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

**In re:**

**HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,**

**Debtor.**

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: **Chapter 11**  
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: **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**  
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**SUMMARY OF THIRD INTERIM APPLICATION OF  
COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC  
AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR**

<b>Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Petition Date:	June 30, 2024
Retention Date:	June 30, 2024
Date of Order Approving Employment:	September 11, 2024
<b>This Interim Application</b>	
Time Period Covered:	December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025
Total Hours Billed:	62.10
Total Fees Requested:	\$12,670.00
Total Expenses Requested:	\$5,797.77
Fees Requested Over Budget:	None
Blended Rate:	\$204.03/hour
Rate Increases Not Previously Approved/Disclosed:	None
Total Professionals:	5
Total Professionals Not in Staffing Plan:	0



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Total Professionals Billing Less Than 15 Hours:	2
<b>Historical</b>	
Fees Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$13,494.50
Expenses Approved to Date by Interim Order:	\$230.70
Allowed Fees Paid to Date:	\$3,847.50
Allowed Expenses Paid to Date:	\$230.70
Fees Paid Pursuant to Monthly Statements, Not Yet Allowed:	\$0.00
Expenses Paid Pursuant to Monthly Statements, Not Yet Allowed:	\$0.00

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**THIRD INTERIM APPLICATION OF COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS,  
MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC, AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL FOR THE  
DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
DECEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), submits this application (the “Application”) for interim allowance of compensation for professional services rendered by CKSMM to the Debtor for the period from December 1, 2024 through and including February 28, 2024 (the “Third Interim Application Period”), and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Third Interim Application Period 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 Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court

of the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), the *Order (I) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered on September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 162] (the “Interim Compensation Order”). In support of this Application, CKSMM represents as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION, VENUE AND PREDICATES FOR RELIEF**

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Court”) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the *Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia*, dated August 15, 1984. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157, and the Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

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

**II. BACKGROUND**

3. On June 30, 2024 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in this Court commencing this chapter 11 case.

4. The Debtor continues to manage its business as debtor in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory committee has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

5. On July 22, 2024, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) [Docket No. 69].

6. On September 9, 2024, the Court entered the Interim Compensation Order, which approved the compensation procedures set forth therein (the “Compensation Procedures”).

7. On September 11, 2024, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC as Counsel for the Debtor Effective as of the Petition Date* [Doc. No. 187], authorizing the Debtor to employ and retain CKSMM as its special asbestos counsel, effective as of the Petition Date.

8. Pursuant to the Compensation Procedures, professionals retained in this case are authorized to file monthly fee statements and serve such statements on the Notice Parties (as defined in the Compensation Procedures). Provided that no objection to a monthly fee statement is timely filed, the Debtor is authorized to pay such professional an amount equal to eighty percent (80%) of the fees and one-hundred percent (100%) of the expenses requested in such monthly fee statement.

9. Additionally, pursuant to the Compensation Procedures, beginning with the period ending on August 30, 2024, and at three-month intervals thereafter, professionals retained in this case are authorized to file interim fee applications with the Court. The Compensation Procedures provide that the third interim fee application should cover the period from December 1 2024 through and including February 28, 2025.

10. The Compensation Procedures also provide that all Retained Professionals (as defined in the Compensation Procedures), to the extent applicable, shall make reasonable efforts to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* (the "Appendix B Guidelines") in connection with the interim and final fee applications filed in these cases.

### **III. RELIEF REQUESTED**

11. CKSMM submits this Application (a) for interim allowance of reasonable compensation for the actual, reasonable and necessary professional services that it has rendered as

special asbestos counsel for the Debtor in this case for the period from December 1, 2024, through and including February 28, 2025, and (b) for reimbursement of actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in representing the Debtor as special asbestos counsel during that same period. For the period covered by this Application, CKSMM seeks fees for services rendered in the amount of \$12,670.00. For the same period, CKSMM seeks actual, reasonable and necessary expenses totaling \$5,797.77.

12. The Application is supported by the following Exhibits, which are attached hereto and patterned on the Appendix B Guidelines:

- (i) Exhibit A contains a summary schedule of the time expended by all CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Third Interim Application Period.
- (ii) Exhibit B contains a summary schedule of hours and fees covered by this Application, categorized by project code.
- (iii) Exhibit C contains a summary schedule of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Third Interim Application Period.
- (iv) Exhibit D contains a disclosure of “customary and comparable compensation” charged by CKSMM’s professionals and paraprofessionals. As requested in the Appendix B Guidelines, Exhibit D provides a summary of the blended hourly rates of the timekeepers (segregated by rank) included in this Application compared to the blended hourly rates for similar non-bankruptcy domestic timekeepers at CKSMM.
- (v) Exhibit E contains the budget and staffing plans for CKSMM for this chapter 11 case during the Third Interim Application Period.
- (vi) Exhibit F contains the monthly fee statements properly served by CKSMM during the Third Interim Application Period (the “Monthly Statements”).

