Mokrzycka regarding discovery responses regarding Amcon lien dispute (.3); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding Amcon lien dispute (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and A&M team regarding case work streams and Amcon lien dispute (.4).
07/15/2026	Blanchard, J	1.20	Attend hearing on conditional approval of disclosure statement and plan (.2); review and respond to [redacted] questions concerning solicitation of combined plan and disclosure statement (.9); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding solicitation of combined plan and disclosure statement (.1)
07/16/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review the AM fee statement.
07/16/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Preloiminary review of the revised reply.
07/16/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Call with R. Manns and J. Blanchard regarding the Amcon litigation.
07/16/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Call with Amcon regarding discovery requests and follow up call with J. Blanchard.
07/16/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Call with Hallie Ross regarding ballots.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to Bluegrass notice.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Analyze Kinterra demand letter and confer with working group.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on TQL mark-up to draft stipulation.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with A&M and Verita to discuss ballot and voting issues.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group call to discuss AMCON briefing.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with A&M team to discuss AMCON discovery.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Committee counsel to discuss [redacted]

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07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Summary email to R3 re and working group re: [redacted].
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to redline of lease amendment and emails related to same.
07/16/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with working group re: Polish option liabilities.
07/16/2026	Gaona, M	0.60	Revise documents/information to collect based on narrowed scope post meet and confer with Amcon.
07/16/2026	Gaona, M	0.30	Strategy conference with A&M team regarding status update of discovery document collection.
07/16/2026	Gaona, M	0.60	Prepare for meet and confer call with opposing counsel regarding narrowing of Amcon discovery requests.
07/16/2026	Gaona, M	0.30	Meet and confer call with opposing counsel regarding narrowing of written discovery requests propounded by Amcon.
07/16/2026	Conover, J	7.90	Revise Motion to Determine AMCON Lien/Summary Judgment Motion
07/16/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.10	Prepare notice to [redacted].
07/16/2026	Blanchard, J	1.90	Preparation for meet and confer with Amcon regarding discovery for lien dispute (.3); telephone conference with counsel to Amcon regarding discovery meet and confer (.3); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka and R. Manns regarding Amcon discovery strategy (.5); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, R. Manns, S McNellie and A&M team regarding case strategy issues (.5); email correspondence with R. Manns, J. Conover, M. Mokrzycka, and M. Gaona regarding discovery matters for Amcon lien dispute (.3).
07/16/2026	Blanchard, J	2.10	Analyze solicitation order and claims materials in connection with solicitation of combined disclosure statement and plan (1.3); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, A&M, and Verita teams regarding issues related to solicitation of combined disclosure statement and plan (.5); draft responses to Veritas and A&M's questions regarding solicitation matters (.3)
07/16/2026	Adams, K	1.20	Review and organize Alvaraz and Marsal June monthly fee statement; serve same; prepare correspondence re: objection deadline for fee statement.
07/17/2026	Shu, C	6.40	Emails w/ R.Manns re: response to demand letter (0.2);

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			emails w/ team re: same (0.2); review background information, past communications and APA (2.0) in preparing for response to the demand letter. Prepare response to demand letter (4.0).
07/17/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Preliminary review of the declaration and review of the precedent.
07/17/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review and revise AM interim fee application; confer with K. Adams regarding the same.
07/17/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Review the discovery requests and comment on the same; attend call regarding discovery.
07/17/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Preliminary review of the Kinterra demand letter.
07/17/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Attention to [redacted] issues and communication.
07/17/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Working group call and emails to discuss Amcon discovery.
07/17/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to multiple emails with Special Committee.
07/17/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call and emails with CRO re: NOL transaction and case developments.
07/17/2026	Manns, R	3.00	Analysis of proposed response to Kinterra demand letter.
07/17/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Confer with working group re: Kinterra response.
07/17/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Catch-Up call with A&M team
07/17/2026	Conover, J	1.30	Draft declaration for Adam Titus in support of the AMCON summary judgment motion.
07/17/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Revise AMCON summary judgment motion and collate exhibits therefor
07/17/2026	Blanchard, J	4.00	Participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Gaona, M. Mokrzycka, and H. Ross regarding discovery issues for Amcon lien dispute (.7); analyze discovery issues and strategy for Amcon lien dispute (.5); Review and revise draft motion for summary judgment in Amcon lien dispute (1.8); telephone conference with H. Ross, A. Titus, and J. Conover regarding chapter 11 case work streams (.4); telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding discovery issues for Amcon lien litigation (.3); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding potential dispute with buyer of the debtors' assets (.3).
07/17/2026	Adams, K	2.50	Review and add redactions to Alvaraz and Marsal First Interim Fee Application; forward draft of revised application and order to M. Mokrzycka; organize and file Alvaraz and

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			Marsal Interim Fee Application; prepare correspondence re: file application and objection deadline.
07/17/2026	Adams, K	2.00	Review email from J. Blanchard re: comprehensive lien search on property located in GA; prepare correspondence to Cogency re: lien search request; prepare correspondence to J. Blanchard and Cogency re: importance of timeline for completion of lien search; research names and address in GA.
07/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Reviewe the argument section of the reply.
07/19/2026	Manns, R	2.10	Analyze post closing issues for Poland and IP sale and Kinterra demand letter.
07/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.20	Work on the reply and follow up resreach; confer with the team regarding document prodcution in connection with litigation.
Total		**105.60**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Partner			
Manns, R	26.30	1,355.00	35,636.50
		Sub Total	**35,636.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	19.50	1,065.00	20,767.50
		Sub Total	**20,767.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	25.50	935.00	23,842.50
		Sub Total	**23,842.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**

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Associate			
Bodunrin, D	1.70	860.00	1,462.00
Conover, J	10.70	730.00	7,811.00
Gaona, M	3.70	1,040.00	3,848.00
Shu, C	6.40	940.00	6,016.00
		Sub Total	**19,137.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	11.80	440.00	5,192.00
		Sub Total	**5,192.00**
Total	**105.60**		**104,575.50**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
07/13/2026	010082983442 - RYAN E. MANNS - Flew back home to Dallas a day early to attend an Ascend Elements Meeting.	552.39
	Sub Total	**552.39**
	TOTAL	**552.39**

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07/01/2026	Gaona, M	0.20	Call with E. McCluskey on Nooter requests and responsive production.
07/15/2026	Gaona, M	0.80	Multiple calls with bankruptcy team regarding responses to Amcon discovery and associated document collection.
07/17/2026	Gaona, M	0.90	Strategy conference with A&M regarding targetted document collection in response to Amcon requests and follow up regarding same.
07/19/2026	Gaona, M	1.20	Draft objections and responses to Amcon's written discovery requests to Debtors.
07/19/2026	Gaona, M	0.80	Prepare initial production of "go-get" documents to Amcon's requests for production.
07/20/2026	Wilson, A	0.20	Verify collection and production specifications with M. Goana out of the review database.
07/20/2026	Wilson, A	0.20	Review and confirm with M. Goana on document processing review and expedited production timeline.
07/20/2026	Smith, C	0.90	Guide and oversee Client IT team's searches in M365 environment for email and non-email data responsive to criteria requested by case team.
07/20/2026	Shu, C	3.50	Multiple emails w/ team re: Bluegrass demand letter (0.5); review and revise per C.Segrest re: demand letter (1.2); review and revise per A&M team comments (1.0); review and revise response to demand letter re: R.Manns comments (0.8).
07/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Call with J. Blanchard regarding the production of documents.
07/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.10	Review and revise the summary judgment motion.
07/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Preliminary review of documents to be produced in connection with Amcon litigation.
07/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Call with AM regarding ongoing issues and next steps.
07/20/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Wesborough equiomwenet and review of the de minimis assets order.
07/20/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Confer with working group re: Amcon discovery issues and attention to potentially responsive discovery.
07/20/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails re: IP litigation and counsel.

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07/20/2026	Manns, R	1.60	Attention to and revise draft response to Kinterra allegations and confer with working group re: same.
07/20/2026	Gaona, M	2.50	Review and analyze R3 lithium communications for responsiveness to Amcon's requests for production.
07/20/2026	Adams, K	0.40	Prepare follow-up correspondence to Cogency re: AMCON comprehensive lien search in GA; respond to question re: GA cases.
07/20/2026	Blanchard, J	5.60	Analyze discovery issues in connection with responding to discovery in Amcon lien dispute (1.2); review and analyze revised summary judgment brief for Amcon lien dispute (.5); analyze precedent in connection with drafting comments to brief (1.7); analyze company documents in connection with document production (.7) telephone conference with H. Ross regarding discovery issues for Amcon lien dispute (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding discovery issues for Amcon lien dispute and strategy for summary judgment brief (.4); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, H. Ross, and A&M team regarding case strategy and work streams (.4)' review and draft comments to proposed discovery responses to Amcon (.5).
07/20/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Review and analyze combined disclosure statement and plan and solicitation materials in connection with addressing solicitation matters.
07/20/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Call with A&M to go over case status
07/20/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Conduct research for AMCON summary judgment motion
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Validate and prepare client and 3rd party data collections for processing and loading to Axcelerate database at request of legal team.
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Correspond with legal team to secure access to client data collections for production, and provide processing update.
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with A.Wilson regarding active data collection, processing, and production requirements.
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.50	Prepare production workflow to sync database for document production.
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Update collection log for media management and tracking purposes.

