

Case No. 3:21-cv-01895-D

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

In the Matter of: Highland Capital Management, L.P.,
Debtor.

NexPoint Advisors, L.P., Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., and
The Dugaboy Investment Trust,

Appellants,

v.

Highland Capital Management, L.P.,

Appellee.

**APPELLANTS' APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF OBJECTION TO
MOTION TO DISMISS APPEAL AS CONSTITUTIONALLY MOOT**

On Appeal from the United States Bankruptcy Court for
the Northern District of Texas, the Honorable Stacey G.C. Jernigan

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MANAGEMENT FUND
ADVISORS, L.P.**



NexPoint Advisors, L.P., Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., and The Dugaboy Investment Trust, the appellants in the above-captioned appeal, hereby submit this *Appendix in Support of Objection to Appellee's Motion to Dismiss Appeal as Constitutionally Moot*:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on this 18th day of January, 2021, he caused a true and a correct copy of the foregoing document and attachments to be served on counsel for the Appellee, Highland Capital Management, L.P., including through Jeff Pomerantz , Esq., one of its counsel of record.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., ¹)	
)	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
)	
Debtor.)	
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**NOTICE OF OCCURRENCE OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF
CONFIRMED FIFTH AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION
OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 22, 2021, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Court”) entered the *Order Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.* [Docket No. 1943] (the “Confirmation Order”) confirming the *Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified)* [Docket No. 1808] (as

¹ The Debtor’s last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.



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amended, supplemented, or modified, the “Plan”). Unless otherwise defined in this notice, capitalized terms used in this notice shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan and the Confirmation Order, as applicable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Effective Date of the Plan occurred on August 11, 2021.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, except with respect to Administrative Expense Claims that are Professional Fee Claims or as otherwise set forth in the Plan, requests for payment of an Administrative Expense Claim must be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court **no later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date** (the “Administrative Expense Claims Bar Date”). **HOLDERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO FILE AND SERVE A REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS BAR DATE THAT DO NOT FILE AND SERVE SUCH A REQUEST BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS BAR DATE SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTOR OR THE REORGANIZED DEBTOR.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, all final requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims must be Filed **no later than sixty (60) days after the Effective Date.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the terms of the Plan shall be immediately effective and enforceable and deemed binding upon the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and any and all Holders of Claims or Interests (regardless of whether such Claims or Interests are deemed to have accepted or rejected the Plan), all Entities that are parties to or are subject to the settlements, compromises, releases, and injunctions described in the Plan and Confirmation Order, including, without limitation: the injunction with respect to the commencement of claims and causes of action against Protected Parties set forth in Section IX.F of the Plan and Sections AA and BB of the Confirmation Order, the duration of injunction and stays set forth in Section IX.G of the Plan and Section AA of the Confirmation Order, and the continuance of the January 9 Order and July 16 Order set forth in Section IX.H of the Plan and Section CC of the Confirmation Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on the Effective Date, all Class A Limited Partnership Interests, including the Class A Limited Partnership Interests held by Strand, as general partner, and Class B/C Limited Partnerships in the Debtor will be deemed cancelled, and all obligations or debts owed by, or Claims against, the Debtor on account of, or based upon, such Class A Limited Partnership Interests and Class B/C Limited Partnership Interests shall be deemed as cancelled, released, and discharged, including all obligations or duties by the Debtor relating to the Equity Interests in any of the Debtor’s formation documents, including the Limited Partnership Agreement.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Confirmation Order and the Plan

are available for inspection. If you would like to obtain copies you may: (a) access the Debtor's restructuring website at <http://www.kcellc.net/hcmlp>; (b) call toll free: (877) 573-3984 or international: (310) 751-1829; or (c) email HighlandInfo@kcellc.com and reference "Highland" in the subject line. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in this case for a fee via PACER at: pacer.uscourts.gov.

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Dated: August 11, 2021.

