

BLANK ROME LLP

Kyle P. Brinkman
1825 Eye Street NW
Washington DC 20006
Telephone: (202) 420-2200

Special Insurance Counsel for Debtor and Debtor in Possession

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,

Debtor.

:
: **Chapter 11**
:
: **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**
:
:
:
:

**SEVENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF BLANK ROME LLP
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES INCURRED FROM FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Blank Rome LLP
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 9, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 164]
Time Period Covered:	February 1 through February 28, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$14,608.44 (80% of \$18,260.55)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly ¹

¹ Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement shall be served in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined herein) and objections to payment of the amounts described in this Monthly Fee Statement shall be addressed in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.



Pursuant to sections 330, and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedures of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), and the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 162] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, special insurance counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “Monthly Fee Statement”) for the allowance of compensation for the reasonable and necessary legal services rendered by Blank Rome for the period from February 1 through February 28, 2025 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that Blank Rome LLP incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, Blank Rome seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$18,260.55 and payment in the amount of \$14,608.44 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). Blank Rome incurred no expenses during the Fee Period and therefore does not seek allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses pursuant to this Monthly Fee Statement.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Blank Rome has attached the following:
 - **Exhibit A** is a summary schedule of hours and fees covered by this Monthly Fee Statement, categorized by project code.
 - **Exhibit B** is a summary schedule of the time expended by all Blank Rome professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
 - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by Blank Rome during the Fee Period.

- **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by Blank Rome professionals and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period.

Representations

2. Although every effort has been made to include all fees and expenses incurred in the Fee Period, some fees and expenses might not be included in this Monthly Fee Statement due to delays caused by accounting and processing during the Fee Period. Blank Rome reserves the right to make further application to this Court for allowance of such fees and expenses not included herein. Subsequent fee statements and applications will be filed in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, and Interim Compensation Order.

Notice

3. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been provided to all necessary parties in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.

WHEREFORE, Blank Rome respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$14,608.44 consisting of (i) \$14,608.44, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Blank Rome during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

[Remainder of Page Intentionally Left Blank]

Dated: March 31, 2025
Washington DC

/s/ Kyle P. Brinkman

Kyle P. Brinkman
1825 Eye Street NW
Washington DC 20006
Telephone: (202) 420-2200

Special Insurance Counsel for Debtor and Debtor in Possession

Electronically filed by:

/s/ Henry P. (Toby) Long, III

Henry P. (Toby) Long, III (VSB No. 75134)
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
Riverfront Plaza, East Tower
951 East Byrd Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Telephone: (804) 788-8200
Email: hlong@huntonak.com

Counsel to the Debtor and Debtor in Possession

EXHIBIT A

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.3	\$292.95
B190	Other Contested Matters excluding assumption/rejection motions)	18.4	\$17,967.60
TOTAL		18.7	\$18,260.55

EXHIBIT B

Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period

The Blank Rome attorneys who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Professional	Position	First Bar Date	Section	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	976.50	18.70	\$18,260.55
Totals					18.70	\$18,260.55

Blank Rome paraprofessionals who rendered professional services in these cases during the Fee Period include:

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
N/A				0	0
Totals				0	0

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
N/A	0
TOTAL EXPENSES:	0

EXHIBIT D

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

Document Page 9 of 14
BLANKROME1825 EYE STREET NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20006-5403
(202) 420-2200
FEDERAL TAX ID NO. 23-1311874HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.
ATTN: CHRISTOPHER LASCELL
6 AUBURN COURT
BROOKLINE, MA 02446-6380INVOICE DATE: MARCH 20, 2025
CLIENT ID: 200433
MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003 03358
INVOICE NUMBER: 2266169**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS
INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
10/10/2024	2228873	\$26,238.15	\$0.00	\$26,238.15
11/08/2024	2235663	\$23,372.55	\$0.00	\$23,372.55
12/18/2024	2246604	\$15,492.15	\$0.00	\$15,492.15
01/13/2025	2249528	\$10,925.10	\$0.00	\$10,925.10
02/20/2025	2259192	\$1,660.05	\$0.00	\$1,660.05
BALANCE FORWARD				\$77,688.00
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 2/28/25			\$18,260.55	
CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL				\$18,260.55
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD				\$95,948.55

ACH/WIRE		Mail
Bank Name	Citizens Bank	Blank Rome LLP
Address:	Philadelphia, PA	Attn: Finance Department
Account Title:	Blank Rome LLP	One Logan Square
Account Number:	6238669326	130 North 18 th St
ABA Number:	036076150 (Domestic)	Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998
Swift Code	CTZIUS33 (International)	