#### **IV. BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED**

13. During the Third Interim Application Period, CKSMM provided numerous services to the Debtor, including but not limited to (i) preparing for attending and participating in contested

hearings before the Court; and (ii) preparing for perpetuation depositions of four plaintiffs by reviewing medical and personnel records, petition for damages, prior testimony, discovery materials and responses and participating in related depositions.

14. In performing the services detailed in this Application, CKSMM has endeavored to ensure that its professionals comply with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures or orders of the Court.

15. Pursuant to the terms of the Interim Compensation Order, CKSMM properly filed and served three Monthly Statements during the Third Interim Application Period as follows:

<b>Period Covered by Monthly Statement</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Date Served and Docket No.</b>	<b>Objection Deadline</b>	<b>Amount of Fees Received (80%)</b>	<b>Amount of Expenses Received (100%)</b>
December 1, 2024-December 31, 2024	\$7,852.00	\$1,756.67	01/23/2025 [Docket No. 523]	02/06/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
January 1, 2025 -January 31, 2025	\$3,648.00	\$0.00	02/24/2025 [Docket No.587]	03/10/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 1, 2025 - February28, 2025	\$1,170.00	\$4,041.10	03/31/2025 [Docket No. 641]	04/14/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00

16. In accordance with the Compensation Procedures, as set forth in the Interim Compensation Order, and as set forth in Local Rule 2016-1, the Monthly Statements included (i) a detailed itemization of the service hours expended by matter and professional and (ii) a summary schedule of hours and fees categorized by project code. The Monthly Statements also included a detailed chronological itemization of the services rendered by each professional and paraprofessional, calculated by tenths of an hour and categorized in accordance with the

appropriate project code. As set forth above, a copy of CKSMM's Monthly Statements are attached hereto as Exhibit F.

17. CKSMM has endeavored to represent the Debtor in the most expeditious and economical manner possible. Tasks have been assigned to attorneys at CKSMM so that the work has been performed by those most familiar with the particular matter. Moreover, CKSMM has endeavored to coordinate with the other professionals involved in this case so as to minimize any duplication of effort and to minimize attorneys' fees and expenses to the Debtor. CKSMM believes it has been successful in this regard.

18. No agreement or understanding exists between CKSMM and any other person for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in or in connection with this case.

#### **V. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO APPENDIX B GUIDELINES**

19. The following is provided in response to the questions set forth in ¶ C.5 of the Appendix B Guidelines:

**Question:** Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please explain.

Response: No.

**Question:** If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client?

Response: Not applicable.

**Question:** Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied their hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Response: No.

**Question:** Does this fee application include time or fees related to reviewing the time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work



involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application.). If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

**Question:** Does this fee application include time or fees for reviewing time records to redact any privileged or other confidential information? If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

**Question:** If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention: (i) Did your client review and approve those rate increases in advance? (ii) Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11-458?

Response: No rate increases for this Application.

## **VI. Notice**

20. Notice of this Application has been provided in accordance with the terms of the Interim Compensation Order. CKSMM submits that no other or further notice need be provided.

**WHEREFORE**, CKSMM respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto (i) approving this Application, (ii) providing that CKSMM be allowed on an interim basis the sum of \$12,670.00 as compensation for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtor and the sum of \$5,797.77 for reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses, (iii) authorizing and directing the Debtor to pay CKSMM the outstanding amount of such sums, and (iv) for such other relief as the Court deems proper and just.

Dated: April 14, 2025

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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**ORDER GRANTING THIRD INTERIM APPLICATION OF COURINGTON, KIEFER,  
SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC, AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL  
FOR THE DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
DECEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

Upon consideration of the Third Interim Fee Application (the “Application”)<sup>1</sup> of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor”), for the period from December 1, 2024, through and including February 28, 2025 (the “Third Interim Application Period”); and the Court having reviewed the Application and the Monthly Statements that were served by CKSMM during the Third Interim Application Period, and finding that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and determining that proper and adequate notice has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and after due

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Application is GRANTED.
2. CKSMM is allowed interim compensation in the amount of \$12,670.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$5,797.77 for the Third Interim Application Period as requested in the Application.
3. The Debtor is authorized and directed to disburse to CKSMM payment in the amount of the difference between the allowed amounts and the actual monthly payments previously received by CKSMM for fees and expenses incurred during the Third Interim Application Period.
4. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.
5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Order.
6. This Order shall be effective immediately upon entry.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

