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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:)	Chapter 11
HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,)	Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)
Debtor.)	

**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF KUTAK ROCK LLP AS SPECIAL CONFLICTS COUNSEL
FOR THE DEBTOR AND DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2025
THROUGH AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Name of applicant:	Kutak Rock LLP
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtors and Debtors in Possession
Date retention order entered:	January 21, 2025, effective as of January 1, 2025
Date of retention:	January 1, 2025
Time Period Covered:	June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$6,016.80 (80% of \$7,521.00)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$28.90
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly Fee Statement 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”), Kutak Rock LLP, special conflicts counsel for Hopeman Brothers, Inc. (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 Kutak Rock LLP for the period from June 1, 2025, through and including June 30, 2025 (the “Fee Period”) and reimbursement of the actual and necessary expenses that Kutak Rock LLP incurred during the Fee Period. By this Monthly Fee Statement, Kutak Rock LLP seeks allowance of compensation for services rendered in the amount of \$6,016.80 (which equals 80% of the compensation sought herein) and allowance and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses pursuant to this Monthly Fee Statement in the amount of \$28.90 for a total of \$6,045.70.

Itemization of Services Rendered and Disbursements Incurred

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Kutak has attached the following:
 - **Exhibit A** is a summary of the prior fee statements and applications submitted by Kutak and the amounts allowed by the Court in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
 - **Exhibit B** is a summary of the number of hours expended and fees incurred (on an aggregate basis) by Kutak partners, associates, and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period with respect to each of the subject matter categories that Kutak established in accordance with its internal billing procedures. Kutak incurred \$7,521.00 in fees during the Fee Period. Pursuant to this Monthly Fee Statement, Kutak Rock LLP seeks reimbursement for 80% of such fees (\$6,016.80 in the aggregate).

- **Exhibit C** is a summary providing certain information regarding the Kutak attorneys and paraprofessionals for whose work on these chapter 11 cases compensation is sought in this Monthly Fee Statement. Kutak's attorneys and paraprofessionals expended a total of 8.80 hours in connection with this chapter 11 case during the Fee Period.
- **Exhibit D** is a summary of the expenses incurred by Kutak Rock LLP during the Fee Period that sets forth the total amount of reimbursement sought with respect to each type of expense for which Kutak Rock LLP is seeking reimbursement in this Monthly Fee Statement. These disbursements comprise the requested sum for Kutak's out-of-pocket expenses.
- **Exhibit E** is a detailed invoice for the hours expended and fees incurred by Kutak Rock LLP's partners and paraprofessionals during the Fee Period with respect to each of the subject matter categories that Kutak Rock LLP established in accordance with its internal billing procedures.

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. Kutak Rock LP 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, Kutak Rock LLP respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$6,016.80 which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Kutak Rock LLP during the fee Period plus \$28.90 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: August 8, 2025
Richmond, Virginia

/s/ Peter J. Barrett

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EXHIBIT A
Prior Fee Statement, Applications, and Allowances

Filing Name, Filing Date, Docket No.	Period Covered	Total Fees and Expenses	Requested		Preliminarily Allowed	
			Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses
First Monthly Fee Statement Feb 24, 2025 Doc. No. 589	Jan 1, 2025 to Jan 31, 2025	\$66,996.45	\$66,889.50	\$106.95	\$53,597.16	\$106.95
Second Monthly Fee Statement Mar 31, 2025 Doc. No. 643	Feb 1, 2025 to Feb 28, 2025	\$26,065.20	\$26,060.00	\$5.20	\$20,848.00	\$5.20
Third Monthly Fee Statement Apr 28, 2025 Doc. No. 683	Mar 1, 2025 to Mar 31, 2025	\$19,706.90	\$19,695.50	\$11.40	\$15,756.40	\$11.40
First Interim Fee Application Jun 12, 2025 Doc. No. 866	Jan 1, 2025 to Mar 31, 2025	\$112,768.55	\$112,645.00	\$123.55	\$112,645.00	\$123.55
Fourth Monthly Fee Statement May 29, 2025 Doc. No. 815	Apr 1, 2025 to Apr 30, 2025	\$47,898.12	\$47,873.50	\$24.62	\$38,290.80	\$24.62
Fifth Monthly Fee Statement July 16, 2025 Doc. No. 1030	May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025	\$17,378.35	\$17,360.00	\$18.35	\$13,888.00	\$18.35

EXHIBIT B

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter During the Fee Period

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
CA	Case Administration	0.70	\$490.50
FEA	Fee/Employment Applications	1.60	\$1,278.00
LIT	Litigation	6.20	\$5,487.00
PDS	Plan and Disclosure Statement	0.30	\$265.50
Total		8.80	\$7,521.00

