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

In re:  
  
 HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,  
  
 Debtor.

Chapter 11  
  
 Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)

**EIGHTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF  
 CAPLIN & DRYSDALE, CHARTERED FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION  
 FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026**

Name of Applicant:	Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered
Name of Client:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of retention order entered:	September 12, 2024, effective as of July 22, 2024 [Docket No. 202]
Time Period Covered:	January 1, 2026, through January 31, 2026
Total Fees Requested:	<u>\$28,074.00</u>
Total Expenses Requested:	<u>\$410.03</u>
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 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 Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered (“**Caplin**”), as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) appointed in this chapter 11 case, hereby submits this monthly fee statement (the “**Monthly Fee Statement**”) seeking interim payment of (i) \$22,459.20 (80% of \$28,074.00) as compensation for professional services rendered to the Committee and (ii) \$410.03 for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses, for a total of \$22,869.23 for the period from January 1, 2026, through January 31, 2026 (the “**Fee Period**”).

#### **ITEMIZATION OF SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED**

1. In support of this Monthly Fee Statement, Caplin 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 providing certain information regarding the Caplin attorneys and paraprofessionals for whose work on this chapter 11 case compensation is sought in this Monthly Fee Statement.
  - **Exhibit C** is a summary of the expenses incurred by Caplin during the Fee Period.
  - **Exhibit D** consists of Caplin’s detailed records of fees incurred during the Fee Period, including the number of hours expended (on an aggregate basis) by Caplin members, of counsel, associates, 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. Caplin 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, Caplin respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$22,869.23, consisting of (i) \$22,459.20, which is 80% of the fees incurred for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Caplin during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$410.03 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: March 6, 2026

/s/ Jeffrey A. Liesemer  
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# EXHIBIT A

## SUMMARY BY PROJECT CATEGORY

JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026

<b>PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>FEEES</b>
(.04) Case Administration & Calendar Control	0.6	\$405.00
(.07) Fee Applications - Self	3.2	\$3,409.50
(.10) Litigation	17.2	\$15,398.00
(.15) Committee Meetings/Conferences	4.3	\$5,343.50
(.18) Fee Applications - Others	3.9	\$3,518.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>\$28,074.00</b>

# EXHIBIT B

## SUMMARY BY PROFESSIONAL<sup>2</sup>

JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026

<b>COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL</b>				
<b>NAME OF PROFESSIONAL</b>	<b>POSITION   AREA OF PRACTICE   YEAR OF ADMISSION</b>	<b>HOURLY BILLING RATE</b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>
Kevin C. Maclay	Member   Bankruptcy   Member of Maryland Bar: 1994; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 1996	\$2,175	0.2	\$435.00
Todd E. Phillips	Member   Bankruptcy   Member of California Bar: 2005; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 2009; Member of New York Bar: 2016	\$1,625	2.0	\$3,250.00
Jeffrey A. Liesemer	Member   Bankruptcy   Member of Virginia Bar: 1993; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 1996	\$1,700	4.0	\$6,800.00
Nathaniel R. Miller	Of Counsel   Bankruptcy   Member of California Bar: 2016; Member of District of Columbia Bar: 2017	\$915	8.6	\$7,869.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>14.8</b>	<b>\$18,354.00</b>

<b>COMPENSATION BY PARAPROFESSIONAL</b>				
<b>NAME OF PROFESSIONAL</b>	<b>POSITION   DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>HOURLY BILLING RATE</b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>
Cecilia Guerrero	Paralegal   Bankruptcy	\$675	14.4	\$9,720.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>14.4</b>	<b>\$9,720.00</b>

<sup>2</sup> Nonworking travel time is billed at one-half of the professional's usual hourly rate.

# EXHIBIT C

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026

<b>EXPENSE CATEGORY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
PACER Service	\$221.30
Photocopies	\$188.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$410.03</b>

# **EXHIBIT**

## **D**

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Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Hopeman Brothers, Inc.