WE ASK FOR THIS:

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**CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT  
UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)**

I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

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

**Exhibit A**

**PROFESSIONALS RENDERING SERVICES**

(December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

<b>Name of Professional</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>First Bar Admission Date</b>	<b>Hourly Billing Rate</b>	<b>Total Billed Hours</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>	<b>Rate Increases Since the Petition Date</b>
Troy N Bell	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1990	\$225.00	18.10	\$4,072.50	None
Kaye N Courington	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1988	\$225.00	14.70	\$3,307.50	None
Kaye N Courington	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	1988	\$112.50	8.00	\$900.00	None
Mathilde V Semmes	Partner	Asbestos Defense Counsel	2014	\$225.00	17.80	\$4,005.00	None
Catherine Roberts	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel		\$110.00	3.30	\$363.00	None
Charise Williams	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel		\$110.00	0.20	\$22.00	None
				<b>Total:</b>	<b>62.10</b>	<b>\$12,670.00</b>	
<b>Blended Rate:</b>					<b>\$204.03</b>		

**Exhibit B**



**COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY**  
(December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Total Fees</b>
B110	Case Administration	0.20	\$45.00
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	0.10	\$22.50
B140	Relief from Stay/Adequate	0.40	\$90.00
B150	Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	9.00	\$2,025.00
B190	Other Contested Matters	44.40	\$9,587.50
B195	Non-Working Travel	8.00	\$900.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>62.10</b>	<b>\$12,670.00</b>

**Exhibit C**

**EXPENSE SUMMARY**  
(December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Service Provider (if applicable)</b>	<b>Unit Cost (if applicable)</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
E110			\$1,756.67
E112			\$7.00
E115			\$4,034.10
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,797.77</b>

**Exhibit D**

# **CUSTOMARY AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES**

(December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

Category of Timekeeper	Blended Hourly Rate <sup>1</sup>	
	Billed (Firm for preceding year, excluding the Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights group )	Billed (This Application)
All Partners (Equity Partner)	\$225.00	\$225.00
Counsel	N/A	N/A
Associate (4-6 years since first admission)	\$190.00	\$0.00
Jr. Associate (1-3 years since first admission)	\$170.00	\$0.00
Paralegal	\$110.00	\$110.00
<b>Aggregated (Blended Rates):</b>	<b>\$174.00</b>	<b>\$167.50</b>

<sup>1</sup> Consistent with ¶ C.3 of the Appendix B Guidelines, the blended hourly rates set forth in Exhibit D are calculated by dividing the dollar value of hours billed by the number of hours billed for the relevant timekeepers during the applicable time period. Exhibit D also segregates the timekeepers by rank using the categories set forth in Exhibit A to the Appendix B Guidelines. The data for the “preceding year” is based on information from Hunton’s last completed calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

In addition, as requested by ¶ C.3 of the Appendix B Guidelines, the blended hourly rates identified in Exhibit D for non-bankruptcy domestic timekeepers at Hunton includes discounted or alternative engagements, other than pro bono engagements and engagements for clients who are employees or charitable organizations that are billed at materially discounted rates.

**Exhibit E**

**BUDGET**  
**COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC**  
(December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

<b>Period</b>	<b>Estimated Fees</b>
December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025	\$20,000.00

**STAFFING PLAN**  
**COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS, MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC**  
(December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

<b>Category of Timekeeper (as maintained by the firm)</b>	<b>Number of Timekeepers Expected to Work on the Matter During the Budgeted Period</b>	<b>Average Hourly Rate</b>
Partners	3	\$225.00
Counsel	0	N/A
Associates	0	N/A
Paralegal	2	\$110.00

**Exhibit F**



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**FIFTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS,  
MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL  
FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR  
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FROM  
DECEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 11, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 187]
Time Period Covered:	December 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2024
Total Fees Requested:	\$6,281.60 (80% of \$7,852.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$1,756.67
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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. 187] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos 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 CKSMM for the period from December 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2024 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that CKSMM incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$7,852.00 and payment in the amount of \$6281.60 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$1,756.67.

**Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred**

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM 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 CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by CKSMM 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. CKSMM 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, CKSMM respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$9,608.67, consisting of (i) \$6,281.60, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by CKSMM during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$1,756.67 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: January 23, 2025

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period**

<b>Matter Code</b>	<b>Matter Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Fees Requested</b>
B110	Case Administration	0.10	\$22.50
B140	Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection Proceedings	0.40	\$90.00
B150	Meetings of and Communications	8.00	\$1,800.00
B190	Other Contested Matter	22.30	\$5,039.50
B195	Non-Working Travel	8.00	\$900.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>39.00</b>	<b>\$7,852.00</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period**

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

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Year Admitted</b>	<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Hourly Billing Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours Billed</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>
Troy N Bell	Partner	1990	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	5.10	\$1,147.50
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	12.00	\$2,700.00
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$112.50	8.00	\$900.00
Mathilde V Semmes	Partner	2014	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	13.70	\$3,082.50
<b>Totals</b>					<b>38.80</b>	<b>\$7,852.00</b>

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

<b>Paraprofessional</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Hourly Billing Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours Billed</b>	<b>Total Compensation</b>
Charise Deshotels	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$110.00	0.20	\$22.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>0.80</b>	<b>\$88.00</b>

**EXHIBIT C**

**Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period**

Type	Expenses
Out of Town Travel	\$1,756.67
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$1,756.67

**EXHIBIT D**

**Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period**



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FEDERAL TAX ID# 36-4695739

January 16, 2025

Hopeman Brothers, Inc  
Attn: Chris Lascell  
6 Auburn Court  
Brookline, MA 02446-6380

Invoice No.: 47741  
Billed through: December 31, 2024  
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$9,647.00
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$0.00
Net balance forward	\$9,647.00

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

		<b>Hours</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
12/12/24	KNC B110 Analyze correspondence from J. Rovira re: Hopeman updates to Christopher Lascell	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
12/11/24	KNC B140 Review correspondence from J. Boling re: filing a Motion to Lift Stay for Limited Purpose	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
12/12/24	KNC B140 Draft correspondence to R. Knapp re: Second Interim Stay Order and language around the exception to the Stay	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
12/19/24	KNC B150 Draft correspondence to Ron Van Epps re: availability for Mediation in January	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
12/15/24	KNC B150 Communications with T Long and T. Canada regarding: Motion to Appear Pro Hac Vice	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
12/15/24	KNC B150 Review questions involving HHI to ask Ron Van Epps and Christopher Lascell on direct examination in preparation for Bankruptcy Court hearing	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50
12/10/24	KNC B150 Prepare for and attend telephone conference with Tyler Brown re: upcoming Bankruptcy hearing on December 16, 2024	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50
12/16/24	KNC B150 Attendance and participate in Bankruptcy Court Hearing for direct exam of Christopher Lascell and Ron Van Epps	6.50	\$225.00	\$1,462.50

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12/16/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Analyze correspondence from L. Hebert regarding historical payments made to HII				
12/04/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to T. Brown re: upcoming Resolute Settlement Approval Hearing				
12/12/24	KNC B190	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50	
	Review Reply in Support of th Certain Insurers (AKA Resolute) Settlement Approval Motion				
12/09/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to C. Rankin re: Resolute Settlement Approval Motion				
12/09/24	CWD B190 A105	0.20	\$110.00	\$22.00	
	Review email from K Courington regarding prior cases where Avondale has made direct action claims against LM/Wayne and draft replay regarding same				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Review correspondence from T. Brown regarding deposition dates				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Review correspondence from P. Hoffman re: deathbed deposition possibility for a suit in which Liberty as insurer of Hopeman is named				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Review correspondence from P. Hoffman re: Plaintiff deposition and testimony regarding asbestos exposure				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50	
	Review Plaintiff's Original Petition for Damages & First Supplemental, Amending, and Restated Petition for Damages for Wrongful Death and Survival Action in preparation for Frank Larousse deathbed deposition				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.50	\$225.00	\$112.50	
	Review Supplemental Document Production and correspondence from T. Long re: same				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to R. Knapp re: perpetuation deposition attendance due to exception in the bankruptcy order				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to R. Knapp re: Taylor-Morgan deposition notice				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50	
	Prepare for and attend telephone confrence with T. Brown re: deathbed deposition attendance				
12/11/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to T. Brown regarding deposition notice and similar situation regarding deathbed deposition attendance				
12/12/24	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00	
	Analyze correspondence from J. Boling re: Petition to Perpetuate Testimony				
12/12/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to J. Rovira re: communications with Liberty Mutual concerning depositions				
12/13/24	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50	
	Draft correspondence to T. Brown regarding upcoming Resolute Settlement Approval Hearing				
12/13/24	MVS B190 A104	1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	
	Analyze plaintiffs' Master Discovery Responses in advance of Frank Larousse deathbed deposition (55 interrogatories and 19 requests for production)				