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CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

ENTERED

THE DATE OF ENTRY IS ON
THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed January 7, 2022


United States Bankruptcy Judge

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,¹

Reorganized Debtor.

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Chapter 11

Case No. 19-34054-sgj11

**ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER AUTHORIZING
WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIMS TRANSFERRED TO NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.**

Upon consideration of the *Stipulation and Agreed Order Authorizing Withdrawal of Claims Transferred to NexPoint Advisors, L.P.* [Docket No. 3160] (the "Stipulation")² filed in the above-captioned case, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is approved.
2. The withdrawal of Transferred Claims with prejudice is approved.

¹ The last four digits of the Reorganized Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 6725. The headquarters and service address for the Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

² All capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Stipulation.



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3. This Order and the Stipulation are and will be binding on Claimant's predecessors, successors, transferees, and assigns, including, without limitation, any transferee or assignee of any Transferred Claim (whether in whole or in part).

4. To the extent applicable, the official claims register in the HCMLP bankruptcy case will be modified in accordance with this Order.

5. This Court shall have and retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Order and the Stipulation.

END OF ORDER

EXHIBIT A

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**STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIMS
TRANSFERRED TO NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.**

¹ The last four digits of the Reorganized Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 6725. The headquarters and service address for the Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

This *Stipulation and Agreed Order Authorizing Withdrawal of Claims Transferred to NexPoint Advisors, L.P.* (the “Stipulation”), is entered into between Highland Capital Management, L.P., the reorganized debtor (“HCMLP” or the “Debtor,” as applicable), and NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (“Claimant”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Claimant filed documents evidencing the transfer of the claims of Bhawiki Jain² (“Jain”), Michael Beispiel³ (“Beispiel”), Sang Kook (Michael) Jeong⁴ (“Jeong”), Phoebe Stewart⁵ (“Stewart”), and Sahan Abayarathna⁶ (“Abayarathna” and together with Jain, Beispiel, Jeong, and Stewart, the “Former Employees”) to Claimant; *provided, however*, that the Former Employees did not transfer to Claimant any claims for unpaid hourly compensation, unpaid overtime compensation, or unpaid compensation related to personal time off, all of which were reserved to the applicable Former Employee (collectively, the “Transferred Claims”).

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021, the Debtor filed the *Debtor’s Third Omnibus Objection to Certain No Liability Claims* [Dkt. No. 2059] (the “Original Objection”), and on November 1, 2021, the Debtor filed the *Reorganized Debtor’s Supplemental Omnibus Objection to Certain Employee Claims* [Dkt. No. 2974] (as subsequently amended, the “Supplemental Objection”, and collectively with the Original Objection, the “Objection”), pursuant to which the Debtor asserts various objections to, *inter alia*, certain of the Transferred Claims;

WHEREAS, in order to avoid unnecessary litigation, and in order to finally and fully resolve the Objection, Claimant now desires to withdraw the Transferred Claims with prejudice.

² See *Evidence of Partial Transfer of Claim* [Docket No. 2044].

³ See *Evidence of Partial Transfer of Claim* [Docket No. 2045].

⁴ See *Evidence of Partial Transfer of Claim* [Docket No. 2046].

⁵ See *Evidence of Partial Transfer of Claim* [Docket No. 2047].

⁶ See *Evidence of Partial Transfer of Claim* [Docket No. 2266].

STIPULATION

Now, therefore, HCMLP and Claimant agree and stipulate as follows:

1. The Transferred Claims are hereby withdrawn with prejudice.
2. This Stipulation is and will be binding on Claimant's predecessors, successors, transferees, and assigns, including, without limitation, any transferee or assignee of any Transferred Claim (whether in whole or in part).
3. The Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, shall have and retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Stipulation.
4. To the extent applicable, the official claims register in HCMLP bankruptcy case will be modified in accordance with this Stipulation.

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IT IS SO STIPULATED:

Dated: January 6, 2022

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DECLARATION OF DENNIS C. SAUTER, JR.