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07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Correspond with legal team to confirm production requirements including bates numbering and prefix.
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Confer with database analysts to activate Axcelerate review database.
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Prepare new user credentials to facilitate legal team access to Axcelerate database.
07/20/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with A.Wilson regarding production workflow requirements and task delegation.
07/20/2026	Gaona, M	1.20	Revise objections and responses to Amcon's written discovery requests to Debtors based on document review.
07/21/2026	Gaona, M	0.40	Strategy conference with Colin regarding finalizing written discovery responses to Amcon's requests.
07/21/2026	Gaona, M	3.30	Attention to collection of responsive documents to Amcon's requests, including development of search terms and parameters, calls with e-discovery about production specifications, and status update to team.
07/21/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Revisions to Kinterra response and multiple working group emails re: same.
07/21/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Review and analyze draft responses and objections and working group emails re: same.
07/21/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with working group and Committee re: Polish option.
07/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review the bill of sale and confer with AM regarding the same.
07/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review and revise responses to the discovery requests; confer with J. Blanchard and M. Gaona regarding the same; research regarding contention interrogatories.
07/21/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with Kim Adams regarding notice of hearing, confirmation witness and exhibit list, and agenda.
07/21/2026	Rastogi, E	0.50	Prepare analysis and reporting of ingestion data set and processing exceptions.
07/21/2026	Rastogi, E	1.00	Correspond with M. Gaona and C. Curcuruto regarding data processing, review, and production workflows.
07/21/2026	Rastogi, E	0.30	Prepare analysis and QC of production specifications for processing.
07/21/2026	Rastogi, E	1.50	Prepare analysis, manual bates processing, and staging of production set for delivery at the request of M. Gaona.
07/21/2026	Shu, C	3.00	Multiple emails w/ A&M, R.Manns and team re: response to demand letter (0.4); review and revise per Eric Gratz, A&M

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			comments (1.2); further review and revise per R.Manns comments (1.4).
07/21/2026	Shu, C	0.70	Call w/ M.Gaona re: demand letter (0.2); emails w/ R.Manns re: same (0.2); review and revise demand letter per M. Gaona comments (0.4).
07/21/2026	Wilson, A	0.30	Review and verify status of document collection and review for expedited production delivery.
07/21/2026	Wilson, A	0.20	Confirm with C. Curcuruto on production set isolation and review for delivery to M. Goana.
07/21/2026	Gaona, M	1.30	Revise objections and responses to Amcon's written discovery requests to Debtors based on client input.
07/21/2026	Adams, K	3.30	Research form of notice for combined confirmation hearing; review conditional approval order; draft notice of combined hearing.
07/21/2026	Adams, K	0.40	Research scheduling order for notice of hearing re: Amcon dispute.
07/21/2026	Blanchard, J	8.50	Review and draft comments to responses to Amcon's discovery requests (1.2); confer with M. Gaona regarding document collection and responses to Amcon's discovery requests (.2); review and draft comments to brief in support of summary judgment regarding validity and scope of Amcon's lien (4.5); review and analyze transactional documents in connection with same (1.1); review and analyze precedent under Georgia law in connection with same (1.5).
07/21/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Conference with J. Blanchard regarding lien search results on Covington property
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with A.Wilson regarding document production instructions and prioritization.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.50	Retrieve and upload production files via FTP; perform production QC and verification.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Generate production export; organize documents according to production specifications; conduct final QC review.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Prepare and execute database search of privilege terms against proposed production set, generate reporting, and deliver to legal team.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Teams conference with project management and legal teams to confirm production requirements and specifications.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.70	Teams conference with E.Rastogi regarding manual

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			production requirements, confirmation of data sets to be produced, and strategic task delegation.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.40	Download, stage, and validate new data collection in anticipation of same-day production at request of legal team.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Correspond with legal team regarding access to additional document collection from document production office.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.90	Export production document set; apply custom sort criteria; QC production output.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.40	Conference call with project management and legal teams to discuss current status of manual production and to confirm additional instructions.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	1.30	Prepare production set; apply Bates numbering; validate production deliverables.
07/21/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.40	Confer with project manager regarding manual document production tasks and requirements.
07/22/2026	Wilson, A	0.60	Review and verify remaining collection and volume for estimate and priority processing in the review database.
07/22/2026	Smith, C	0.60	Validate, and stage M365 data exports collected by Client IT team for review by case team.
07/22/2026	Shu, C	7.20	B190 Other Contested Matters (excluding assumption/ rejection) Emails w/ Team re: response to Bluegrass demand letter and documents production (0.5); calls w/ M. Gaona re: documents production (0.3); emails w/ E.Gratz re: demand letter and documents production (0.3); multiple rounds of review and revise response to demand letter per R.Manns comments (3.0); coordinate with team re: documents production (0.7); review dataroom and prepare for documents production (2.2);
07/22/2026	Rastogi, E	0.50	Prepare analysis, reporting, and staging of production documents at the request of M. Gaona.
07/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review and revise declaration.
07/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.80	Additional research regarding SJM and address Jason Blanchard'ss commentsto the draft.
07/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review summary of the ballots.
07/22/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Call with R3’s counsel to discuss JV option issues and considerations.
07/22/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Review and revise response letter and confer with working group re: same.

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07/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with A&M and NRF working groups to discuss care developments and strategy considerations.
07/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Committee counsel to discuss JV purchase options issues.
07/22/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple working group emails re: plan issues.
07/22/2026	Gaona, M	0.90	Attention to larger collection of internal communications in response to Amcon requests for production.
07/22/2026	Gaona, M	2.40	Attention to identification, collection, and production of responsive material to Bluegrass in support of demand letter response.
07/22/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding tracking production strategy.
07/22/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Export manual production and submit for ingestion to review database as tracking production.
07/22/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Review correspondence between client IT and collections specialist and provide collections status update at request of legal team.
07/22/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Confer with A.Wilson regarding ongoing client document collections.
07/22/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Confer with C.Smith regarding ongoing client document collections including anticipated delivery and volume expectations.
07/22/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding production upload quality check review.
07/22/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Check-in call with A&M
07/22/2026	Blanchard, J	1.00	Analyze insurance and claims treatment under the plan to address company's questions concerning same (.7); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding the insurance and claim treatment issues (.3).
07/22/2026	Blanchard, J	3.40	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding summary judgment brief comments and supporting evidentiary issues (.4); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka and A&M team regarding case work streams and strategy (.5); analyze discovery issues regarding responses and objection to Amcon's discovery requests (1.1); review and analyze precedent in connection with revising summary judgment brief (.9); review further revised summary judgment brief (.5).
07/22/2026	Blanchard, J	2.00	Review and analyze comments to draft stipulation and order

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			and related consent letter to resolve TQL/Victory cure objection (.9); draft revisions and comments to same (1.1)
07/22/2026	Adams, K	2.20	Review docket re: objections to plan and/or disclosure statement and related/relevant filings; prepare draft Witness and Exhibit List for combined confirmation hearing; prepare correspondence to M. Mokcyzcka re: draft notice of combined confirmation hearing, draft notice of hearing in Amcon dispute matter, and draft Witness and Exhibit List; review and revise drafts of notice of combined hearing and witness and exhibit list.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding outstanding metadata issues pertaining to tracking production ingestion.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with C.Smith to discuss ongoing collection process, estimated time of delivery, and estimated volumes.
07/23/2026	Gaona, M	0.80	Calls with e-discovery team and bankruptcy team about status on ongoing rolling productions to Amcon.
07/23/2026	Manns, R	1.20	Review and comment on draft AMCON brief.
07/23/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with Committee counsel.
07/23/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss Amcon discovery issues.
07/23/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with TQL.
07/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with AM regarding environmental liabilities.
07/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.80	Work on the motion for summary judgment, review comments, and confer with J. Blanchard regarding the arguments.
07/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Confer with team regarding discovery issues in connection with Amcon litigation.
07/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.30	Begin to work on the plan supplements.
07/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Attention to emails regarding bill of sale.
07/23/2026	Rastogi, E	0.50	Prepare analysis and reporting of Teams data collection workflow and status.
07/23/2026	Rastogi, E	0.50	Prepare analysis of production set at the request of M. Gaona.
07/23/2026	Smith, C	1.00	Coordinate and oversee exports of searches in Client M365 environment and stage for review by case team.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Teams call with management to discuss collection status and ongoing task management.
07/23/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review Notice of De Minimis Asset Transaction re:

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			Westborough Equipment; organize and file same; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed notice.
07/23/2026	Blanchard, J	0.30	Review and revise draft stipulation and order and related consent letter to resolve TQL/Victory cure objection (.2); email correspondence with counsel to TQL/Victory and R3 regarding comments to stipulation and order and consent letter (.1).
07/23/2026	Blanchard, J	8.40	Review and revise brief in support of summary judgment regarding validity and scope of Amcon's lien (5.2); analyze precedent in connection with drafting revisions (1.2); review and revise declaration in support of summary judgment (.4); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding declaration in support of summary judgment and other evidence (.1); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and M. Gaona regarding discovery issues related to Amcon lien dispute (.2); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding Amcon lien dispute and other case work streams (.4); analyze discovery issues in connection with Amcon lien dispute (.9)
07/23/2026	Blanchard, J	1.00	Analzye claimant's correspondence regarding plan and disclosure statement (.4); analyze solicitation and disclosure issues in connection with preparing response (.6).
07/23/2026	Conover, J	0.40	Correspondence with Adam Titus and A&M regarding exhibits to AMCON summary judgment motion
07/23/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Strategy conference with M. Gaona, J. Blanchard, M. Mokrzycka, and R. Manns to go over discovery issues in AMCON
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Export tracking production metadata, prepare bates numbering overlay, and submit database overlay request to database analyst team.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding recent collection volumes and ingestion and production strategy.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with C.Smith regarding recent collection volume and potential collection duplication issue.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Draft request to create tracking production in review database for review by project manager.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Analyze tracking production ingestion and perform quality check review.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Confer with E.Rastogi to confirm instructions regarding database overlay task.

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07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Prepare and deliver collection status update to legal team.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Validate and prepare 2025 Teams data for processing and loading to Axcelerate database.
07/23/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Meet with project management and legal teams to discuss ongoing collection status and production preparation.
07/24/2026	Wilson, A	0.20	Confirm document production specifications with E. Rastogi for delivery out of the database.
07/24/2026	Smith, C	0.10	Coordinate M365 Teams search results exports with Client IT and internal team.
07/24/2026	Rastogi, E	0.70	Prepare analysis, searches, and reporting of 2021 Teams data, privilege review, and production candidates.
07/24/2026	Rastogi, E	0.30	Prepare analysis, QC, and staging of processed production for delivery.
07/24/2026	Rastogi, E	0.40	Prepare and submit production set for processing at the request of M. Gaona.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Numerous conference with the team regarding discovery issues and review of certain discovery documents.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review bill of sale, the de minimis order, and prepare a notice of de minimis asset.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.50	Review and revise the declaration, review & revise the motion for summary.
07/24/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Further review and revisions of msj brief in advance of filing.
07/24/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to Committee emails.
07/24/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Prepare saved search of privilege terms for legal team use in document review and deliver to legal team.
07/24/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Upload Ascend Production 02 to FTP and deliver to legal team.
07/24/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding privilege screen and relevance term searches of 2021 document population.
07/24/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Draft email to legal team to confirm current production deadlines for ongoing collections.
07/24/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Validate and prepare 2025 Teams data for processing and loading to Axcelerate database.
07/24/2026	Conover, J	1.90	Revise and citecheck AMCON motion for summary judgment; finalize motion and exhibits
07/24/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Internal strategy conference on AMCON summary judgment and other workstreams with M. Mokrzycka and J. Blanchard