EXHIBIT C

Professionals Rendering Services during the Fee Period

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

Professional	Position	Year Admitted	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Peter J. Barrett	Partner	2000	Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights	\$885.00	8.30	\$7,345.50
Haley Magel	Associate	2024	Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights	\$425.00	0.30	\$127.50
Totals					8.60	\$7,473.00

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

Paraprofessional	Position	Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Charisse Matthews	Paralegal	Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights	\$240.00	0.20	\$48.00
Totals				0.20	\$48.00

EXHIBIT D

Summary of Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

Type	Expenses
Travel	\$28.90
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$28.90

EXHIBIT E

Detailed Invoice of Fees and Expenses Incurred During the Fee Period

KUTAK ROCK LLP

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August 5, 2025

Check Remit To:

Kutak Rock LLP

PO Box 30057

Omaha, NE 68103-1157

ACH/Wire Transfer Remit To:

ABA #104000016

First National Bank of Omaha

Kutak Rock LLP

A/C # 24690470

Reference: Invoice No. 3607973

Client Matter No. 133714-1

Notification Email: eftgroup@kutakrock.com

Billed through 06/30/25

Invoice No. 3607973

Hopeman Brothers, Inc.

6 Auburn Ct.

Brookline, MA 02446

Conflicts Counsel

For Professional Legal Services Rendered

BILLING SUMMARY

NAME	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
P.Barrett	8.30	885.00	\$7,345.50
H.Magel	0.30	425.00	127.50
C.Matthews	0.20	240.00	48.00
 TOTAL FEES	 8.80		 7,521.00
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			 <u>28.90</u>
 TOTAL CURRENT AMOUNT DUE			 <u>\$7,549.90</u>

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Case Administration

06/02/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of issue regarding omnibus hearing dates (.10)
06/03/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of notice of motion and notice of hearing (.10)
06/04/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of certificate and draft correspondence to debtor counsel and working group regarding same (.10)
06/12/25	C. Matthews	0.20	48.00	Compile and file fee application
06/12/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of issue regarding omnibus hearing (.10)
06/13/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of issue regarding adjourned hearing (.10)

Fee/Employment Applications

06/03/25	H. Magel	0.30	127.50	Draft Notice of Motion and Hearing for First Interim Fee Application
06/05/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Draft correspondence to debtor counsel regarding interim fee application (.10)
06/06/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of correspondence from debtor counsel regarding interim fee application and draft reply (.10)
06/12/25	P. Barrett	0.80	708.00	Review of correspondence from debtor counsel regarding interim fee application (.10); draft revisions to notice and fee application (.20); final review of fee application, notice and exhibits before filing (.30); draft correspondence to debtor's counsel and working group regarding same (.10); review of correspondence from debtor's counsel regarding additional revision to application (.10)
06/13/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of correspondence from noticing agent regarding service (.10)

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06/16/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of correspondence regarding interim fee application objection deadline (.10)
06/17/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of correspondence from UST regarding fee reports and draft correspondence to working group regarding same (.10)

Litigation

06/04/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of motion to extend litigation stay (.10)
06/17/25	P. Barrett	0.40	354.00	Initial review of pleadings in advance of contested hearing and draft correspondence to debtor counsel regarding same (.40)
06/18/25	P. Barrett	3.20	2,832.00	Review of additional materials in advance of contested omnibus hearing (.70); attend contested omnibus hearing (2.40); conference with working group following hearing (.10)
06/19/25	P. Barrett	0.10	88.50	Review of revised motion to expedite (.10)
06/23/25	P. Barrett	0.50	442.50	Review of expedited hearing order and amended notice (.10); review of Liberty adversary proceeding materials (.20); review of discovery motion and objection to adjournment motions (.20)
06/24/25	P. Barrett	1.90	1,681.50	Review of opposition to motion to quash and omnibus response to adjournment motion and related materials (.40); attend omnibus hearing (1.50)

Plan and Disclosure Statement

06/09/25	P. Barrett	0.30	265.50	Brief review of plan supplement and exhibits (.30)
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TOTAL HOURS 8.80

TOTAL FOR SERVICES RENDERED \$7,521.00

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DISBURSEMENTS

Travel Expenses	28.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	28.90

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ACTIVITY SUMMARY

ACTIVITY	HOURS	AMOUNT
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Fee/Employment Applications	1.60	1,278.00
Litigation	6.20	5,487.00
Plan and Disclosure Statement	0.30	265.50
TOTAL FEES	8.80	7,521.00