I, Dennis C. Sauter, Jr., hereby swear under oath and penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States of America that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. My name is Dennis C. Sauter, Jr. I am over the age of 21, have never been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude, and am otherwise qualified to give this Declaration. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Declaration, or such facts are known to me from my review of the books and records of NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (“NexPoint”).

2. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, and have been such since 2001. I am general counsel for NexPoint, one of the appellants in this bankruptcy appeal.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is a true and correct copy, redacted only as to compensation numbers, of a letter agreement by which NexPoint acquired the claims of Hunter Covitz in the bankruptcy case of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the “Debtor”). Said agreement was executed on or about March 24, 2021 and is not back-dated. NexPoint paid a substantial amount of money to Covitz in exchange for his claims.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit “B” is a true and correct copy of the claim that Mr. Covitz filed in the bankruptcy case of Highland Capital Management, L.P., which was assigned to NexPoint per the foregoing agreement.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 18, 2022.



DENNIS C. SAUTER, JR.

NEXPOINT

March 24, 2021

Hunter Covitz
6612 Sondra Dr.
Dallas, TX 75214

Hunter,

I am pleased to provide this revised offer letter to amend and restate the terms of your employment with NexPoint Advisors, L.P. ("NexPoint" or the "Firm"). This letter confirms the correct terms of your employment. The Highland Capital Management, LP ("Highland") Employee Handbook, all employment related agreements you executed with Highland, including but not limited to non-disclosure and non-recruit agreements, and written supervisory procedures that applied to you as an employee of Highland will remain effective under NexPoint.

- Your position title will be **Head of Structured Products** with NexPoint Advisors, L.P.
- Your position is **exempt**. As an exempt employee, you are not eligible for overtime pay. Your salary is meant to compensate you for all hours worked.
- Your effective date as a full-time employee with NexPoint will be **March 16, 2021**.
- NexPoint pays on a semi-monthly basis. Your semi-monthly base rate is [REDACTED] which, when annualized, equals approximately [REDACTED]
- You will be eligible to receive a discretionary annual bonus under the terms of the 2005 Bonus Plan. No bonus or bonus installment payment will be earned, become vested, or be paid unless you are actively employed in good standing on the payment date for the particular payment. Termination of employment, for any reason, or notification from NexPoint that your employment is terminating without cause will eliminate all rights to all unpaid bonus amounts and installments.
- You will continue to be eligible for and remain enrolled in the same level of benefits you were offered while employed by Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Highland"). Your years of service at Highland, outstanding 2019 Highland performance year bonus installments, and outstanding Highland deferred compensation awards will carry over to NexPoint under the same terms and conditions; provided, however, your right to receive severance payments will cease immediately. You will, however, be entitled to receive your accrued severance payment of [REDACTED] which shall vest in four equal installments on August 31, 2021, February 28, 2022, August 31, 2022, and February 28, 2023 and shall be paid upon the cessation of your employment with NexPoint, unless you are terminated without cause, in which case the severance payment shall fully vest immediately upon your termination. Receipt of the

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Exhibit A



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severance payment will be conditioned upon execution of a separation agreement and release in a form substantially similar to the form attached to your original employment agreement with Highland. All benefits are subject to periodic changes to the Firm's benefit package.

- Upon employment, you will be eligible for the following benefits of which NexPoint currently pays 100% of the premiums or cost (see specific plans for detailed eligibility requirements and coverage; all benefits are subject to periodic changes to the firm's benefit package):
 - Employee, Spouse & Dependent Health/Dental Insurance (currently a zero deductible)
 - Group Life Insurance
 - Short Term Disability (STD)/Long Term Disability (LTD) Insurance
 - Cell Phone Expense Reimbursement
 - Daily lunch stipend
- You will be able to participate in NexPoint's retirement plan which includes both a 401(k) and a profit-sharing component. NexPoint supplements your savings by matching your 401(k) contributions dollar-for-dollar (or 100%) of your pre-tax contributions up to 4% of your eligible compensation each payroll period. Although NexPoint is not obligated to make future 401(K), profit sharing or any other qualified or non-qualified plan contributions, NexPoint has historically made such contributions for its employees.
- You are entitled to **22** days of PTO (Personal Time Off) leave per calendar year. You will also receive two (2) floating holiday leave days per calendar year. Your total PTO and floating holiday leave for any calendar year will be **24** days. Your total PTO and floating holiday leave for the period of Monday, March 16, 2021 through December 31st, 2021 will be **20** days. These days are available to you immediately upon employment; however, you accrue your vacation leave pro rata over the course of the year.
- Upon acceptance of this offer of employment you will be required to sign non-disclosure and non-recruitment agreements.

