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

In re: HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. Reorganized Debtor.	Chapter 11 Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST, Appellant, v. HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. <i>et al.</i>, Appellees.	Case No. 3:25-cv-01876-K
PATRICK DAUGHERTY, Appellant, v. HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. <i>et al.</i>, Appellees.	Case No. 3:25-cv-01901-K

**APPELLEES' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE RELATED
 APPEALS**



Appellees Highland Capital Management, L.P., the Highland Claimant Trust (together “Highland”), and Marc S. Kirschner as Litigation Trustee of the Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (together with Highland, “Appellees”), move to consolidate the above-referenced appeals emanating from the same Bankruptcy Court order. As reflected in the Certificate of Conference, Appellants do not oppose the relief requested.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT¹

1. On June 30, 2025, following an evidentiary hearing, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Settlement Order approving a certain settlement between Appellees and the HMIT Entities.

2. Dugaboy and Daugherty each appealed the Settlement Order. Dugaboy’s Appeal was assigned to Judge Kinkeade and Daugherty’s Appeal was initially assigned to Judge Scholer. Since then, Daugherty’s Appeal was reassigned to Judge Kinkeade.

3. For purposes of judicial economy, to save Appellees the cost and expense of litigating two appeals of the same Settlement Order based on the same evidentiary record, and to avoid potentially inconsistent judgments, the Appeals should be consolidated so there is a single appeal of the Settlement Order.

¹ Capitalized terms not defined in this Preliminary Statement shall have the meanings ascribed to them below.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

4. On May 19, 2025, Appellees filed their *Motion for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. § 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith*. Bankr. Docket No. 4216 (the “Settlement Motion”).

5. Patrick Daugherty (“Daugherty”) and The Dugaboy Investment Trust (“Dugaboy” and together with Daugherty, the “Appellants”) each objected to the Settlement Motion. Bankr. Docket Nos. 4229 and 4230, respectively.²

6. On June 25, 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the “Bankruptcy Court”), held a full-day evidentiary hearing during which four witnesses testified, voluminous documentary evidence was admitted into the record, and the Bankruptcy Court heard extensive argument.

7. On June 30, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court granted the Settlement Motion by entering its *Order Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 and 11 U.S.C. § 363 Approving Settlement with the HMIT Entities and Authorizing Actions Consistent Therewith*. Bankr. Docket No. 4216 (the “Settlement Order”).

² The Dallas Foundation and Crown Global Life Insurance also objected to the Settlement Motion [Bankr. Docket No. 4231] but subsequently withdrew their objection with prejudice. Bankr. Docket No. 4291.

8. On July 14, 2025, Dugaboy filed its *Notice of Appeal* of the Settlement Order. Bankr. Docket No. 4311. Dugaboy's appeal was assigned to Judge Kinkeade and docketed as Case No. 3:25-cv-01876-K ("Dugaboy's Appeal").

9. On July 14, 2025, Daugherty filed his *Notice of Appeal* of the Settlement Order. Bankr. Docket No. 4310.³ Daugherty's appeal was initially assigned to Judge Scholer and docketed as Case No. 3:25-cv-01901-S ("Daugherty's Appeal"). On August 6, 2025, Judge Kinkeade *sua sponte* issued an order reassigning Daugherty's Appeal to his Court and modified the case number to No. 3:25-cv-01901-K.

10. Daugherty's Appeal and Dugaboy's Appeal (together, the "Appeals") (a) are appeals of the same Settlement Order, (b) will be based on the same evidentiary record, and (c) may involve the same, similar, or related arguments.

RELIEF REQUESTED

11. Appellees respectfully request entry of an Order in the form annexed as **Exhibit A** consolidating the Appeals into one action before Judge Kinkeade.

12. Consolidating the Appeals will serve judicial economy, save Appellees the cost and expense of litigating two appeals of the same Settlement Order based on the same evidentiary record, and avoid potentially inconsistent judgments.

³ Daugherty subsequently amended his Notice of Appeal. Bankr. Docket No. 4327.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Appellees respectfully request that the Court enter an order substantially in the form annexed as Exhibit A, consolidate the Appeals, and grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that, on August 5 and 6, 2025, John A. Morris, counsel for Highland Capital Management, L.P. and the Highland Claimant Trust, communicated with Appellants' counsel in writing and was informed that Appellants are UNOPPOSED to the relief requested in the Motion.

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EXHIBIT A

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE RELATED APPEALS	

Having considered *Appellees Motion to Consolidate Related Appeals* [Docket No. ____] (the “Motion”)¹ filed by Highland Capital Management, L.P., the Highland Claimant Trust (together “Highland”), and Marc S. Kirschner as Litigation Trustee of the Highland Litigation Sub-Trust (together with Highland, “Appellees”), in which Appellees move to consolidate the Appeals, the Court hereby finds that

¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein shall take on the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

consolidation of the Appeals serves the interests of judicial efficiency and consolidation is therefore warranted. Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Motion is **GRANTED**.
2. Daugherty's Appeal and Dugaboy's Appeal are hereby consolidated under Case No. 3:25-cv-01876-K.
3. All future filings related to the Appeals shall be filed on the docket for Case No. 3:25-cv-01876-K.

IT IS SO ORDERED this ___ day of August, 2025.

Ed Kinkeade
United States District Judge