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RE: Hopeman Brothers, Inc. bankruptcy

For Professional Services Rendered Through January 31, 2026

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Total Services	\$28,074.00
Total Disbursements	\$410.03
Total Current Charges	\$28,484.03

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### Remittance Advice

[Payment is due upon receipt. If you should have any questions, please email accounting@capdale.com.](mailto:accounting@capdale.com)

**Check Payable To:**

Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered  
Attn: Accounts Receivable  
1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW 8th Floor  
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**Wire Transfer:**

Receiving Bank: Bank of America  
ABA Wire Routing Number: 026009593  
ABA ACH Routing Number: 054001204  
Swift Code: BOFAUS3N  
Beneficiary: Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered  
Account Number: 001920814809

**Credit Card:**

We accept all major card companies. A service fee of 2.4% for Corporate Cards and 2.95% for Individual Cards will be added to all payments.

Please return this remittance page with your payment. Thank you.

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For Professional Services Rendered Through January 31, 2026

## SERVICES

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Rate	Amount
<b>.04 Case Administration &amp; Calendar Control</b>					
1/2/2026	CG	Update docketing calendar.	0.3	\$675.00	\$202.50
1/19/2026	CG	Update docketing calendar.	0.3	\$675.00	\$202.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>0.60</b>		<b>\$405.00</b>
<b>.07 Fee Applications-Self</b>					
1/15/2026	NRM	Review monthly fee statements.	0.3	\$915.00	\$274.50
1/15/2026	CG	Revise, and finalize, and file interim fee application (1.2); communicate w/ JAL and NRM re same (.2); update fee-related materials re same (.4).	1.8	\$675.00	\$1,215.00
1/16/2026	JAL	Review 6th interim fee application and related papers.	0.3	\$1,700.00	\$510.00
1/27/2026	TEP	Review and edit monthly fee application (.4); communicate w/ JAG re same (.2).	0.6	\$1,625.00	\$975.00
1/28/2026	KCM	Review/edit December monthly fee app.	0.2	\$2,175.00	\$435.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>3.20</b>		<b>\$3,409.50</b>
<b>.10 Litigation</b>					
1/1/2026	NRM	Edit statement in support of report and recommendation in Liberty adversary proceeding (.4); communications w/ CG re same (.1); communications w/ JAL and CG re same (.1).	0.6	\$915.00	\$549.00
1/1/2026	CG	Review, revise, and cite check UCC statement re Liberty claim.	8.4	\$675.00	\$5,670.00
1/2/2026	JAL	Review of updated draft of Committee statement for Liberty AP and communication to NRM re same.	0.3	\$1,700.00	\$510.00

**SERVICES**

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Rate	Amount
<b>.10 Litigation</b>					
1/2/2026	TEP	Communications w/ NRM re filing.	0.1	\$1,625.00	\$162.50
1/2/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP re statement in Liberty adversary proceeding (.3); communications w/ JAL and CG re same (.2); communications w/ JAL re same (.1); communications w/ CG re same (.1).	0.7	\$915.00	\$640.50
1/2/2026	CG	Review, finalize, and file UCC statement re Liberty claim (.9); communications w/ NRM and JAL re same (.2).	1.1	\$675.00	\$742.50
1/6/2026	NRM	Confer w/ T. Long re case status (.1); communications w/ C. Tully, W. Scheff, and S. Andelman re case status (.2).	0.3	\$915.00	\$274.50
1/9/2026	TEP	Communications w/ NRM and JAL re Liberty brief issue.	0.2	\$1,625.00	\$325.00
1/12/2026	JAL	Review and analyze District Court's decision dismissing Chubb appeal (.3); correspondence w/ TEP and NRM re litigation issues (.1); correspondence w/ D. Cox, B. Edwards, J. Raskin, TEP, and NRM re same (.3).	0.7	\$1,700.00	\$1,190.00
1/13/2026	JAL	Telephone call w/ NRM re confirmation matter before District Court and next steps (.1); correspondence w/ NRM re same (.2).	0.3	\$1,700.00	\$510.00
1/13/2026	NRM	Confer w/ JAL re plan confirmation record (.1); correspond w/ JAL and TEP re same (.2); review correspondence from T. Long re same (.1); research re same (.1).	0.5	\$915.00	\$457.50
1/14/2026	JAL	Correspondence w/ NRM re District Court issue (.4); telephone call w/ NRM re same (.1).	0.5	\$1,700.00	\$850.00
1/14/2026	NRM	Confer w/ T. Long re District Court issue (.1); confer w/ JAL re same (.1); research re same (.2).	0.4	\$915.00	\$366.00
1/15/2026	NRM	Confer w/ T. Long re record transmission (.1); communications w/ JAL re same (.2).	0.3	\$915.00	\$274.50
1/27/2026	NRM	Confer w/ K. Harrison re case status.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
1/28/2026	JAL	Communicate NRM re joint appendix proposed by objecting insurers.	0.3	\$1,700.00	\$510.00
1/28/2026	NRM	Revise memorandum re case status (.5); correspond w/ TEP and MEB re same (.1); analyze insurers' proposed appendix re confirmation (.8); draft memorandum re same (.2).	1.6	\$915.00	\$1,464.00
1/29/2026	JAL	Telephone call w/ NRM re insurers' proposed joint appendix and next steps.	0.1	\$1,700.00	\$170.00
1/29/2026	NRM	Conferences w/ T. Long re insurers' proposed joint appendix (.2); confer w/ JAL re same (.1); correspond w/ T. Long re same (.2); research re same (.2).	0.7	\$915.00	\$640.50