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07/24/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Check-in call with A&M team on workstreams
07/24/2026	Blanchard, J	5.50	Analyze UCC's comments to draft motion for summary judgment in Amcon lien dispute (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding finalizing motion for summary judgment and other case work streams (.6); review and revise motion for summary judgment and supporting declaration (3.9); review and analyze proposed exhibits for summary judgment motion (.8)
07/25/2026	Smith, C	0.30	Download and validate M365 search results data provided by Client IT team.
Total		**134.00**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Manns, R	14.00	1,355.00	18,970.00
		Sub Total	**18,970.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	36.20	1,065.00	38,553.00
		Sub Total	**38,553.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	17.30	935.00	16,175.50
		Sub Total	**16,175.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Conover, J	5.40	730.00	3,942.00

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Gaona, M	16.70	1,040.00	17,368.00
Shu, C	14.40	940.00	13,536.00
		Sub Total	**34,846.00**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	6.80	440.00	2,992.00
		Sub Total	**2,992.00**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Practice Support			
Curcuruto, C	12.40	250.00	3,100.00
Rastogi, E	6.20	350.00	2,170.00
Smith, C	2.90	450.00	1,305.00
Wilson, A	1.70	350.00	595.00
		Sub Total	**7,170.00**
Total	**134.00**		**118,706.50**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	**DESCRIPTION**	**AMOUNT**
07/21/2026	050054641882 - Inv.102582123 Order 3252229 7-17-26 - 5000028149 - Cogency Global Inc	1,861.48
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Professional Services Rendered to July 31, 2026

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/24/2026	Gaona, M	0.50	Prepare supplemental document production to Amcon.
07/24/2026	Gaona, M	1.50	Review and analyze documents for responsiveness and privilege in response to Amcon document requests.
07/26/2026	Gaona, M	1.50	Review and analyze documents for privilege in advance of production to Amcon.
07/27/2026	Rastogi, E	0.50	Prepare analysis and QC of 2025 teams data collection for processing and term hits publish.
07/28/2026	Rastogi, E	0.30	Prepare analysis of 2025 Team term hits publish.
07/29/2026	Rastogi, E	0.20	Correspond with M. Gaona and C. Curcuruto regarding production searches and status of 2025 Teams data.
07/30/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review and organize June Monthly Operating Reports; file same.
Total		**5.00**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Gaona, M	3.50	1,040.00	3,640.00
		Sub Total	**3,640.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Paralegal			
Adams, K	0.50	440.00	220.00
		Sub Total	**220.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Practice Support			
Rastogi, E	1.00	350.00	350.00

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		Sub Total	**350.00**
Total	**5.00**		**4,210.00**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION		**AMOUNT**
eDiscovery		1,485.43
	Sub Total	**1,485.43**
	TOTAL	**1,485.43**

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to July 31, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	73,308.50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 73,308.50**

Payable Upon Receipt
PAYMENT INFORMATION – Please reference the invoice number when remitting payment.

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER: to the account of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP | HSBC Bank USA, National Association | 66 Hudson Boulevard, New York, New York 10001| Wire Routing Number 021001088 | ACH Routing Number 022000020 | SWIFT MRMDUS33 | CHIPS ABA: 0108 | Account Number 827023227 |

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Please be alert to the risks of cyber-crime and email impersonation attempts to redirect funds inappropriately. We will not under usual circumstances change our bank account details during the course of a transaction. Any communication which you receive advising otherwise could be fraudulent and should urgently be orally verified with your known contact at our firm, or a member of our Finance department.

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
07/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with counsel Suglia regarding cure amounts and settlement.
07/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review notice extending designation period and confirm with the team.
07/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review of proposed contracts to be rejected and confer with H. Ross regarding the same.
07/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the 9019 proposed order and confer with the parties regarding the same.
07/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.30	Work on the plan and disclosure statement.
07/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	3.40	Review and revise solicitation motion and confer with NRF team.
07/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review of MORs and file the same.
07/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.90	Work on the plan documents.
07/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Communication regarding the sale of equipment.
07/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with AM regarding Debtors' id numbers and Trustee's fees.
07/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review drafts of the witness and exhibit lists for upcoming hearings.
07/22/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with NRF and AM regarding environmental liabilities.
07/23/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Communication regarding dissolution of certain of subsidiaries.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with Hallie Ross regarding H20 issues.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Call with AM regarding on going issues and follow up calls and communication with NRF team.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.60	Review of Amcon's summary judgment motion and outline issues and arguments.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.20	Call with J. Blanchard regarding motion for summary judgment and additional revisions to the motion; and finalize the motion and declaration and file the same.
07/24/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with team regarding DOE proposed language to sale.
07/27/2026	Smith, C	0.30	Download and validate M365 search results data provided by Client IT team

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07/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with the committee regarding plan supplemental.
07/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with counsel for SAP regarding rejection.
07/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Vertia regarding the service.
07/27/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review and revise global notees and confer with M. McNamara regarding the same.
07/27/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: interim fee application.
07/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of budgeting issues and emails related to same.
07/27/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Call with A&M team re: latest case developments.
07/27/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: plan supplement.
07/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to amended lease emails and drafts.
07/27/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Review and analyze Amcon msj brief and supporting case law.
07/27/2026	Conover, J	3.10	Analyze and conduct research on response to AMCON motion for summary judgment
07/28/2026	Shu, C	3.80	Legal research (1.6) and prepare draft confirmation order (2.2).
07/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Confer with AM team regarding interests in equipment being sold and review of the bill of sale, review of the company's response.
07/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with AM regarding dissolving certain polish entities.
07/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Work on the reply.
07/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Numerous emails with H2O's counsel regarding the sale of equipment.
07/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer regarding payments to employees.
07/28/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Confer with Verita regarding additional filed claims and ballots, and other matters regarding voting and plan.
07/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with working group re: discovery issues.
07/28/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to multiple emails with counsel for H20.
07/28/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Multiple emails with Committee counsel.
07/28/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding ongoing production requirements.
07/28/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Continue drafting objection and response to summary judgment motion

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07/28/2026	Adams, K	0.70	Review interim compensation certificates of no objection; prepare Certificate of No Objection re: NRF's first interim fee application; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: same.
07/29/2026	Smith, C	0.30	Coordinate M365 search results exports with Client IT team.
07/29/2026	Shu, C	0.60	case summary in connection with district court's status conference re bankruptcy in Duesenfeld v. Ascend per R. Manns' request (0.5); emails w/ R.Manns re:same (0.1).
07/29/2026	Shu, C	1.30	Prepare draft confirmation order (1.2); emails w/ R.Manns re: same (0.1).
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Work on the plan supplemental.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with DOE regarding the chapter 11 plan.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review CNO regarding first interim fee application and confer with K. Adams regarding the same.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Preliminary review of the confirmation order, confer with DOE regarding the confirmation language.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Call with B. Wong regarding de minis asset sale and follow up communication.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Preliminary review of the ballot summary.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review latter of termination with respect to SAP America and confer with AM team.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Attention to communication regarding register agent, confer with. B. Wong regarding the same; and respond to emails.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confirm with T. Powell regarding the sale.
07/29/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Numerous emails regarding professional fees and served statements.
07/29/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to revised TQL stipulation and multiple working group emails re: same.
07/29/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to multiple emails re: CT Corp. and outstanding invoices.
07/29/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Analyze argument outline in opposition to Amcon brief.
07/29/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with working group re: Duesenfeld litigation in advance of hearing.
07/29/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Analyze draft confirmation order.
07/29/2026	Harrison, J	0.20	Confer with M. Mokrzycka regarding plan and effective date issues.

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07/29/2026	Conover, J	4.90	Continue drafting response to AMCON summary judgment motion
07/29/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Review and revise Notice of Hearing re: AMCON lien dispute; organize and file same; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: file notice.
07/29/2026	Adams, K	0.30	Review and revise Notice of Hearing re: plan confirmation; file same; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed notice.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Attention to emails regarding PTO claims and review of the Plan.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review of MOR and confer with K. Adams regarding filing.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with the DEO regarding 9019 motion.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review ballot summary and confer with B. Wong regarding the same and next steps.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review and revise notice of hearing on the Amcon litigation.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review and revise notice of hearing.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Numerous email communication with AM team regarding claims by pre-petition vendors and draft an email to vendors regarding the claims.
07/30/2026	Mokrzycka, M	4.50	Review and revise the reply to the AMCON SJM.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Analysis of summary voting results and working group emails re: same.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with Committee counsel.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss case developments.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Attention to draft demand letter associated with exercise of Polish option and related emails.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review draft MORs.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to bill of sale issues.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Analyze parties cited cases in MSJ briefs by Debtors and Amcon.
07/30/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Analyze administration of admin claim issues and working group emails re: same.
07/30/2026	Conover, J	7.80	Continue drafting and finish first draft of Response/ Objection to AMCON Summary Judgment Motion

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07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with AM regarding rejection of the contract and review and revise emails to the rejection parties.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review of the government proposed language.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review research regarding certain contractors claims and whether they claims qualify under the bankruptcy code and confer with AM regarding the same.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review emails regarding the OCP retention, review of the OCP order, confer with B. Wong regarding the same.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review professional fees escrow and address related issues; confer with B. Wong regarding the same.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review research regarding payment of PTO and timing and confer with the team.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with AM regarding MEI issues in connection with the sale.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Prepare for and attend the committee's call.
07/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Numerous calls with AM team regarding various issues, plan, and next steps.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple emails with R3 re: variance issues.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Calls and emails with counsel for Georgia EPD re: variance issues.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: D&O policy extension issues.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to rejection damages issues for voting purposes.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Committee counsel to discuss confirmation issues.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to redline of IP assignments related to Cov sale and working group emails re: same.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Analyze Kinterra response correspondence and analyze draft assignments(.6); working group emails with inventors (.2).
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call and emails with A&M to re: open issues.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Analysis of estate professional fees incurred vs. budget.
07/31/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Emails with government and attention to revised confirmation order language.
07/31/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Conduct research on payment of postpetition accrued annual leave and timing of payment

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07/31/2026	Conover, J	2.60	Conduct research and draft correspondence related to severance claim [redacted]
07/31/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Check-In call with A&M team to discuss TQL stipulation, D&O insurance, and other outstanding issues
Total		**77.00**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Harrison, J	0.20	1,150.00	230.00
Manns, R	15.40	1,355.00	20,867.00
		Sub Total	**21,097.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	33.10	935.00	30,948.50
		Sub Total	**30,948.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Conover, J	20.60	730.00	15,038.00
Shu, C	5.70	940.00	5,358.00
		Sub Total	**20,396.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Paralegal			
Adams, K	1.30	440.00	572.00
		Sub Total	**572.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT

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Practice Support

Curcuruto, C	0.10	250.00	25.00
Smith, C	0.60	450.00	270.00
		Sub Total	**295.00**
Total	**77.00**		**73,308.50**

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

FIFTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

Name of applicant:	Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP
Role in case:	Counsel to the Debtors
Date of retention:	May 21, 2026, *effective as of* April 9, 2026 [Dkt. No. 370]
Period covered:	August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026
Fees incurred:	$368,727.50
20% holdback:	$73,745.50
Total fees incurred less 20% holdback:	$294,982.00
Expenses incurred:	$2,323.04
Total fees (80%) and expenses (100%) due:	$297,305.04
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	$1,082.17
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	$980.14

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

In accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 369] , each party receiving notice of the monthly fee statement will have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time), 14 days after service of the monthly fee statement to object to the requested fees and expenses. Upon the expiration of such 14-day period, the Debtors are authorized to pay the Professional an amount of 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in the applicable monthly fee statement.