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12/13/24	MVS	B190	A104	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Analyze Re-Notice of Deposition of Frank Larousse in advance of his deathbed deposition					
12/13/24	MVS	B190	A104	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
	Analyze Avondale records of F. Larousse in advance of his deathbed deposition (92 pgs)					
12/16/24	KNC	B190		0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Analyze correspondence from P. Hoffman re: 1st Supplemental, Amending, and Restated Petition for Damages					
12/16/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Analyze correspondence from R. Knapp regarding approval of waiving potential conflicts					
12/16/24	MVS	B190		1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	Continued preparations for deposition of Frank Larousse through review of Avondale and Hopeman ship list and product list, comparing to information from all documents produced by plaintiff in advance of deposition					
12/16/24	MVS	B190		0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
	Review of Petition for Damages and supplemental petition, as well as bankruptcy order, after noting that Hopeman is not named in lawsuit					
12/16/24	MVS	B190		2.20	\$225.00	\$495.00
	Continued preparations for deposition of Frank Larousse through review of former Avondale employee testimony from sheet metal helpers and hooker in crane department for deposition outline preparation					
12/17/24	MVS	B190		1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	Drafted deposition outline and questions regarding master discovery responses, deposition notice and Avondale work records in preparation of deposition of Frank Larousse					
12/17/24	MVS	B190		0.60	\$225.00	\$135.00
	Prepare summary of Frank Larousse's testimony					
12/17/24	MVS	B190		5.50	\$225.00	\$1,237.50
	Attended deposition of Frank Larousse, plaintiff in wife's lung cancer case					
12/19/24	MVS	B190		0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
	Analyze of Hopeman's billing and ship delivery list of both Hopeman and Avondale to determine strength of Larousse's testimony of asbestos exposure					
12/20/24	MVS	B190		0.80	\$225.00	\$180.00
	Finalize summary of Larousse's deposition testimony					
12/28/24	TNB	B190		0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
	Analyze In Re Petition of Traylor M. Morgan in preparation for the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan					
12/28/24	TNB	B190		0.60	\$225.00	\$135.00
	Analyze Plaintiff's responses to Master Discovery in preparation for the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan					
12/28/24	TNB	B190		0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
	Analyze Avondale personnel records and Avondale Group Health records of Traylor M. Morgan (31 in preparation for the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan					
12/28/24	TNB	B190		0.90	\$225.00	\$202.50
	Analyze St. Luke's Woodlands Hospital After Visit Summary (11 pages), Pathology records (10 pages) , and Texas Emergency Hospital records (11 pages) in preparation for the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan					
12/30/24	KNC	B190		0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp regarding deposition continuation of Traylor Morgan					
12/30/24	TNB	B190		2.50	\$225.00	\$562.50
	Attended Day 1 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan					

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12/15/24	KNC B195	4.00	\$112.50	\$450.00
	Travel to Richmond, VA from New York for attendance at Bankruptcy Hearing			
12/16/24	KNC B195	4.00	\$112.50	\$450.00
	Return travel from Richmond, VA to New York for attendance at Court Hearing			

**39.00 \$7,852.00**

**EXPENSES**

12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Travel via Uber 12/15/2024 to Amtrak station to attend hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024 in Virginia.	\$23.02
12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Travel via Amtrak 12/15/2024 from New York, NY to Washington, DC to attend hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024 in Virginia.	\$527.00
12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Travel via Amtrak 12/15/2024 from Washington, DC to Richmond, VA to attend hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024 in Virginia.	\$87.00
12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Travel via Uber 12/15/2024 while in Richmond, VA to attend hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024.	\$16.55
12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Travel via Amtrak 12/16/2024 from Richmond, VA to Washington, DC from attending hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024 in Virginia.	\$70.00
12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Travel via Amtrak 12/17/2024 from Washington, DC to New York, NY from attending hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024 in Virginia.	\$462.00
12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Travel via Uber 12/17/2024 from Amtrak station in New York, NY from attending hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024 in Virginia.	\$30.41
12/27/24	E110	(KNC) Hotel lodging from 12/15/2024 to 12/17/2024 while in Richmond, VA to attend hearing for the Court to consider the Resolute settlement agreement scheduled on 12/16/2024.	\$540.69

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**\$1,756.67**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP**

TNB	Bell, Troy N	5.10 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$1,147.50
KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	8.00 hrs @	\$112.50 /hr	\$900.00
KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	12.00 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$2,700.00
CWD	Deshotels, Charise W.	0.20 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$22.00
MVS	Semmes, Mathilde V	13.70 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$3,082.50