To pay by Electronic Funds Transfer, visit www.BlankRome.com/Payments

Document Page 10 of 14
BLANKROME

1825 EYE STREET NW
 WASHINGTON, DC 20006-5403
 (202) 420-2200
 FEDERAL TAX ID NO. 23-1311874

HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.
 ATTN: CHRISTOPHER LASCELL
 6 AUBURN COURT
 BROOKLINE, MA 02446-6380

INVOICE DATE: MARCH 20, 2025
 CLIENT ID: 200433
 MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003
 INVOICE NUMBER: 2266169
 PAGE 1

**REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS
 INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY**

FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
TASK: B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS					
02/18/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.10	97.65
02/19/25	REVIEW AND REVISE BLANK ROME'S DRAFT MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.10	97.65
02/20/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN AND T. LONG REGARDING BLANK ROME'S MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.10	97.65
TOTALS FOR B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS				0.30	292.95
TASK: B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)					
02/04/25	ANALYZE UCC'S PROPOSED SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CHUBB DISPUTE (.7); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SAME TO C. LASCELL, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, C. RANKIN, AND R. VAN EPPS (.2); PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN TELECONFERENCE WITH C. LASCELL, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, C. RANKIN, AND R. VAN EPPS (.7)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.60	1,562.40
02/05/25	ANALYZE UCC'S PROPOSED SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CHUBB DISPUTE	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.30	292.95
02/06/25	ANALYZE HUNTON AK COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING UCC'S PROPOSED SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CHUBB DISPUTE (.3); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, AND P. BARRETT REGARDING SAME (.2)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.50	488.25

HOPEMAN BROTHERS
FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

PAGE 2
INVOICE # 2266169
MARCH 20, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
02/07/25	ANALYZE HUNTON AK COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING UCC'S PROPOSED SETTLEMENT TERMS FOR CHUBB DISPUTE (.7); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, AND P. BARRETT REGARDING SAME (.2); PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN MEDIATION TELECONFERENCE WITH JUDGE HUENNEKENS, C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, T. BROWN, P. BARRETT (.7)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.60	1,562.40
02/10/25	ANALYZE RESPONSE FROM J. LIESEMER REGARDING MEDIATION OF CHUBB DISPUTE (.1); ANALYSIS REGARDING MEDIATION OF CHUBB DISPUTE (.2); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN REGARDING MEDIATION (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.40	390.60
02/11/25	PLAN AND PREPARE FOR FURTHER MEDIATION OF CHUBB DISPUTE	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.20	195.30
02/12/25	PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN MEDIATION SESSION WITH UCC REPRESENTATIVES, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, P. BARRETT, AND JUDGE HUENNEKENS REGARDING CHUBB DISPUTE	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.70	1,660.05
02/13/25	PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN TELECONFERENCE WITH C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, AND C. RANKIN REGARDING STATUS AND STRATEGY (1.0); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN AND T. LONG (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.10	1,074.15
02/13/25	ANALYZE CORRESPONDENCE FROM UCC COVERAGE COUNSEL D. COX REQUESTING TELECONFERENCE (.1); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN AND J. ROVIRA REGARDING SAME (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.20	195.30
02/14/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE IN RESPONSE TO UCC COVERAGE COUNSEL D. COX (.1); ANALYZE CHUBB AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SAME (.4)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.50	488.25
02/18/25	ANALYZE CORRESPONDENCE AMONG J. ROVIRA AND UCC	K. BRINKMAN	B190	2.60	2,538.90