1. Pursuant to sections 327, 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 Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules"), the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* (the "Retention Order") [Dkt. No. 370], and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Order") [Dkt. No. 369], the law firm of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP ("NRF"), counsel for Ascend Elements, Inc. *et al.* (the "Debtors"), hereby files this monthly statement for (a) compensation in the amount of $297,305.04 (80% of $368,727.50) for the reasonable and necessary legal services NRF rendered to the Debtors from August 1, 2026 through and including August 31, 2026 (the "Compensation Period") and (b) reimbursement for 100% of the actual and necessary expenses that NRF incurred, in the amount of $2,323.04 during the Compensation Period.

2. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a billing summary of NRF professionals and paraprofessionals by individual, setting forth the (a) name and title of each individual who performed services during the Compensation Period, (b) aggregate time expended by each such

individual, (c) hourly billing rate for each such individual, and (d) amount of fees earned by each NRF professional and paraprofessional.

3. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a summary of hours and fees by task code.

4. Attached as **Exhibit C** is a summary of reimbursement sought by expense type for all expenses for the Compensation Period incurred in connection with the performance of professional services.

5. Attached as **Exhibit D** is NRF's itemized time records of its professionals and paraprofessionals and itemized records of reimbursement sought for the Compensation Period.

6. This Monthly Fee Statement includes all the information and supporting detail regarding fees and expenses available to NRF at the time of the filing of this Monthly Fee Statement. If additional information and supporting detail in connection with this Compensation Period should become available as a result of delays in accounting processing or an inadvertence with respect to time or expenses entered in the accounting system, or any other reason, NRF reserves the right to make an application to the Court for an allowance of such fees and expenses not included in this Monthly Statement.

7. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, each Monthly Fee Statement shall be served upon: (a) the Debtors, c/o Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 1550 Lamar, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: Ryan Manns (ryan.manns@nortonrosefulbright.com), Maria Mokrzycka (maria.mokrzycka@nortonrosefulbright.com), and Jason I. Blanchard (jason.blanchard@nortonrosefulbright.com); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas, 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Ha Nguyen (Ha.Nguyen@usdoj.gov) and Vianey Garza (Vianey.Garza@usdoj.gov); (c) counsel to the Senior Secured Holders: Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153,

Attn: Sunny Singh (sunny.singh@weil.com), and 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, Attn: Stephanie Morrison (stephanie.morrison@weil.com) and Emma Wheeler (emma.wheeler@weil.com); Goodwin Procter LLP, 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Robert Lemons (rlemons@goodwinlaw.com) and Debora Hoehne (dhoehne@goodwinlaw.com); and Gray Reed & McGraw LLP, 1300 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 2000, Houston, Texas 77056, Attn: Jason Brookner (jbrookner@grayreed.com); and (d) counsel to the Committee, McDermott Will & Emery LLP, 2801 North Harwood Street, Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201, Attn: Charles R. Gibbs (crgibbs@mcdermottlaw.com) and Kristin K. Going (kgoing@mcdermottlaw.com).

8. Any party in interest shall have until 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) on the date that is fourteen (14) days after service of this Monthly Fee Statement (the "Monthly Objection Deadline") to review such statement and, in the event that such party in interest has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in this Monthly Fee Statement, such party in interest shall, on or before the Monthly Objection Deadline, serve upon NRF and upon the Debtors, a written notice of objection (the "Objection") setting forth the nature of the Objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

WHEREFORE, NRF, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors, respectfully requests (a) allowance of compensation and reimbursement in the amount of (i) $294,982.00 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered (80% of $368,727.50) and (ii) $2,323.04 for 100% of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, and (b) payment of the forgoing sums.

Dated: September 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP

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EXHIBIT A

COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL
AUGUST 1, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

Name of Professional Individual	Position	Department	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kim Adams	Paralegal	Restructuring	N/A	440.00	51.7	$22,748.00
Jason Blanchard	Senior Counsel	Restructuring	2012	1,065.00	106.8	$113,742.00
Danielle Bondurin	Associate	Corporate, MA and Securities	2023	860.00	0.2	$172.00
Adam Braun	Partner	Tax-Employee Benefits	2018	1,028.00	1.5	$1,542.00
John Conover	Associate	Restructuring	2023	730.00	39.2	$28,616.00
Christopher Curcuruto	Analyst	eDiscovery Services	N/A	250.00	3.8	$950.00
Ryan Manns	Partner	Restructuring	2003	1,355.00	98.9	$134,009.50
Maria Mokrzycka	Senior Associate	Restructuring	2020	935.00	63.0	$58,905.00
Eric Rastogi	Senior Project Manager	eDiscovery Services	N/A	350.00	1.6	$560.00
Sasha Riedisser	Senior Associate	Financial Institutions Disputes	2018	700.00	2.8	$1,960.00
Caleb Segrest	Partner	Corporate, MA and Securities	2015	920.00	5.4	$4,968.00
Chris Smith	Senior Advisor	Digital Collections	N/A	450.00	1.0	$450.00
Ashlyn Wilson	Supervisor	eDiscovery Services	N/A	350.00	0.3	$105.00
				TOTAL	**376.2**	**$368,727.50**

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
AUGUST 1, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B120: Asset Analysis and Recovery	0.3	$406.50
B130: Asset Disposition	98.0	$100,220.00
B140: Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection Proceedings	0.2	$271.00
B150: Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	8.0	$10,756.00
B160: Employment and Fee Applications	42.6	$25,110.50
B185: Assumption/Rejection of Leases and Contracts	20.3	$21,585.50
B190: Other Contested Matters	41.7	$42,073.50
B210: Business Operations	8.5	$9,074.00
B220: Employee Benefits/Pensions	1.5	$1,542.00
B230: Financing/Cash Collections	1.2	$1,626.00
B260: Board of Directors Matters	1.5	$1,933.50
B310: Claims Administration and Objections	5.8	$5,698.50
B320: Plan and Disclosure Statement	146.6	$148,430.50
TOTAL	**376.2**	**$368,727.50**

EXHIBIT C

REIMBURSEMENT BY EXPENSE TYPE
AUGUST 1, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

Description	Amount
eDiscovery	$2,324.04
Total:	**$2,324.04**

EXHIBIT D

TIME DETAIL

INVOICE

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

Invoice Number	9495730506
Matter Number	1001387558
Invoice Date	August 03, 2026
NRF Contact	Ryan E. Manns

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Project Ember

Professional Services Rendered to August 02, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	460.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 460.00**

Payable Upon Receipt
PAYMENT INFORMATION – Please reference the invoice number when remitting payment.

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Matter Description	Project Ember				

TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
08/02/2026	Segrest, C	0.50	Review Kinterra supplemental Invention Assignment Agreements and IP Assignment.
Total		**0.50**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Segrest, C	0.50	920.00	460.00
Total	**0.50**		**460.00**

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Project Ember

Professional Services Rendered to August 09, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	6,050.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 6,050.00**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
08/03/2026	Braun, A	1.50	Review questions regarding benefits eligibility (1.0); telephone conference with A&M regarding same (0.5).
08/03/2026	Segrest, C	0.80	Review IP Assignment Agreement; review Invention Assignment Agreements.
08/03/2026	Segrest, C	0.50	Review Covington TSA; correspondence re: 401k and HSA matters.
08/03/2026	Segrest, C	0.50	Review shareholder agreement for Ascend re: obligations to deliver financials.
08/04/2026	Segrest, C	0.40	Correspondence with H. Ross re: letters of credit matters in connection with Covington APA.
08/04/2026	Segrest, C	0.80	Correspondence with A. Braun re: employment matters in Covington TSA; attend telephone call with A&M to discuss same.
08/06/2026	Segrest, C	0.60	Correspondence re: IP Assignments and Invention Assignment Agreements.
08/07/2026	Segrest, C	1.30	Review AEP Poland documents re: shareholder meeting and minutes.
Total		**6.40**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Braun, A	1.50	1,028.00	1,542.00
Segrest, C	4.90	920.00	4,508.00
Total	**6.40**		**6,050.00**

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to August 02, 2026

	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	3,523.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 3,523.00**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
08/02/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: investor inquiries.
08/02/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Attend to hearing prep and logistics.
08/02/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Further review of draft confirmation order.
08/02/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Attention to admin claim issues from counsel for Westborough.
08/02/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Further review of budget reconciliation issues.
Total		**2.60**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Manns, R	2.60	1,355.00	3,523.00
Total	**2.60**		**3,523.00**

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to August 09, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	107,466.50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 107,466.50**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
08/03/2026	Wilson, A	0.30	Review and validate email collection processing timeline and estimate for delivery to M. Goana.
08/03/2026	Rastogi, E	0.20	Correspond with C. Curcuruto regarding email analysis and cost estimates.
08/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.10	Review and revise reply.
08/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Follow up call with J. Blanchard regarding SJM.
08/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Call with NRF and AM team regarding issues and follow up calls with NRF team regarding various issues.
08/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Call with J. Blanchard regarding a number of issues, next steps, and hearings.
08/03/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with working group re: interim fee app and fee statement issues.
08/03/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Attention to solicitation procedures.
08/03/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with counsel for TQL re: open issues.
08/03/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with Committee counsel re: voting issues.
08/03/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with working group to discuss case developments and confirmation prep issues.
08/03/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with A&M team to discuss open issues.
08/03/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Obtain cost estimate to load ~350GB data collection to Early Case Assessment database and deliver to legal team.
08/03/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Confer with E.Rastogi and C.Smith regarding 2025 email data collection and processing strategy.
08/03/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding processing tracking production in review database for documentation purposes.
08/03/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Call with R. Manns, J. Blanchard, and M. Mokrzycka regarding case status
08/03/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Check in Call with A&M
08/03/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Conduct research on cross-motion for summary judgment evidentiary issue
08/03/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Analyze issues concerning amendment to the plan to address timing of payment of administrative claims.
08/03/2026	Blanchard, J	8.40	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding chapter