<b>Fee Recap Totals</b>	39.00 hrs	\$7,852.00
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**TASK CODE RECAP**

B110 Case Administration	0.10 hrs	\$22.50
B140 Relief from Stay/Adequate	0.40 hrs	\$90.00
B150 Meetings of and Communications	8.00 hrs	\$1,800.00
B190 Other Constested Matters	22.50 hrs	\$5,039.50
B195 Non-Working Travel	8.00 hrs	\$900.00

<b>Task Code Total</b>	39.00 hrs	\$7,852.00
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**EXPENSE RECAP**

E110 Out-of-Town Travel	\$1,756.67
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<b>Expense Recap Total</b>	<b>\$1,756.67</b>
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**BILLING SUMMARY:**

TOTAL FEES	\$7,852.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,756.67
TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	<hr/> \$9,608.67
NET BALANCE FORWARD	\$9,647.00
<b>TOTAL NOW DUE</b>	<hr/> <b>\$19,255.67</b>

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

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<b>In re:</b>	:	<b>Chapter 11</b>
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<b>HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,</b>	:	<b>Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)</b>
	:	
<b>Debtor.</b>	:	
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**SIXTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS,  
MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL  
FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR  
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FROM  
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 11, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 187]
Time Period Covered:	January 1, 2025 through and including January 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$2,918.40 (80% of \$3,648.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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. 187] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos 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 CKSMM for the period from January 1, 2025 through and including January 31, 2025 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that CKSMM incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$3,648.00 and payment in the amount of \$2,918.40 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

**Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred**

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM 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 CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by CKSMM 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. CKSMM 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, CKSMM respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$3,648.00, consisting of (i) \$2,918.40, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by CKSMM during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: February 24, 2025

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period**

<b>Matter Code</b>	<b>Matter Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Fees Requested</b>
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	0.10	\$22.50
B150	Meetings of and Communications	0.70	\$157.50
B190	Other Contested Matter	17.10	\$3,468.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>17.90</b>	<b>\$3,648.00</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period**

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

Professional	Position	Year Admitted	Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Troy N Bell	Partner	1990	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	13.00	\$2,925.00
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	1.60	\$360.00
<b>Totals</b>					<b>14.60</b>	<b>\$3,285.00</b>

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

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Catharine Roberts	Paralegal	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$110.00	3.30	\$363.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>3.30</b>	<b>\$363.00</b>

**EXHIBIT C**

**Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period**

Type	Expenses
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$0.00

**EXHIBIT D**

**Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period**

616 GIROD STREET  
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FEDERAL TAX ID# 36-4695739

February 18, 2025

Hopeman Brothers, Inc  
Attn: Chris Lascell  
6 Auburn Court  
Brookline, MA 02446-6380

Invoice No.: 48179  
Billed through: January 31, 2025  
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$19,255.67
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$0.00
Net balance forward	\$19,255.67

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

		<b>Hours</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
01/28/25	KNC B120 Draft correspondence to Tyler Brown and Chris Lascell re: status of Hopeman Settlement Fund	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
01/21/25	KNC B150 Prepare and attend telephone conference with Bankruptcy counsel re: preparation for mediation	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
01/29/25	TNB B190 Attend Day 4 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	1.40	\$225.00	\$315.00
01/29/25	TNB B190 Communication with counsel for Paramount Global regarding Traylor Morgan's testimony regarding stoves (Traylor Morgan case)	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
01/28/25	TNB B190 Communication with counsel for co-defendant, regarding Mr. Traylor Morgan's testimony re: Avondale	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
01/14/25	TNB B190 Plan for and prepare for Day 3 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
01/14/25	TNB B190 Analyze Avondale Ship list in preparation for continuation perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00
01/10/25	TNB B190 Analyze communication from Jourdan Curet, counsel for Johnson & Johnson regarding the continued perpetuation deposition of Traylor Morgan	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
01/31/25	TNB B190 Analyze petition for damages re Wendell Navarre	0.40	\$225.00	\$90.00