HOPEMAN BROTHERS
FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

PAGE 3
INVOICE # 2266169
MARCH 20, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
	COUNSEL REGARDING CONTINUING MEDIATION OF CHUBB DISPUTE (.2); ANALYZE REVISED DRAFT TERM SHEET RECEIVED FROM UCC COUNSEL (.3); ANALYZE LEGAL AUTHORITIES RECEIVED FROM UCC COUNSEL (.5); ANALYZE 2008 AND 2009 CHUBB COVERAGE-IN-PLACE AGREEMENTS (.4); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO HUNTON AK TEAM, C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, D. RAMLJAK, AND P. BARRETT (.1); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE IN RESPONSE TO J. ROVIRA INQUIRY REGARDING ALLOCATION RULES APPLICABLE TO POLICIES (.3); ANALYZE POLICY AND PRIOR LITIGATION DOCUMENTS TO RESPOND TO J. ROVIRA INQUIRY (.8)				
02/19/25	PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN TELECONFERENCE WITH C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, D. RAMLJAK, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, C. RANKIN, T. LONG, P. BARRETT REGARDING STATUS AND STRATEGY FOR MEDIATION OF CHUBB DISPUTE (1.0); ANALYZE PROPOSED LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS AND ONGOING BUSINESS EVALUATION DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM UCC COUNSEL (.4); ANALYZE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TERM SHEET FROM T. BROWN AND J. ROVIRA (.2); ANALYZE EMAILS AMONG J. ROVIRA AND UCC COUNSEL REGARDING TERM SHEET AND MEDIATION (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.70	1,660.05
02/20/25	PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN TELECONFERENCE WITH JUDGE HUENNEKENS, J. LIESEMER, T. PHILLIPS, N. MILLER, D. COX, B. EDWARDS, C. TULLY, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, P. BARRETT (.8); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN AND J. ROVIRA REGARDING SAME (.1); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING SAME (.1); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL AND HUNTON AK TEAM	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.10	1,074.15

HOPEMAN BROTHERS
FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

PAGE 4
INVOICE # 2266169
MARCH 20, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
	REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF HOPEMAN VENDORS FOR TERM SHEET (.1)				
02/21/25	ANALYZE UPDATED PROPOSED TERM SHEET FOR UCC NEGOTIATIONS AND HUNTON AK COMMENTS REGARDING SAME	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.40	390.60
02/22/25	ANALYZE UPDATED DRAFT LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS RECEIVED FROM UCC COUNSEL IN SUPPORT OF REVISED TERM SHEET	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.30	292.95
02/24/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, D. RAMLJAK, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, C. RANKIN, P. BARRETT (.2); ANALYZE DRAFT LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS RECEIVED FROM UCC COUNSEL (.2); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM K. COURINGTON AND C. RANKIN REGARDING HOPEMAN VENDOR LIST FOR TERM SHEET (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.50	488.25
02/25/25	PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN TELECONFERENCE WITH C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, D. RAMLJAK, T. BROWN REGARDING MEDIATION, DRAFT LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS, AND UCC TERM SHEET	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.90	878.85
02/26/25	ANALYZE CORRESPONDENCE FROM D. GOODING (LIBERTY MUTUAL COUNSEL) AND ASSOCIATED COMMENTS FROM T. BROWN (.2); ANALYZE REVISED DRAFT TERM SHEET WITH UCC AND EXHIBIT THERETO (.2); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. LASCELL, R. VAN EPPS, D. RAMLJAK, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, C. RANKIN, T. LONG, AND P. BARRETT REGARDING DRAFT TERM SHEET WITH UCC (.2)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.60	585.90
02/27/25	PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN MEDIATION TELECONFERENCE WITH JUDGE HUENNEKENS, T. PHILLIPS, N. MILLER, J. LIESEMER, J. RASKIN, D. COX, T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, T. LONG, P. BARRETT (.5); ANALYZE ADDITIONAL PROPOSED TERM SHEET REVISIONS (.3)	K. BRINKMAN	B190	0.80	781.20
02/28/25	ANALYZE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO UCC TERM SHEET (.4); DRAFT	K. BRINKMAN	B190	1.40	1,367.10

HOPEMAN BROTHERS
FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

PAGE 5
INVOICE # 2266169
MARCH 20, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
	EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN, J. ROVIRA, AND P. BARRETT REGARDING MEDIATION SESSION WITH HII COUNSEL AND DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.3); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM J. ROVIRA AND K. COURINGTON REGARDING LOUISIANA CLAIMS PROCEDURES (.1); PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN TELECONFERENCE WITH J. ROVIRA REGARDING MEDIATION CALL WITH HII COUNSEL (.2); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM J. LIESEMER AND N. MILLER REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.2); ANALYZE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM K.E. SIEG, C. SYMONS, P. BARRETT, AND J. ROVIRA REGARDING DRAFT UCC TERM SHEET (.2)				
	TOTALS FOR B190 OTHER CONTESTED MATTERS (EXCLUDING ASSUMPTION/REJECTION)			18.40	17,967.60
	TOTAL SERVICES				\$18,260.55

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL	\$18,260.55
------------------------------	--------------------

TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
KYLE BRINKMAN	976.50	18.70	18,260.55
TOTALS		18.70	\$18,260.55