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			11 case work streams and strategy (.9); review and analyze Amcon's motion for summary judgment (1.5); review and revise draft response to Amcon's motion for summary judgment (4.6); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to summary judgment response (.3); telephone conference with R. Manns, and NRF and A&M teams regarding case strategy and pending work streams (.5); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and J. Conover regarding Amcon summary judgment response and case workstreams (.6)
08/03/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Begin review and revision of July fee spreadsheet.
08/04/2026	Rastogi, E	0.20	Correspond with C. Curcuruto regarding email analysis and cost estimates.
08/04/2026	Rastogi, E	0.60	Prepare analysis and tracking production workflow for manual productions.
08/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review CNO and confer with Chambers regarding first interim fee application.
08/04/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to multiple emails with Georgia EPD.
08/04/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple emails with R3 re: transition issues.
08/04/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and respond to emails from investors and creditors.
08/04/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Confirmation hearing prep.
08/04/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with creditor and investor to discuss case developments.
08/04/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.30	Collaborate with E.Rastogi to prepare tracking production request for database analysts.
08/04/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Proof spreadsheet establishing production sort order and submit with tracking production request.
08/04/2026	Blanchard, J	10.70	Review and revise draft brief in response to AMCON's motion for summary judgment; review and analyze statutory and case law authority in connection with same; review and analyze lease documents in connection with same
08/04/2026	Adams, K	4.00	Further review and revision of July fee statement spreadsheet.
08/04/2026	Adams, K	0.60	Review docket re: objections to removal motions; prepare draft CNO re: removal motion; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: same.

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08/04/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review and revise draft CNO for NRF first interim fee application; forward to M. Mokrcycka and R. Manns; orgainze and file same.
08/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Call with H. Ross regarding the storage issues.
08/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Confer with Vertia regarding voting.
08/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.10	Review the reply and call with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
08/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review CNO regarding the remove action and confer with K. Adams regarding the same.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Multiple emails with Committee counsel.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	3.30	Review and revise draft response to AMCON msj.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with Covington buyer re: insurance issues.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss Polish entity issues.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: intellectual property assignment and communications with Kinterra.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group call to discuss strategy considerations.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with counsel for AMCON.
08/05/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with counsel for TQL.
08/05/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Email legal team regarding documents to be processed to database and outstanding cost approval.
08/05/2026	Conover, J	3.60	Revise response to AMCON motion for summary judgment
08/05/2026	Blanchard, J	9.20	Draft further revisions to responsive brief in opposition to Amcon's motion for summary judgment (6.8); review and analyze case law in connection with same (1.3); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka to discuss strategy for potential stay violation (.2); telephone conference with R. Manns, H. Ross, and M. Mokrzycka regarding case and plan work streams and related strategy (.5); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to responsive brief in opposition to motion for summary judgment (.1); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding responsive brief and discussions with AMCON regarding motions (.3)
08/05/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Prepare draft Witness and Exhibit List for August 10 hearing re: AMCON lien dispute; forward to M. Mokrzycka.
08/05/2026	Adams, K	2.50	Further review and revision of July fees spreadsheet;

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			prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: spreadsheet.
08/06/2026	Rastogi, E	0.30	Correspond with C. Curcuruto regarding tracking production workflow.
08/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Call with Amcon and follow up with J. Blanchard.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review of draft plan supplement.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Analyze AMCON response brief.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to Committee fee statements.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Multiple emails with Committee counsel re: AMCON negotiations.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with TKJV's counsel re: plan issues.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with A&M re: budget issues.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: ITS claim.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple working group emails with AMCON.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with investors and claimants about Covington sale.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.10	Email with creditor re: ballot issue.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review of voting tabulation summary and confer with working group.
08/06/2026	Adams, K	2.30	qReview pleadings regarding AMCON lien dispute; prepare index of pleadings to be used at lien dispute hearing; coordinate preparation of hearing binders for AMCON lien dispute hearing.
08/06/2026	Adams, K	1.00	Review and revise Witness and Exhibit List re: AMCON lien dispute; organize and file same; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed list.
08/06/2026	Adams, K	0.40	Review and organize CNO re: removal motion; file same; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed CNO.
08/06/2026	Blanchard, J	9.00	Review and analyze AMCON's responsive brief on summary judgment (2.5); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding strategy for dispute with AMCON and potential stay violation (.8); review and provide comments to exhibit list for hearing on summary judgment motions (.1); telephone conference with H. Ross regarding issues related to dispute with AMCON (.2); preparation for call with counsel to AMCON regarding summary judgment motions (.7); telephone conference with counsel to AMCON and M. Mokrzycka regarding summary judgment motions (.3);

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			telephone conferences with R. Manns regarding strategy concerning AMCON lien dispute (.4); telephone conference with A. Titus, H. Ross, and R. Manns regarding strategy for AMCON lien dispute and other case work streams (.5); preparation for oral argument on summary judgment motions in AMCON dispute (3.2); draft settlement proposal to AMCON regarding lien dispute (.2); email correspondence with counsel to the UCC regarding draft settlement proposal (.1).
08/06/2026	Conover, J	1.20	Draft Exclusivity Extension Motion
08/06/2026	Conover, J	4.00	Conduct a survey of all usufruct cases to determine percentage of cases where courts found a usufruct to support hearing argument
08/06/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Respond to legal team regarding cost approval for data ingestion to analysis database.
08/06/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.50	Reconfigure database folder structure to align with advice from L.Clay, separating tracking production into two sets to facilitate bates numbering and confidentiality branding application.
08/06/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Communicate advice from L.Clay to E.Rastogi and confirm approval to proceed with foldering restructure.
08/06/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.50	Teams call with L.Clay (database analyst) regarding tracking production complexities around previously produced documents and recommended approach concerning bates numbering and branding application.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with CRO to discuss AMCON negotiations and case issues.
08/06/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Calls and emails with working group to discuss strategic considerations and proposed AMCON settlement.
08/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with respect to the settlement offers.
08/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review and revise the exclusivity motion.
08/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Call with NRF team regarding sale hearing.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Review and respond to multiple emails with AMCON's counsel and internal working group.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with NRF and A&M working groups.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to Jefferies fee application.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Review and comment on motion to extend exclusivity.

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08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Emails with TQL and review of revised stipulation.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and analyze AE Elemental letter directed at R3 and working group emails re: same.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Prepare for contested Amcon hearing.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple emails with Committee counsel re: settlement developments.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with NRF and A&M working groups.
08/07/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on motion to extend assumption/ rejection deadline.
08/07/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.50	Teams call with L.Clay (database analyst) regarding clarification of compilation pdf documents from previously produced population, document imaging issues, and recommendations regarding bulk tagging of natives to avoid re-production.
08/07/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Identify natively produced documents from first production and bulk tag as produced on advice of L.Clay to avoid potential for re-production.
08/07/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Continue drafting and finalize motion to extend time to assume or reject leases
08/07/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Draft Motion to Extend Deadline to Assume or Reject Unexpired Leases; call with J. Blanchard and M. Mokrzycka
08/07/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Analyze AMCON response to Summary Judgment Motion
08/07/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Call with A&M team ahead of AMCON hearing and one week before confirmation
08/07/2026	Conover, J	1.80	Draft chart of lease provisions up to usufruct factors for hearing preparation
08/08/2026	Blanchard, J	3.60	Draft stipulation and agreed order resolving AMCON lien dispute and claim (2.6); email correspondence with R. Manns, counsel to the UCC, and counsel to AMCON regarding settlement issues (.2); review and revise stipulation and agreed order to address comments from AMCON, the UCC, and R. Manns (.8).
08/08/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Confer with working group via calls and emails re: Amcon.
08/08/2026	Manns, R	1.20	Review and comment on draft stipulations.
08/08/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to multiple emails with Amcon re: settlement.
08/08/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to multiple emails with Committee re:

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			AMCON updates.
08/09/2026	Blanchard, J	1.20	Review and revise stipulation and agreed order resolving AMCON lien dispute and claim to address comments from AMCON, the UCC, and R. Manns.
08/09/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Attention to revisions to stipulation and emails related to same.
08/09/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and comment on plan supplement.
08/09/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple working group emails.
08/09/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to multiple emails with Committee counsel re: AMCON terms and stipulation.
Total		**110.70**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Manns, R	27.30	1,355.00	36,991.50
		Sub Total	**36,991.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	42.50	1,065.00	45,262.50
		Sub Total	**45,262.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	7.70	935.00	7,199.50
		Sub Total	**7,199.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Associate			
Conover, J	14.40	730.00	10,512.00

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		Sub Total	**10,512.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	13.90	440.00	6,116.00
		Sub Total	**6,116.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Practice Support			
Curcuruto, C	3.30	250.00	825.00
Rastogi, E	1.30	350.00	455.00
Wilson, A	0.30	350.00	105.00
		Sub Total	**1,385.00**
Total	**110.70**		**107,466.50**

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Professional Services Rendered to August 16, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	134,097.50
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 134,097.50**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
08/03/2026	Smith, C	1.00	Download and validate M365 exports of search results data and stage for processing.
08/07/2026	Blanchard, J	7.30	Preparation for oral argument on motions for summary judgment in AMCON lien dispute (6.0); draft settlement communications with respect to AMCON lien dispute (.4); telephone conference with counsel to AMCON regarding proposed settlement (.1); telephone conference with R. Manns regarding settlement strategy for AMCON lien dispute (.2); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka and J. Conover regarding preparation for summary judgment hearing (.3); telephone conference with H. Ross, A. Titus, R. Manns, and M. Mokrzycka regarding Amcon dispute and pending case work streams (.3).
08/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.70	Review and revise July fee statement; confer with NRF team and Jefferies team regarding final fee application and revise of the same.
08/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.30	Review the GUC Trust Agreement; review the schedule of assumed contracts; review comments to the schedule of retained actions; finalize the plan supplement and file the same; confer with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
08/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Draft, revise, and file the notice of remote participation.
08/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with J. Blanchard regarding the hearing and attend the same.
08/10/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Confer with respect to the confirmation; review comments to the confirmation order.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Emails with Committee counsel re: AMCON, plan supplement and GUC trust.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Analyze GUC trust agreement (4); attention to revisions to plan supplement and related schedules (.6).
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with counsel for Jefferies re: final fee application.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to working group emails re: budgeting issues.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to multiple working group emails re: Polish option and emails with R3 team.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group call with A&M team.