By signing below, you, Hunter Covitz, hereby:

1. Irrevocably assign, sell, convey, and transfer, to NexPoint or its designee ("Designee"), all of your rights, claims, and causes of action, against Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("HCMLP") and its bankruptcy estate, whether arising prepetition or postpetition, ("Claims") and you authorize Designee to execute and to file with the Bankruptcy Court evidence of transfer of all such Claims and, to the extent requested, to execute any such evidence of transfer. For the purpose of clarification, and not as a limitation, the Claims include any and all claims related to or arising from

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of HCMLP's actions, or failures to act, concerning securities or interests owned by Hunter Covitz that are managed by HCMLP or its affiliates;

2. Agree to cooperate with the Designee in pursuing the Claims, including, but not be limited to, the execution of a separate agreement, in a form agreeable to the Designee, to further memorialize this assignment and the completion and filing of a proof of claim in the HCMLP bankruptcy proceeding;
3. Represent and warrant that you have not, since October 19, 2019, voluntarily released, assigned, or otherwise settled, any claims, right, or causes of action against HCMLP and its bankruptcy estate, whether arising prepetition or postpetition; and
4. Represent and warrant that, since October 19, 2019, you have not signed any cooperation agreements or similar agreement under which you would voluntarily continue to provide advice, guidance, insight, services, or data to HCMLP or which would otherwise voluntarily impair your ability to pursue the Claims or would obligate you to voluntarily cooperate with HCMLP its on-going business, its liquidation of assets, or its pursuit of claims against third parties.

Finally, please understand that NexPoint is an "At-Will Employer". As such, neither this offer letter, your acknowledgement of agreement, the Employee Handbook, nor the initiation of your employment constitutes any form of contractual arrangement between you and NexPoint or a guarantee of employment at any period of time. To the contrary, your employment relationship with the company is considered an "employment-at-will" arrangement that either you or NexPoint may terminate at any time and for any reason. The terms of your employment may be changed by NexPoint at any time, with or without notice. No one may change the at-will nature of your employment except the President of NexPoint, and then only by a written agreement signed by you and the President.

If the foregoing is agreeable to you, please indicate your acceptance by signing in the space provided below and return one original copy of this letter to me. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

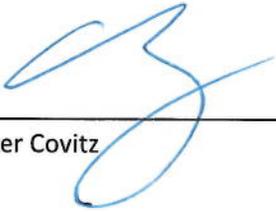


Brian Collins
Director of Human Resources

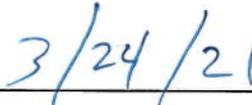
NEXPOINT

March 24, 2021

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:



Hunter Covitz



Date

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P.
 United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Northern District of Texas
 (State)
 Case number 19-34054

**Official Form 410
 Proof of Claim**

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies or any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. Who is the current creditor? Hunter Covitz
 Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)
 Other names the creditor used with the debtor _____

2. Has this claim been acquired from someone else?
 No
 Yes. From whom? _____

3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent? Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)
	<u>Hunter Covitz</u> <u>c/o David Neier, Winston Strawn LLP</u> <u>200 Park Avenue</u> <u>New York, NY 10166</u>	<u>Hunter Covitz</u> <u>6612 Sondra Drive</u> <u>Dallas, TX 75214</u>
	Contact phone <u>21229467005391</u>	Contact phone _____
	Contact email <u>dneier@winston.com</u>	Contact email <u>HCov2020@yahoo.com</u>
Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one): _____		

4. Does this claim amend one already filed?
 No
 Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on _____
 MM / DD / YYYY

5. Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?
 No
 Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____

Exhibit B



Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor? No
 Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: _____

7. How much is the claim? \$ not less than 250,000.00. Does this amount include interest or other charges?
 No
 Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. What is the basis of the claim? Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.
 Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).
 Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.