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01/31/25	KNC B190	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Prepare correspondence to Tyler Brown re: course of action on deposition of Wendell Navarre			
01/07/25	CAR B190	1.90	\$110.00	\$209.00
	Analyze work history and discovery documents for Traylor Morgan dates of employment and ships that Hopeman performed joiner work based on Hopeman work history book and spreadsheet of invoices in preparation of his perpetuation deposition.			
01/14/25	CAR B190	0.50	\$110.00	\$55.00
	Review information on Sal Mancusso identified by Traylor Morgan in his perpetuation deposition as a co-worker to confirm his asbestos exposure from Hopeman at Avondale Shipyards in the 1960's.			
01/14/25	CAR B190	0.50	\$110.00	\$55.00
	Research information on Aaron Neville, identified by Traylor Morgan in his perpetuation deposition as a co-worker to confirm his asbestos exposure from Hopeman at Avondale Shipyards in the 1960's.			
01/14/25	CAR B190	0.40	\$110.00	\$44.00
	Review information on the Apollo Ships referenced in Traylor Morgan and identified the ships as the Huntsville and Watertown conversion that Hopeman worked on to assist with comparing dates that plaintiff's exposure time period.			
01/09/25	KNC B190	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: status of Stay			
01/31/25	KNC B190	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re: deathbed deposition of Wendell Navarre, exclusion in the bankruptcy stay			
01/06/25	TNB B190	1.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	Review and analyze notes from Day 1 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan in preparation for Day 2 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan			
01/07/25	TNB B190	3.40	\$225.00	\$765.00
	Attend Day 2 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan			
01/13/25	TNB B190	2.00	\$225.00	\$450.00
	Review and analyze the rough draft of Day 2 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan in preparation for Day 3 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan			
01/14/25	TNB B190	3.00	\$225.00	\$675.00
	Attend Day 3 of the perpetuation deposition of Traylor M. Morgan			
01/07/25	KNC B190 A108	0.20	\$225.00	\$45.00
	Draft correspondence to Romar Knapp re summary of perpetuation deposition of Frank Larousse			
			<b>17.90</b>	<b>\$3,648.00</b>

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP**

TNB	Bell, Troy N	13.00 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$2,925.00
KNC	Courington, Kaye N.	1.60 hrs @	\$225.00 /hr	\$360.00
CAR	Roberts, Catharine	3.30 hrs @	\$110.00 /hr	\$363.00

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Fee Recap Totals	17.90 hrs	\$3,648.00
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**TASK CODE RECAP**

B120 Asset Analysis and Recovery	0.10 hrs	\$22.50
B150 Meetings of and Communications	0.70 hrs	\$157.50
B190 Other Contested Matters	17.10 hrs	\$3,468.00

Task Code Total	17.90 hrs	\$3,648.00
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**BILLING SUMMARY:**

TOTAL FEES	\$3,648.00
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TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL	\$3,648.00
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NET BALANCE FORWARD	\$19,255.67
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<b>TOTAL NOW DUE</b>	<b>\$22,903.67</b>
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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION**

**In re:**

**HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,**

**Debtor.**

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: **Chapter 11**  
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: **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**  
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**SEVENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF COURINGTON, KIEFER, SOMMERS,  
MARULLO & MATHERNE, LLC AS SPECIAL ASBESTOS COUNSEL  
FOR THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR  
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FROM  
FEBRUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

Name of Applicant:	Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 11, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 187]
Time Period Covered:	February 1, 2025 through and including February 28, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$936.00 (80% of \$1,170.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$4,041.10
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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. 187] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the law firm of Courington, Kiefer, Sommers, Marullo & Matherne, LLC (“CKSMM”), special asbestos 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 CKSMM for the period from February 1, 2025 through and including February 28, 2025 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that CKSMM incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$1,170.00 and payment in the amount of \$936.00 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein). CKSMM also seeks allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$4,041.00.

**Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred**

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, CKSMM 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 CKSMM professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by CKSMM during the Fee Period.

- **Exhibit D** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by CKSMM 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. CKSMM 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, CKSMM respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$4,977, consisting of (i) \$936.00, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by CKSMM during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$4,041.10 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

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Dated: March 31, 2025

/s/ Kaye N. Courington

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period**

<b>Matter Code</b>	<b>Matter Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Fees Requested</b>
B110	Case Administration	0.10	\$22.50
B150	Meetings of and Communications	0.30	\$67.50
B190	Other Contested Matter	4.80	\$1,080.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>5.20</b>	<b>\$1,170.00</b>

**EXHIBIT B**

**Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period**

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

Professional	Position	Year Admitted	Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kaye N Courington	Partner	1988	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	1.10	\$247.50
Mathilde V Semmes	Partner	2014	Asbestos Defense Counsel	\$225.00	4.10	\$922.50
Totals					5.20	\$1,170.00

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

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Totals				0.00	\$0.00

**EXHIBIT C**

**Summary of Expenses Incurred during the Fee Period**

Type	Expenses
Court Fees	\$7.00
Deposition Transcripts	\$4,034.10
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$4,041.10</b>