**SERVICES**

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Rate	Amount
<b>.10</b>		<b>Litigation</b>			
		<b>Total</b>	<b>17.20</b>		<b>\$15,398.00</b>
<b>.15</b>		<b>Committee Meetings/Conferences</b>			
1/4/2026	JAL	Review and comments on draft communication to Committee.	0.2	\$1,700.00	\$340.00
1/4/2026	TEP	Communications w/ Committee co-chairs re status, meeting, and next steps (.2); communications w/ JAL and NRM re same (.2); communicate w/ NRM re upcoming meetings (.1).	0.5	\$1,625.00	\$812.50
1/4/2026	NRM	Draft memoranda to Committee re case status (.6); communications w/ TEP and JAL re same (.2); communications w/ TEP re same (.1); communications w/ Committee re same (.2).	1.1	\$915.00	\$1,006.50
1/8/2026	NRM	Communications w/ Committee re quarterly U.S. Trustee certification.	0.2	\$915.00	\$183.00
1/9/2026	JAL	Review and comment on draft communication to Committee.	0.1	\$1,700.00	\$170.00
1/9/2026	TEP	Communications w/ JAL and NRM re Committee communication (.1); communications w/ constituent re hearings inquiry (.1).	0.2	\$1,625.00	\$325.00
1/9/2026	NRM	Communications w/ Committee re UST certification (.2); communications w/ JAL and TEP re same (.1).	0.3	\$915.00	\$274.50
1/12/2026	JAL	Revise draft communication to Committee (.3); correspondence w/ TEP and NRM re Committee co-chair inquiry (.2).	0.5	\$1,700.00	\$850.00
1/12/2026	TEP	Communications w/ JAL and NRM re Committee meeting (.1); communicate w/ Committee co-chairs re same (.1).	0.2	\$1,625.00	\$325.00
1/12/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP and JAL re Committee meeting (.2); review materials re same (.2); correspond w/ Committee re same (.2).	0.6	\$915.00	\$549.00
1/18/2026	TEP	Communicate w/ JAL and NRM re Committee meeting and status.	0.1	\$1,625.00	\$162.50
1/18/2026	TEP	Communicate w/ Committee co-chairs re Committee meeting.	0.1	\$1,625.00	\$162.50
1/18/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP and JAL re Committee meeting.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
1/19/2026	NRM	Communications w/ TEP and JAL re Committee meeting.	0.1	\$915.00	\$91.50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4.30</b>		<b>\$5,343.50</b>
<b>.18</b>		<b>Fee Applications-Others</b>			
1/6/2026	NRM	Communications w/ JAL re Morgan Lewis November monthly fee statement (.1); communications w/ CG re same (.1).	0.2	\$915.00	\$183.00