Employment - see attached

9. Is all or part of the claim secured? No
 Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.
Nature or property:
 Real estate: If the claim is secured by the debtor's principle residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.
 Motor vehicle
 Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____
 Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

Value of property: \$ _____
Amount of the claim that is secured: \$ _____
Amount of the claim that is unsecured: \$ _____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amount should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: \$ _____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed) _____ %
 Fixed
 Variable

10. Is this claim based on a lease? No
 Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition. \$ _____

11. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff? No
 Yes. Identify the property: _____



12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?

- No
 Yes. Check all that apply:

Amount entitled to priority

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

- Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B). \$ _____
- Up to \$3,025* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7). \$ _____
- Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$13,650*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). \$ _____
- Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). \$ _____
- Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5). \$ _____
- Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)() that applies. \$ _____

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13. Is all or part of the claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?

- No
 Yes. Indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of the above case, in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of such Debtor's business. Attach documentation supporting such claim.

\$ _____

Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Check the appropriate box:

- I am the creditor.
- I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.
- I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.
- I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgement that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 05/26/2020
MM / DD / YYYY

/s/Hunter Covitz
 Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name Hunter Covitz
First name Middle name Last name

Title _____

Company _____
Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

Address _____

Contact phone _____ Email _____



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For phone assistance: Domestic (877) 573-3984 | International (310) 751-1829

Debtor: 19-34054 - Highland Capital Management, L.P. District: Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division		
Creditor: Hunter Covitz c/o David Neier, Winston Strawn LLP 200 Park Avenue New York, NY, 10166 Phone: 21229467005391 Phone 2: Fax: 212-294-4700 Email: dneier@winston.com	Has Supporting Documentation: Yes, supporting documentation successfully uploaded Related Document Statement:	
	Has Related Claim: No Related Claim Filed By:	
	Filing Party: Creditor	
Disbursement/Notice Parties: Hunter Covitz 6612 Sondra Drive Dallas, TX, 75214 Phone: Phone 2: Fax: E-mail: HCov2020@yahoo.com DISBURSEMENT ADDRESS		
Other Names Used with Debtor:	Amends Claim: No Acquired Claim: No	
Basis of Claim: Employment - see attached	Last 4 Digits: No	Uniform Claim Identifier:
Total Amount of Claim: not less than 250,000.00	Includes Interest or Charges: No	
Has Priority Claim: No	Priority Under:	
Has Secured Claim: No Amount of 503(b)(9): No Based on Lease: No Subject to Right of Setoff: No	Nature of Secured Amount: Value of Property: Annual Interest Rate: Arrearage Amount: Basis for Perfection: Amount Unsecured:	
Submitted By: Hunter Covitz on 26-May-2020 3:14:11 p.m. Eastern Time Title: Company:		

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor 1 Highland Capital Management, L.P.

Debtor 2 _____
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Northern District of Texas

Case number 19-34054-SGJ-11

Official Form 410
Proof of Claim

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. **Do not send original documents;** they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) that you received.