**EXHIBIT D**

**Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period**





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March 14, 2025

Hopeman Brothers, Inc  
Attn: Chris Lascell  
6 Auburn Court  
Brookline, MA 02446-6380

Invoice No.: 48350  
Billed through: February 28, 2025  
Account No.: 201670 003867

RE: HBI Bankruptcy

Balance forward from previous invoice	\$22,903.67
Less payments received since previous invoice	\$0.00
Net balance forward	\$22,903.67

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

		<b>Hours</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
02/24/25	KNC B110 Prepare correspondence to Catherine Rankin re: law firms that defended Hopeman Brothers	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
02/14/25	KNC B150 Attend zoom bankruptcy court hearing at bankruptcy counsel's request	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
02/18/25	KNC B190 Review Petition for Damages in Hyson M. Leblanc matter	0.30	\$225.00	\$67.50
02/28/25	KNC B190 Prepare correspondence to Joseph Rovira re: details surrounding named parties in prepetition litigation	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
02/05/25	KNC B190 Prepare correspondence to Romar Knapp re: status of death bed deposition of Wendell Navarre	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
02/05/25	KNC B190 Analyze correspondence from Romar Knapp re: Notice of deathbed Deposition of Wendell Navarre	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
02/03/25	KNC B190 Prepare correspondence to Romar Knapp re: Notice of deathbed Deposition of Wendell Navarre	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
02/24/25	MVS B190 Analyze correspondence from plaintiff's counsel re: status of Hyson Leblanc perpetuation deposition	0.10	\$225.00	\$22.50
02/24/25	MVS B190 Prepare outline in preparation for perpetuation deposition of Hyson Leblanc	0.80	\$225.00	\$180.00

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02/24/25	MVS B190	Analyze 9/24/24 (26 pgs), 6/17/95 (218pgs) depositions in preparation for perpetuation deposition of plaintiff, Hyson Leblanc	2.50 \$225.00	\$562.50
02/24/25	MVS B190	Analyze petition, Avondale records and medical records in preparation of perpetuation deposition of plaintiff, Hyson Leblanc,	0.70 \$225.00	\$157.50
			<b>5.20</b>	<b>\$1,170.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
02/05/25	E112	Court costs associated with obtaining Petition for Damages in the Wendell Navarre case 2025-00624 to analyze for upcoming deposition of Wendell Navarre, exclusion in the Bankruptcy Stay. Clerk of Court, Civil District Court		\$7.00
02/18/25	E115	Obtain deposition transcript regarding Frank Larousse taken on 12/17/2024. Attended on behalf of Wayne. Per Stay, we are required to attend perpetuation depositions. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$1,179.95
02/18/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Frank Larousse taken on 12/17/2024. Attended on behalf of Wayne. Per Stay, we are required to attend perpetuation depositions. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$176.25
02/27/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Traylor Morgan taken on 12/30/2024, Per Stay, we are required to attend perpetuation depositions. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$136.70
02/27/25	E115	Obtain deposition transcript regarding Traylor Morgan Volume II taken on 1/07/2025, Per Stay, we are required to attend perpetuation depositions. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$1,367.75
02/27/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Traylor Morgan Volume II taken on 1/07/2025, Per Stay, we are required to attend perpetuation depositions. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$127.95
02/27/25	E115	Obtain deposition transcript regarding Traylor Morgan Volume III taken on 1/14/2025, Per Stay, we are required to attend perpetuation depositions. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$937.15
02/27/25	E115	Connection fee for the deposition regarding Traylor Morgan Volume III taken on 1/14/2025, Per Stay, we are required to attend perpetuation depositions. Paszkiewicz Court Reporting		\$108.35

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**\$4,041.10**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECAP**

KNC Courington, Kaye N. 1.10 hrs @ \$225.00 /hr \$247.50

MVS Semmes, Mathilde V 4.10 hrs @ \$225.00 /hr \$922.50

**Fee Recap Totals** 5.20 hrs \$1,170.00

**TASK CODE RECAP**

B110 Case Administration 1.10 hrs \$22.50

B150 Meetings of/and Communications 0.30 hrs \$67.50

B190 Other Contested Matters 4.80 hrs \$1,080.00

**Task Code Total** 5.20 hrs \$1,170.00

**EXPENSE RECAP**

E112 Court Fees \$7.00

E115 Deposition Transcripts \$4,034.10

**Expense Recap Total** **\$4,041.10**

**BILLING SUMMARY:**

TOTAL FEES \$1,170.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,041.10

TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS BILL \$5,211.10

NET BALANCE FORWARD \$22,903.67

**TOTAL NOW DUE** **\$28,114.77**