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08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Confer with working group re: confirmation and attend to related hearing prep.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and respond to emails with counsel for AMCON.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: litigation disclosure and KY litigation procedural issues.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attend AMCON hearing.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Multiple calls with counsel for TKJV.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to revised TQL stipulation and R3 issues.
08/10/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with R3 re: Elemental issues.
08/10/2026	Conover, J	0.50	Call with A&M to go over pre-confirmation issues
08/10/2026	Blanchard, J	5.00	Review and analyze draft plan supplement in connection with providing comments to the same (.6); analyze UCC's comments to the same (.2); review and revise draft confirmation order (2.5); telephone conference with R. Manns, and NRF and A&M teams regarding plan-related work streams and strategy (.4); review and analyze draft GUC Trust agreement (.5); review and analyze combined disclosure statement and plan in connection with drafting revisions to the same (.6); email correspondence with R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka regarding modifications to the plan (.2).
08/10/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Preparation for hearing in connection with settlement of AMCON lien dispute (.7); attend hearing virtually on settlement of AMCON lien dispute (.2).
08/10/2026	Adams, K	2.00	Further review of July fee spreadsheet; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: spreadsheet updates.
08/10/2026	Adams, K	1.80	Prepare draft Witness and Exhibit List for August 17th Confirmation hearing; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka and R. Manns re: same.
08/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.00	Review and revise confirmation order and confer with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review of revised consent letter and stipulation and emails with counsel for TQL.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Emails and calls with shareholders and creditors re: plan of liquidation treatment.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and respond to multiple emails with MA landlord re: proposed treatment of lease.

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08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to Ausenco Engineering request and related emails.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Follow-up emails with AMCON re: wire instructions.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with Special Committee to discuss case status and update.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and comment on draft w&e list.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with counsel for GA EPD.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Call with counsel for TKJV re: plan issues.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with counsel for the DOJ re: confirmation order.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Summary update emails with Committee counsel.
08/11/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review Nooter draft objection and proposed confirmation order language insert.
08/11/2026	Conover, J	6.10	Draft Adam Titus declaration in support of confirmation
08/11/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Review and analyze revisions to proposed stipulation and side letter resolving TQL cure objection (.4): telephone conference with B. Wong regarding payment terms in proposed stipulation (.1).
08/11/2026	Blanchard, J	4.70	Review and revise combined plan and disclosure statement (3.3); email correspondence with S. Reizel regarding service of solicitation materials (.1): email correspondence with K. Adams regarding revisions to draft witness and exhibit list for confirmation hearing (.1); analyze claimant documentation in connection with plan and distribution inquiries (.5); telephone conference with counsel to Ausenco regarding non-disclosure agreement issues (.1); analyze Ausenco's request regarding non-disclosure issues (.2); draft client recommendation regarding Ausenco disclosure issues (.2); review and revise proposed claimant insert for confirmation order (.2).
08/11/2026	Blanchard, J	1.40	.Review and respond to reporting questions from A&M in connection with finalizing monthly operating reports (.2); analyze monthly operating reports and related precedent in connection to finalizing same (.8); telephone conference with H. Ross and A&M team regarding monthly operating reports and other case work streams (.4)
08/11/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review and revise draft Witness and Exhibit List for August 17th confirmation hearing.
08/11/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Work on spreadsheet for July fees; prepare correspondence

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			to M. Mokrzycka and K. Sommerfeld re: updates to spreadsheet.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and comment on revised witness and exhibit list.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: voting tabulation summary.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Review and comment on amended plan and disclosure statement.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with counsel for Nooter re: proposed Confirmation Order language insert.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with counsel for United re: proposed plan insert and analyze proposed language.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Analyze insurance extension issues and emails with A&M re: same.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review revised notice of intent to adduce testimony.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with working group re: AMCON settlement payment.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Emails with Committee re: insurance and plan issues.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.70	Review and comment on revised confirmation order.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Follow up emails with Nooter's counsel re: proposed objection.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Prepare for confirmation hearing.
08/12/2026	Manns, R	1.20	Review and revise Titus declaration in support of confirmation.
08/12/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.20	Correspond with database analyst regarding ongoing tracking production processing of initial manual production.
08/12/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Email case team to seek cost approval for client document collection processing.
08/12/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Analyze agreements with Ausenco to determine if waiver appropriate
08/12/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Revise declaration in support of the Plan
08/12/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Call with A&M to discuss plan strategy
08/12/2026	Blanchard, J	6.80	Telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding confirmation hearing workstreams and strategy (.7); review and revise Titus declaration in support of confirmation (4.4); review and further revise combined plan and disclosure statement (.8); review and further revise draft confirmation order (.5); telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, and A&M team regarding confirmation work

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			streams and strategy (.2); email correspondence with M. Mokrzycka, R. Manns, and claims agent team regarding voting tabulation and related issues (.2).
08/12/2026	Adams, K	5.80	Review invoices re: redaction suggestions; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: draft invoices for redaction.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review revised confirmation order and confer with working group.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Working group calls re: strategy considerations.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to emails with Nooter's counsel.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review and respond to emails with DOJ.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review Committee comments to confirmation order.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple emails with Committee counsel.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Analyze UST objection.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review ballot summary and emails related to same.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of revised Trust Agreement.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Review of updated voting summary.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	1.90	Review and revise confirmation brief.
08/13/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Calls and emails with counsel for GA EPD.
08/13/2026	Conover, J	1.10	Conduct research on exculpation of officers and independent directors in chapter 11 plan in response to US Trustee objection
08/13/2026	Conover, J	0.30	Correspondence related to declaration in support of confirmation
08/13/2026	Conover, J	1.80	Continue analysis of Ausenco waiver request
08/13/2026	Conover, J	0.20	Call with R. Manns, J. Blanchard, and M. Mokrzycka to discuss Trustee objection
08/13/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Review and analyze summary and proposed recommendation for Ausenco waiver.
08/13/2026	Blanchard, J	10.50	Review and revise draft brief in support of final approval of disclosure statement and confirmation of the plan (7.4); analyze U.S. Trustee's objection to confirmation (.3); analyze precedent in connection with responding to same (1.5); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka regarding revisions to Plan, declaration in support of the Plan, and

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			confirmation brief (.6); telephone conferences with R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka regarding strategy for confirmation hearing and related work streams (.7).
08/13/2026	Adams, K	3.50	Review and revise Witness and Exhibit List for August 17th confirmation hearing; research and organize draft exhibits; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: revised list and draft exhibits; revise list and exhibits; organize and file Witness and Exhibit List with exhibits; organize filed copy and forward to M. Mokrzycka and R. Manns.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Multiple emails with counsel for Kinterra and client re: post-closing issues and assignments and analysis of same.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to emails with counsel for TKJV.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review of cumulative redline of Confirmation Order in advance of filing.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review Weil comments to proposed form of confirmation order.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group call with A&M team.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	1.40	Calls and emails with counsel for GA EPD re: draft stipulation and potential objection issues.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Confirmation hearing preparation.
08/14/2026	Manns, R	1.20	Extended call and multiple emails with R3 to discuss GA EPD issues.
08/14/2026	Conover, J	1.30	Revise declaration in support of confirmation, draft notices of filing of amended plan and confirmation order, and attend call with A&M ahead of confirmation
08/14/2026	Conover, J	2.40	Conduct research on exculpation provisions from previous decisions
08/14/2026	Conover, J	0.70	Revise declaration to include special committee information
08/14/2026	Blanchard, J	6.80	Draft further revisions to brief in support of final approval of disclosure statement and confirmation of the plan (4.0); review and revise draft voting and ballot tabulation declaration and related schedules (.5); review and draft comments to first amended plan (.6); review and revise draft confirmation order (.5); telephone conference with R. Manns, J. Conover, M. Mokrzycka, and A&M team regarding confirmation hearing and related strategy (.3); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to the first amended plan and proposed confirmation order (.4); telephone conference with M.

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			Mokrzycka and H. Ross regarding issues related to confirmation and confirmation order (.5)
08/15/2026	Adams, K	1.00	Prepare Amended Witness and Exhibit List; prepare correspondence to R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka re: same.
08/15/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Review and analyze the GA EPD's objection to confirmation (.2); review and analyze comments and revisions to brief in support of confirmation of Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan (.3).
08/15/2026	Conover, J	2.50	Revise memorandum of law in support of confirmation to address Georgia EPD objection
08/15/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Calls and emails with counsel for R3 re: GA EPD objection.
08/15/2026	Manns, R	2.00	Prepare for contested confirmation hearing.
08/15/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Revisions to brief in support of confirmaiton.
08/16/2026	Adams, K	3.80	Review correspondences re: updates for Amended Witness and Exhibit List; revise amended list; research and organize new exhibits for amended list; organize and file same; prepare correspondence to R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka re: filed Witness and Exhibit List.
08/16/2026	Blanchard, J	3.90	Draft further comments and revisions to brief in support of confirmation of Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan (3.1); review and analyze further revisions to Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan, Plan Supplement, and Confirmation Declaration in connection with drafting revisions to the brief (.8).
08/16/2026	Bodunrin, D	0.20	Confer with bankruptcy team regarding special committee resolutions.
08/16/2026	Conover, J	3.00	Revise and finalize brief in support of confirmation and other confirmation evidence
08/16/2026	Manns, R	0.90	Attention to SDTX precedent on releases and exculpations.
08/16/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Confer with working group re: confirmation hearing prep and review and respond to group emails.
08/16/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Analysis of case law in support of confirmation.
08/16/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Further review of GA EPD and UST objection.
08/16/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Prepare confirmation hearing outline.
Total		**135.50**	

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Partner			
Manns, R	38.60	1,355.00	52,303.00
		Sub Total	**52,303.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	48.50	1,065.00	51,652.50
		Sub Total	**51,652.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	5.20	935.00	4,862.00
		Sub Total	**4,862.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Bodunrin, D	0.20	860.00	172.00
Conover, J	21.50	730.00	15,695.00
		Sub Total	**15,867.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	20.20	440.00	8,888.00
		Sub Total	**8,888.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Practice Support			
Curcuruto, C	0.30	250.00	75.00