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. **Who is the current creditor?** Hunter Covitz
Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)

Other names the creditor used with the debtor _____

2. **Has this claim been acquired from someone else?** No
 Yes. From whom? _____

3. Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent? <small>Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)</small>	Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)
	<p><u>David Neier, Winston & Strawn LLP</u> Name</p> <p><u>200 Park Avenue, 40th Floor</u> Number Street</p> <p><u>New York NY 10166</u> City State ZIP Code</p> <p>Contact phone <u>212-294-5318</u></p> <p>Contact email <u>dneier@winston.com</u></p> <p>Uniform claim identifier for electronic payments in chapter 13 (if you use one): _____</p>	<p><u>Hunter Covitz</u> Name</p> <p><u>6612 Sondra Drive</u> Number Street</p> <p><u>Dallas TX 75214</u> City State ZIP Code</p> <p>Contact phone <u>(214) 306-5710</u></p> <p>Contact email <u>hcov2020@yahoo.com</u></p>

4. **Does this claim amend one already filed?** No
 Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) _____ Filed on _____
MM / DD / YYYY

5. **Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?** No
 Yes. Who made the earlier filing? _____

Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor? No
 Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: _____

7. How much is the claim? \$ 250,000.00. Does this amount include interest or other charges?
 NOT LESS THAN THE ABOVE AMOUNT, SEE ATTACHED No
 Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. What is the basis of the claim? Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.
 Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).
 Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.
Employment (see attached)

9. Is all or part of the claim secured? No Except for setoff/reimbursement. See attached.
 Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.
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No

Yes. Check one:

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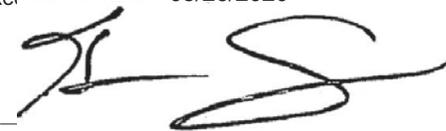
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on date 05/26/2020



Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name Hunter Covitz
 First name Middle name Last name

Title _____

Company _____
 Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

Address 6612 Sondra Drive
 Number Street

Dallas TX 75214
 City State ZIP Code

Contact phone (214) 306-5710 Email hcov2020@yahoo.com

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:	§
	§ Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., ¹	§
	§ Case No. 19-34054-SGJ-11
	§
Debtor.	§

ATTACHMENT TO PROOF OF CLAIM

1. Hunter Covitz (“Claimant”) submits this attachment to his proof of claim (the “Claim”) against Debtor Highland Capital Management, L.P. (“Highland” or the “Debtor”) in the above-captioned Chapter 11 case (the “Case”).

2. On October 16, 2019 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, commencing the Case, which was subsequently transferred to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Court”). On April 3, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order establishing May 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) as the deadline for the Debtor’s employees to file claims against the Debtor that arose before the Petition Date. *See* ECF No. 560.

Compensation.

3. Claimant is an employee of the Debtor. Claimant is owed compensation for his services, including, without limitation, (i) all salaries and wages; benefits; (ii) bonuses (including performance bonuses, retention bonuses, and similar awards), (iii) vacation and paid time off, and (iv) retirement contributions, pensions and deferred compensation. The amount of the Claim for

¹ The Debtor’s last four digits of its taxpayer identification code are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

such compensation includes both liquidated and unliquidated amounts. Furthermore, such claims may be in the form of stock, including stock of entities other than the Debtor, or the cash equivalent thereof to be paid or caused to be paid by the Debtor to Claimant, including dividends that continue to accrue on such stock. Documents supporting this Claim contain personal confidential information of Claimant and, as more fully set forth below, shall be provided by counsel to Claimant under separate cover to counsel for the Debtor upon written request therefor.

4. In addition to the foregoing, Claimant is entitled to reimbursement for travel and other business related expenses incurred in connection with performing any services to which the Claimant is entitled. Claimant has previously provided or will provide to the Debtor details with respect to the amount of reimbursement that is owed.

Indemnification.