**SERVICES**

Date	Person	Description of Services	Hours	Rate	Amount
<b>.18 Fee Applications-Others</b>					
1/6/2026	CG	Review, file and serve MLB monthly fee statement.	0.6	\$675.00	\$405.00
1/8/2026	NRM	Revise FTI interim fee application (.2); communications w/ S. Andelman, W. Scheff, and C. Tully re same (.1).	0.3	\$915.00	\$274.50
1/8/2026	CG	Review, file and serve FTI monthly fee statement.	0.6	\$675.00	\$405.00
1/14/2026	JAL	Review FTI's fifth interim fee application and related papers.	0.3	\$1,700.00	\$510.00
1/14/2026	NRM	Confer w/ S. Andelman re FTI interim fee application (.1); communications w/ JAL and CG re interim fee applications (.1).	0.2	\$915.00	\$183.00
1/15/2026	JAL	Review MLB's 6th interim fee application.	0.4	\$1,700.00	\$680.00
1/15/2026	CG	Review and file MLB interim fee application (.4); review and file FTI interim fee application (.3); communicate w/ NRM re same (.1); draft, finalize and file notice of hearing re same (.5).	1.3	\$675.00	\$877.50
<b>Total</b>			<b>3.90</b>		<b>\$3,518.00</b>
Total Professional Services			29.2		\$28,074.00

**PERSON RECAP**

Person	Title	Hours	Rate	Amount	
JAL	Jeffrey A. Liesemer	Member	4.0	\$1,700.00	\$6,800.00
KCM	Kevin C. Maclay	Member	0.2	\$2,175.00	\$435.00
TEP	Todd E. Phillips	Member	2.0	\$1,625.00	\$3,250.00
NRM	Nathaniel R. Miller	Of Counsel	8.6	\$915.00	\$7,869.00
CG	Cecilia Guerrero	Paralegal	14.4	\$675.00	\$9,720.00

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Date	Description of Disbursements	Amount
01/15/2026	PACER SERVICE CENTER - Pacer Charges [.10]	\$218.20
01/15/2026	PACER SERVICE CENTER - Pacer Charges [.10]	\$3.10
01/28/2026	Outside Duplication Service - Hr'g prep materials [.10]	\$188.73
Total Disbursements		\$410.03

Total Services	\$28,074.00
Total Disbursements	\$410.03
Total Current Charges	\$28,484.03

**TASK RECAP**

**Services**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
.04	0.60	\$405.00
.07	3.20	\$3,409.50
.10	17.20	\$15,398.00
.15	4.30	\$5,343.50
.18	3.90	\$3,518.00
	<u>29.20</u>	<u>\$28,074.00</u>

**Disbursements**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
.10	\$410.03
	<u>\$410.03</u>

**BREAKDOWN BY PERSON**

<u>Person</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.04	0.60	\$675.00	\$405.00
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.07	0.30	\$1,700.00	\$510.00
KCM Kevin C. Maclay	.07	0.20	\$2,175.00	\$435.00
TEP Todd E. Phillips	.07	0.60	\$1,625.00	\$975.00
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.07	0.30	\$915.00	\$274.50
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.07	1.80	\$675.00	\$1,215.00
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.10	2.20	\$1,700.00	\$3,740.00
TEP Todd E. Phillips	.10	0.30	\$1,625.00	\$487.50
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.10	5.20	\$915.00	\$4,758.00
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.10	9.50	\$675.00	\$6,412.50
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.15	0.80	\$1,700.00	\$1,360.00
TEP Todd E. Phillips	.15	1.10	\$1,625.00	\$1,787.50
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.15	2.40	\$915.00	\$2,196.00
JAL Jeffrey A. Liesemer	.18	0.70	\$1,700.00	\$1,190.00
NRM Nathaniel R. Miller	.18	0.70	\$915.00	\$640.50

**BREAKDOWN BY PERSON**

<u>Person</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CG Cecilia Guerrero	.18	2.50	\$675.00	\$1,687.50
			<u>29.20</u>	<u>\$28,074.00</u>