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BY ECF IN NOS. 21-10449, 22-10189, 22-10575 & 22-10831

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Re: NexPoint Advisors, L.P. et al. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., No. 21-10449; Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., No. 22-10189; NexPoint Advisors, L.P. v. Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, L.L.P. et al., No. 22-10575; and The Dugaboy Investment Trust v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., No. 22-10831

Dear Mr. Cayce:

We represent Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Highland</u>"), which is an appellee in each of the above-captioned appeals. We write to alert the Court to the relatedness of four pending appeals, each of which arises from the same bankruptcy case: *In re Highland Capital Management*, *L.P.*, No. 19-bk-34054 (Bankr. N.D. Tex., Jernigan, J.):

1. NexPoint Advisors, L.P. et al. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., No. 21-10449, was docketed on May 4, 2021. This direct appeal involves a challenge to the bankruptcy court's confirmation of Highland's chapter 11 plan of reorganization. This case was fully briefed on October 21, 2021, heard at oral argument before Judges Weiner, Graves, and Duncan on March 8, 2021, and decided by published opinion and final judgment on August 19, 2022. On September 2, 2022, certain of the appellants petitioned for rehearing. On September 7, 2022, the Court granted





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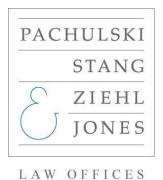
the petition and entered a revised opinion and remanded the case to the bankruptcy court for further proceedings.

- 2. Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., No. 22-10189, was docketed on February 24, 2022. This appeal involves a challenge to the bankruptcy court's post-confirmation order authorizing Highland's establishment of an indemnity trust, which appellees argue was an impermissible modification of Highland's confirmed plan. The district court affirmed. This case was fully briefed on July 29, 2022, and has not been calendared for argument.
- 3. NexPoint Advisors, L.P. v. Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, L.L.P. et al., No. 22-10575, was docketed on June 10, 2022. This appeal involves five bankruptcy court orders approving various estate professionals' final applications for fees and reimbursement of expenses. The district court dismissed the appeal for appellant's lack of standing. Appellant's opening brief is due on September 19, 2022.
- 4. The Dugaboy Investment Trust v. Highland Capital Management, L.P., No. 22-10831, was docketed on August 25, 2022. This appeal involves a challenge to the bankruptcy court's order denying as moot a motion to compel Highland's compliance with disclosure requirements in Rule 2015.3 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. The district court dismissed the appeal as moot. A briefing order has not yet issued in this appeal. In Case No. 21-10449, the panel's opinion (at 19-20) affirmed the bankruptcy court's confirmation of Highland's reorganization plan over an objection that Highland's alleged violations of Rule 2015.3 precluded confirmation.

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Other appeals arising from the same bankruptcy case are pending in the district court, and some of those appeals may result in additional related appeals being docketed in this Court. If so, then Highland will promptly identify any such appeals to the Court.

Given the extensive record developed in Highland's bankruptcy case, and the overlapping issues, facts, and parties within the various



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appeals, Highland respectfully submits that the Court may find it efficient to assign these appeals to a single panel or otherwise coordinate proceedings.

Very truly yours,

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