5. Claimant is an employee of the Debtor. Claimant is entitled to indemnification, including, without limitation, for all acts performed or omitted to be performed on behalf of or in connection with the Debtor's business. As part of the Claim for indemnification, Claimant is entitled to, among other things, contribution, reimbursement, advancement, or other payments, including for damages, costs, and expenses, related thereto. The Claim for indemnification includes both liquidated and unliquidated amounts, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and expenses that continue to accrue. Among other things, the Claim for indemnification includes, but is not limited to, indemnification for all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, fees, expenses, and costs related to the following matters (the "Indemnified Matters"): *Acis Capital Management, L.P.*, *Acis Capital Management, GP, LLC*, *Reorganized Debtors v. James Dondero*, *Frank Waterhouse*, *Scott Ellington*, *Hunter Covitz*, *Isaac Leventon*, *Jean Paul Sevilla*, *Thomas Surgent*, *Grant Scott*,

Heather Bestwick, William Scott, and CLO Holdco, Ltd., Case No. 20-03060, pending in the Bankruptcy Court;

6. The Claim Amount in Part 2, Question 7 of Form 410 attached hereto does not include any amount of alleged damages claimed in the Indemnified Matters. Claimant reserves the right to amend, supplement, or modify the Claim to include alleged damages amounts.

7. In addition to the foregoing, Claimant is entitled to the benefits of the Debtor's directors' and officers' insurance programs and any other insurance policies that provide coverage for Claimant.

8. The Claim for indemnification is based on applicable law, the Debtor's organizational documents, contracts, agreements, arrangements, and corporate employee policies, including, without limitation, that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P. dated as of December 14, 2015 ("LPA") and to the Resolution of the Board of Directors of Strand Advisor, Inc. as General Partner of the Debtor, dated May 12, 2020 ("Resolution"). Pursuant to LPA §4.1(h) and the Resolution, Claimant is entitled to indemnification from the Debtor for all acts performed or omitted to be performed on behalf of or in connection with the Debtor's business.

9. Documents supporting this Claim (i) are in the possession of the Debtor; (ii) are too voluminous attach hereto; and (iii) contain personal confidential information of the Claimant. The supporting documentation is available (subject to entry of appropriate confidentiality agreements and redaction of personal identification information to the extent necessary) upon written request to counsel for Claimant as set forth below.

10. Claimant reserves the right to amend, supplement or modify the Claim at any time. The Claim include amounts that continue to accrue, including interest as permitted by contract or law.

11. Claimant reserves its rights to pursue claims (including but not limited to the claims described herein) against the Debtor based upon additional or alternative legal theories and reserves the right to file additional or other pleadings to assert any of the amounts set forth in this Claim or any amendments thereto, including, without limitation, any postpetition administrative expenses pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 503 and 507 thereof, or other applicable non-bankruptcy law.

12. This Claim is filed to preserve any and all claims, rights, and entitlements, including contingent claims, that the Claimant may have against the Debtor, and nothing herein should be construed as an admission that any valid claims or causes of action exist against Claimant.

13. To the extent that the Debtor asserts claims against Claimant, Claimant reserves the right to assert that such claims are subject to rights of setoff and/or recoupment, whether or not arising under the transactions set forth in this Claim, which rights are treated as secured claims under the Bankruptcy Code, and state and federal laws of similar import as well as in equity.

14. Claimant does not waive any of its rights to claim specific assets or any other rights or rights of action that Claimant has or may have against the Debtor, and Claimant expressly reserves such rights. Claimant reserves all rights accruing to it against the Debtor, and the filing of this Claim is not intended to be, and shall not be construed as, an election of remedy or a waiver or limitation of any rights of any Claimant.

15. The filing of this Claim is not and shall not be deemed or construed as: (i) a waiver, release or limitation of Claimant's rights against any person, entity, or property; (ii) a waiver,

release or limitation of Claimant's right to have any and all final orders in any and all non-core matters or proceedings entered only after de novo review by a United States District Court; (iii) a waiver of Claimant's right to move to withdraw the reference with respect to the subject matter of this Claim, any objection thereto and/or other proceeding which may be commenced in this case against or otherwise involving Claimant; or (iv) a consent by Claimant to the final determination or adjudication of any claim or right pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(c).

16. All matters concerning this Claim, including any request for supporting documentation or additional information regarding this Claim should be made in writing directed to the following counsel for Claimant:

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200 Park Avenue, 40th Floor
New York, NY 10166-4193
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