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Smith, C	1.00	450.00	450.00
		Sub Total	**525.00**
Total	**135.50**		**134,097.50**

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Fees	45,595.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 45,595.00**

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08/17/2026	Adams, K	1.60	Review docket and revise the agenda with updated filings for the confirmation hearing; file same; prepare email correspondence to team re: filed agenda.
08/17/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review and organize Fifth Notice of Rejected Contracts; file same; prepare email correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed Notice.
08/17/2026	Blanchard, J	3.80	Confer with M. Mokrzycka regarding UST Objection in connection with confirmation hearing (.2); review and analyze updated confirmation order, plan, and plan supplement in preparation for confirmation hearing (2.5); telephone conference with M. Mokrzycka, A. Titus, and H. Ross regarding preparation for confirmation hearing (.3); participate telephonically in confirmation hearing (.8).
08/17/2026	Blanchard, J	0.60	Analyze Ausenco waiver request and J. Conover's summary regarding claimant's contracts with Ascend (.3); draft recommendation to the Debtors regarding Ausenco waiver request (.3).
08/17/2026	Conover, J	0.80	Attend confirmation hearing for Ascend debtors
08/17/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Draft email to legal team to confirm matter status and offer database disposition options.
08/17/2026	Curcuruto, C	0.10	Confer with E.Rastogi regarding potential database disposition.
08/17/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with CRO and Special Committee.
08/17/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and respond to multiple emails with Committee counsel.
08/17/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call with R3 and counsel to discuss GA EPD strategy and developments.
08/17/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Attend and appear at contested confirmation hearing.
08/17/2026	Manns, R	1.00	Confer with working group re: outstanding objections and revised order.
08/17/2026	Manns, R	1.50	Analyze revisions to plan and confirmation order.
08/17/2026	Manns, R	3.50	Prepare for confirmation hearing and revise hearing outline.
08/17/2026	Rastogi, E	0.30	Correspond with C. Curcuruto regarding matter resolution status and database disposition options.

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08/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to professional escrow account issues and reconciliation.
08/18/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to fee application issues.
08/18/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to calls and emails from Ausenco's counsel.
08/18/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Call with working group and R3 to discuss AE Poland strategic considerations.
08/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to working group emails re: Shareholder inquiries and stock certificates.
08/18/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to emails with R3 and GA EPD.
08/18/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review of Jefferies final fee app and emails with counsel.
08/18/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Review and respond to questions by S. McNellie concerning consummation of the plan.
08/18/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Review and analyze draft Jefferies final fee application in connection with finalizing same (.4); provide comments to same (.1).
08/18/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review and revise Jefferies first and final fee application; organize and file same; prepare email correspondence re: filed application.
08/18/2026	Adams, K	0.60	Review and organize OCP Declaration of Disinterestedness of Davis, Malm & D'Agostine; file same; prepare email correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed copy of declaration.
08/18/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review docket re: First Interim Fee Application of Alvaraz and Marsal North America; prepare draft Certificate of No Objection re: Alvaraz and Marsal North America's First Interim Fee Application; organize and file same; prepare email correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: filed certificate.
08/19/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Review and revise the AM fee statement.
08/19/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and respond to multiple emails re: government closeout issues.
08/19/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Analyze Ausenco request and working group emails re: same.
08/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review July fee statement and confer with working group.
08/19/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with counsel for AMCON and working group re: wire issues.
08/19/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to emails with counsel for Kinterra re: shareholder inquiries.

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08/19/2026	Blanchard, J	1.10	Review and analyze draft July MOR in connection with addressing payments and receipts under the TSA (.2); draft comments to global notes to July MOR to address same (.6); telephone conferences with M. Mokrzycka regarding comments to July MOR and amendment to June MOR (.3)
08/19/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Draft recommendation to A. Titus regarding Ausenco confidentiality agreement.
08/19/2026	Adams, K	2.50	Review and revise redaction of July invoices for Fourth Monthly Fee Statement; prepare email correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: revised redacted invoice and revised Fourth Monthly Fee Statement; organize redacted invoices for inclusion in fee statement; organize final draft of fee statement; prepare email correspondence re: revised final Fourth Monthly Fee Statement; review and organize Alvaraz and Marsal's Fourth Monthly Fee Statement; prepare email correspondence to service parties re: NRF and Alvaraz and Marsal's Fourth Monthly Fee Statement.
08/20/2026	Adams, K	1.00	Research form of final fee application for SDTX; begin draft of NRF's Second Interim and Final Fee Application; review docket re: information for final fee application.
08/20/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Review and provide comments to further revised notes to July MOR.
08/20/2026	Blanchard, J	2.80	Review and analyze lease agreement in connection with dispute with landlord over vacating flanders road premises following rejection (.8); analyze the Debtors' post-rejection obligations in connection with same (.7); review and analyze de minimis asset procedures order and bill of sale in connection with same (.3); telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding status of removal of property from the premises (.3); draft response to landlord's counsel's emails regarding the lease and injunctive relief (.7)
08/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to multiple emails with landlord.
08/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Attention to post-closing issues with counsel for TKJV on Hopkinsville letter of credit issues.
08/20/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to multiple emails re: final fee application.
08/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: asserted admin and rejection damages claims.
08/20/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Multiple working group emails re: court disclosures in state court litigation in light of confirmed plan.

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08/21/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Call with landlord's counsel to discuss rejection exit from Mass. facility and rejection issues.
08/21/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to follow-up communications with Clifford Chance re: Hopkinsville closing issues.
08/21/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: potential stay violation issues.
08/21/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Emails with Committee re: D&O policy renewals and confer with working group re: same.
08/21/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with Committee counsel re: combined monthly fee statement.
08/21/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to intercompany and vendor reporting.
08/21/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review Triumvirate decommissioning materials.
08/21/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Draft email correspondence to counsel to Ausenco regarding Ausenco confidentiality agreement and request for waiver.
08/21/2026	Blanchard, J	2.70	Telephone conferences with H. Ross regarding status of premises and environmental clean up at Flanders Road lease in connection with lease dispute (.7); preparation for telephone conference with counsel to Flanders Road regarding lease dispute (.5); telephone conference with counsel to Flanders road landlord, landlord's representatives, R. Manns, and H. Ross regarding lease dispute (.4); telephone conference with H. Ross and CRO regarding preparation of response to landlord's counsel and representatives (.3); analyze administrative claim and rejection issues in preparation for drafting response to landlord's counsel and representatives (.8).
08/21/2026	Adams, K	2.30	Work on NRF's draft Second Interim and Final Fee Application.
08/22/2026	Blanchard, J	0.50	Draft correspondence to counsel to landlord for Flanders Road premises in connection with ongoing landlord dispute (.4); email correspondence with H. Ross and R. Manns regarding dispute (.1).
08/22/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Confer with working group and revise transmittal correspondence to landlord's communications.
08/22/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review and analyze landlord emails.
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Partner			
Manns, R	18.70	1,355.00	25,338.50
		Sub Total	**25,338.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	13.10	1,065.00	13,951.50
		Sub Total	**13,951.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	1.20	935.00	1,122.00
		Sub Total	**1,122.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Conover, J	0.80	730.00	584.00
		Sub Total	**584.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	10.10	440.00	4,444.00
		Sub Total	**4,444.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Practice Support			
Curcuruto, C	0.20	250.00	50.00
Rastogi, E	0.30	350.00	105.00

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Professional Services Rendered to August 30, 2026	Charges USD
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08/01/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review communication from Flander's counsel regarding assumption and assignment, review of the lease.
08/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.90	Additional research under Georgia law.
08/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Attention to email regarding waiver of confidentiality of certain agreements.
08/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review JUly fee statement.
08/03/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review information related to the financial statements of AEP, and confer with the team.
08/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Email with Landlord regarding holding locking the storage and follow up emails with AM.
08/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.30	Review and revise the reply.
08/04/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.80	Review plan and the disclosure statement, work on the brief.
08/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.10	Review ballot summary.
08/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.20	Additional comments to the reply.
08/05/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review AMCON's reply.
08/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.70	Review caselaw cited by Amcon, work on the outline argumentfor the hearing, conferences with J. Blanchard regarding arguments.
08/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review and revise witness and exhibit list, multiple conference K.Adams regarding the same, confer with J. Blanchard regarding the list.
08/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with B. Wong regarding Committee's fees and escrow, and review of relevant orders.
08/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Numerous communication with respect to the settlement.
08/06/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.30	Preliminary review of motion to extend exclusivity; review precedent.
08/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review of the voting summary.
08/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review and revise exclusivity motion and file the same.
08/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.90	Continue to work on the argument for the sale hearing, and review of relevant caselaw and agreements, confer with J. Blanchard.

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08/07/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.80	Review, revise, and file motion to extend time to remove actions.
08/08/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Numerous communication with AMCON and NRF regarding the settlement, review of proposed settlement and stipualtion,.
08/10/2026	Riedisser, S	1.20	Review bankruptcy docket for preparation of court-ordered status update in state courts.
08/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Confer with AM with respect to MOR question.
08/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review and revise witness and exhibit list.
08/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Work on the brief in support of the confirmation.
08/11/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review and revise confirmation order.
08/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Draft and revise amended notice to adduce testimony and file the same.
08/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.10	Review and revise Titus declaration; work on the confirmation brief.
08/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.20	Review and revise July fee statement.
08/12/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review Nooter's limited objection and work on the proposed language.
08/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Review the OCP declaration and confer with Davis Malm.
08/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	1.40	Review and revise disclosure statement and plan.
08/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.20	Review the updated draft of Titus declaration.
08/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.30	Work on the confirmation order, incorporate comments, and confer with a number of parties regarding the the order.
08/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Review voting declaration.
08/13/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review the UST objection, call with NRF team regarding the same, and draft proposed language to resolve the objection.
08/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with government regarding proposed language.
08/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.90	Review Weil's comments to the plan, call with J. Blanchard and H. Ross regarding the same, and revise the confirmation order.
08/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Attend call regarding the Georgia objections, review of the sale order, and outline preliminary response.
08/14/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.90	Review and revise disclosure statement, confirmation order, and file the same; address comments to the confirmation order and brief.

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08/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.70	Review and revise the brief to address the Georgia's Objection.
08/15/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.60	Review Georgia Department's objection and confer with the team.
08/16/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.80	Finalize the confirmation documents and file the same.
08/17/2026	Mokrzycka, M	2.30	Review and revise confirmation order; confer with the Trustee regarding the objection; review and revise agenda; confer with AM regarding confirmation hearing; confer with J. Blanchard and R. Manns regarding the Georgia objection, attend the confirmation hearing.
08/17/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Draft notice of rejection of contracts.
08/17/2026	Riedisser, S	1.10	Prepare court-mandated status update in state court proceedings.
08/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Review and revise Global Notes and confer with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
08/18/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.30	Confer with Chambers regarding the AM fee interim application and confer with Chambers.
08/21/2026	Riedisser, S	0.50	Finalize case update for state courts.
08/24/2026	Adams, K	1.50	Work on NRF's Second Interim and Final Fee Application.
08/24/2026	Blanchard, J	2.20	Confer with J. Conover regarding dispute over Flanders Road lease and preparation of correspondence to respond to allegations (.3); review and revise draft correspondence to Flanders Road landlord (1.6); review and analyze Flanders Road lease and prior correspondence with landlord in connection with revising correspondence to landlord (.3).
08/24/2026	Conover, J	1.90	Analyze correspondence and draft letter to counsel for Flanders Road facility
08/24/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Confer with AMCON counsel re: release of lien (.3); follow-up with counsel for R3 (.2)
08/24/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to MOR drafts.
08/24/2026	Manns, R	1.10	Review and revise landlord demand letter.
08/25/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Emails with working group re: D&O issues.
08/25/2026	Manns, R	1.30	Revisions to letter correspondence (.8); and emails with working group and landlord (5).
08/25/2026	Conover, J	0.60	Revise Flanders Road letter

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08/25/2026	Adams, K	2.00	Work on second interim and final fee application.
08/26/2026	Adams, K	3.50	Review and revise second interim and final NRF fee application; prepare correspondence to R. Manns and M. Mokrzycka re: draft application.
08/26/2026	Blanchard, J	0.10	Telephone conference with H. Ross regarding issues related to transition to GUC Trustee.
08/26/2026	Manns, R	0.10	Attention to Treasury emails.
08/26/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Multiple working group emails re: withdrawal of DOJ invoice.
08/26/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Review and revise final fee application.
08/26/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review additional D&O policy endorsements.
08/26/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with Committee counsel.
08/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: notice of occurrence of effective date and emails related to same.
08/27/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emals with Committee counsel re: effective date.
08/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails with investors re: case inquiries.
08/27/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with CRO re: effective date and transition issues.
08/27/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group emails re: GA EPD.
08/27/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Review and organize the monthly operating reports for Ascend Elements. Inc.; file same; prepare email correspondence to R. Manns re: filed reports.
08/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with CRO re: AE Poland fiduciary issues.
08/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with special counsel re: IP litigation and status of bk case.
08/28/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review of remaining 2 endorsement policies and emails with working group re: same.
08/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with Committee counsel re: Ascend Elements Poland fiduciary issues.
08/28/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with D. Powell re: formal transition issues.
08/28/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Confer with Special Committee re: transition and effective date issues.
08/28/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Attention to resignation of L. Austin from AE Poland and emails and documentation related to same.
Total		**73.20**	

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TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Manns, R	9.60	1,355.00	13,008.00
		Sub Total	**13,008.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	2.30	1,065.00	2,449.50
		Sub Total	**2,449.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	48.50	935.00	45,347.50
Riedisser, S	2.80	700.00	1,960.00
		Sub Total	**47,307.50**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Associate			
Conover, J	2.50	730.00	1,825.00
		Sub Total	**1,825.00**
NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Paralegal			
Adams, K	7.50	440.00	3,300.00
		Sub Total	**3,300.00**
Total	**73.20**		**67,890.00**

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to August 31, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	3,645.50
Other Charges	2,323.04
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 5,968.54**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
08/31/2026	Blanchard, J	0.40	Participate in telephone conference with R. Manns, M. Mokrzycka, A. Titus, and A&M team regarding transition to the GUC trust and effective date.
08/31/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review of notice of occurrence of effective date.
08/31/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call with CRO re: latest timing developments.
08/31/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Confer with working group re: termination issues and attention to drafts.
08/31/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to investor emails and communications with treasury.
08/31/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Emails with A. Gish re: status of case and updates to trial court.
08/31/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Call with A&M team to discuss effective date issues.
08/31/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.40	Attend call regarding post-confirmation matters and confer with J. Blanchard regarding the same.
Total		**2.90**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Partner			
Manns, R	2.10	1,355.00	2,845.50
		Sub Total	**2,845.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	0.40	1,065.00	426.00
		Sub Total	**426.00**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT

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Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	0.40	935.00	374.00
		Sub Total	**374.00**
Total	**2.90**		**3,645.50**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION		**AMOUNT**
eDiscovery		2,323.04
	Sub Total	**2,323.04**
	TOTAL	**2,323.04**

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Restructuring

Professional Services Rendered to September 08, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Fees	12,975.00
Disbursements	37.62
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 13,012.62**

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TIME DETAILS

DATE	NAME	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
09/01/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails with CRO re: effective date transition issues.
09/01/2026	Manns, R	0.80	Review of decontamination report and emails re: same.
09/01/2026	Manns, R	0.60	Emails with counsel for landlord re: status of abandoned lease and landlord's non-compliance assertions.
09/01/2026	Singh, J	2.50	Analyze draft Triumvirate Environmental LLC decontamination report and appendices for the 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA facility; and analyze related regulatory requirements.
09/02/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Working group emails re: appointment of director of Polish entity.
09/02/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Attention to Texas Comptroller emails and working group emails re: same.
09/02/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Working group email re: treatment of equity under plan and termination notices.
09/02/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Confer with working group re: environmental issues and report.
09/02/2026	Manns, R	0.40	Review and respond to emails with counsel for landlord.
09/02/2026	Mokrzycka, M	0.50	Draft, review, and revise notice of the effective date.
09/02/2026	Singh, J	0.60	Analyze Triumvirate Environmental LLC decontamination report and appendices for the 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA facility, and email a draft analysis of its sufficiency, including whether its conclusion is well-supported, to R. Manns.
09/03/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and comment on notice of occurrence of effective date.
09/04/2026	Manns, R	0.10	Working group emails re: GA power payments.
09/04/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Review and respond to working group emails re: Flanders Road property and landlord.
09/04/2026	Manns, R	0.50	Review multiple working group emails re: payroll issues and confer with working group re: same.
09/04/2026	Blanchard, J	0.90	Analyze employee claim issues in connection with winding down the debtors' estates and transitioning to the GUC Trustee (.7); email correspondence with H. Ross, A. Titus,

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			and transition team regarding employee claim issues (.2)
09/04/2026	Adams, K	0.50	Organize Alvarez and Marsal's Fifth Monthly Fee Statement; prepare correspondence to service recipients re: fee statement.
09/08/2026	Adams, K	0.80	Review docket re: objections to Jefferies first and final fee application; prepare draft Certificate of No Objection and proposed order for Jefferies first and final fee application; prepare correspondence to M. Mokrzycka re: same.
09/08/2026	Adams, K	0.20	Prepare correspondence to K. Sommerfeld requesting August time reports.
09/08/2026	Blanchard, J	0.20	Telephone conference with H. Ross regarding transition issues pending the effective date of the plan.
09/08/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Working group emails re: Jefferies final fee application objection deadline and payment.
09/08/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Emails with Committee counsel re: effective date.
09/08/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Call and emails with CRO re: effective date issues.
09/08/2026	Manns, R	0.20	Attention to August fee statement.
09/08/2026	Manns, R	0.30	Multiple emails re: AMCON's release of statutory lien.
Total		**12.10**	

TIME SUMMARY

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Partner			
Manns, R	5.90	1,355.00	7,994.50
		Sub Total	**7,994.50**

NAME	**HOURS**	**RATE**	**AMOUNT**
Counsel			
Blanchard, J	1.10	1,065.00	1,171.50
Singh, J	3.10	865.00	2,681.50
		Sub Total	**3,853.00**

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Senior Associate			
Mokrzycka, M	0.50	935.00	467.50
		Sub Total	**467.50**

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
Paralegal			
Adams, K	1.50	440.00	660.00
		Sub Total	**660.00**
Total	**12.10**		**12,975.00**

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
08/27/2026	050055259257 - Print job for Kim Adams - 5000017028 - WILLIAMS LEA LLC	37.62
	Sub Total	**37.62**
	TOTAL	**37.62**

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Hopkinsville Kentucky Lien Dispute

Professional Services Rendered to September 08, 2026	Charges USD
SUMMARY	
Disbursements	135.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE	**USD 135.00**

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Matter Description	Hopkinsville Kentucky Lien Dispute			

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
09/04/2026	050055366409 - Local Counsel Fees - 5000021365 - English Lucas Priest Owsley, LLP	135.00
	Sub Total	**135.00**
	TOTAL	**135.00**

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EXHIBIT 7

CUSTOMARY AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE WITH SECOND INTERIM AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION

The blended hourly rate for all NRF non-bankruptcy disputes domestic timekeepers (including both professionals and paraprofessionals) (the "Non-Bankruptcy Blended Rate") during the comparable period beginning April 9, 2026 and ending September 8, 2026 (the "Comparable Period") was, in the aggregate, approximately $1,055.36 per hour.

The blended hourly rate for all NRF timekeepers (including both professionals and paraprofessionals) who billed to the Debtors during the Comparable Period was approximately $1,017.52. A detailed comparison of these rates is as follows:

Blended Hourly Rate Disclosures		
Position at NRF	**Non-Bankruptcy Blended Rate**	**Blended Hourly Rate in Application**
Partners	$1,365.31	$1,236.28
Counsel	$988.58	$1,058.63
Associates	$930.90	$864.33
Paralegals	$426.90	$421.01
Blended Rate	$1,055.36	$1,017.52

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC. *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING SECOND INTERIM AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 9, 2026 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

[Relates to Dkt. No. ___]

The Court has considered the *Second Interim and Final Fee Application of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Counsel to the Debtor and Debtor in Possession for the Period from April 9, 2026 Through and Including September 8, 2026* (the "Application")[2] filed by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP (the "Applicant"). The Court orders:

1. The Applicant is allowed compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of $3,811,242.63 for the period set forth in the Application.

2. The compensation and reimbursement of expenses allowed in this Order are approved on a final basis.

3. The Debtors are authorized to disburse any unpaid amounts allowed by paragraphs 1 or 2 of this Order.

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

[2] Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Application.