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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION

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

SUMMARY OF SIXTH AND FINAL APPLICATION OF BLANK ROME LLP AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR AND DEBTOR IN POSSESSION

Basic Information	
Name of Applicant:	Blank Rome LLP
Name of Client:	Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Petition Date:	June 30, 2024
Retention Date:	June 30, 2024
Date of Order Approving Employment:	September 9, 2024
Sixth Interim Application	
Time Period Covered:	September 1, 2025 to September 15, 2026
Total Hours Billed:	2.1
Total Fees Requested:	$2,050.65
Total Expenses Requested:	$0.00
Fees Requested Over Budget:	None
Blended Rate:	$976.50/hour
Rate Increases Not Previously Approved/Disclosed:	None
Total Professionals:	1

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Total Professionals Not in Staffing Plan:	None
Total Professionals Billing Less Than 15 Hours:	1
Final Application Period	
Time Period Covered:	June 30, 2024 to September 15, 2026
Total Hours Billed:	172.1
Total Fees Requested:	$158,071.05
Total Expenses Requested:	$0.00
Fees Requested Over Budget:	None
Blended Rate:	$918.48
Rate Increases Not Previously Approved/Disclosed:	N/A
Total Professionals:	2
Total Professionals Not in Staffing Plan:	None
Total Professionals Billing Less Than 15 Hours:	1
Historical	
Fees Approved to Date by Interim Order:	$156,020.40
Expenses Approved to Date by Interim Order:	$0.00
Allowed Fees Paid to Date:	$156,020.40
Allowed Expenses Paid to Date:	$0.00
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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SIXTH AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF BLANK ROME LLP, AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR AND DEBOR IN POSSESSION, FOR ALLOWANCE OF FINAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 30, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Blank Rome LLP ("Blank Rome"), special insurance counsel for the debtor and debtor in possession in the above-captioned case (the "Debtor"), submits this sixth and final application (the "Application") for allowance of compensation for professional services rendered by Blank Rome to the Debtor for the period from June 30, 2024 through and including September 15, 2026 (the "Final Application Period"), including compensation for fees and expenses incurred between September 1, 2025 through and including September 15, 2026 (the "Sixth Interim Application Period"), which was not previously the subject of an interim fee application, 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"), and 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, Blank Rome 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. On July 22, 2024, the Office of the United States Trustee (the "U.S. Trustee") for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Docket No. 69].

5. On September 9, 2024, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Blank Rome as Special Insurance Counsel for the Debtor Effective as of the Petition Date* [Doc. No. 164], authorizing the Debtor to employ and retain Blank Rome as its special insurance counsel effective as of the Petition Date.

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

7. 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.

8. Additionally, pursuant to the Compensation Procedures, beginning with the period ending on August 31, 2024, and at three-month intervals thereafter, professionals retained in this case are authorized to file interim fee applications with the Court. Below is a summary of the interim fee applications (collectively, the "Interim Fee Applications") filed by Blank Rome in this case:

Date Filed	Period Covered	Date of Order Approving Application and Docket No.	Total Requested Fees/Expenses	Total Allowed Fees/ Expenses Paid
10/15/2024	6/30/2024 – 8/31/2024	11/8/2024 [Docket No. 334]	Fees: $34,292.25 Expenses: $0.00	Fees: $34,292.25 Expenses: $0.00
1/14/2025	9/1/2024 – 11/30/2024	2/13/2025 [Docket No. 559]	Fees: $65,102.85 Expenses: $0.00	Fees: $65,102.85 Expenses: $0.00
4/14/2025	12/1/2024 – 2/28/2025	5/22/2025 [Docket No. 786]	Fees: $30,845.70 Expenses: $0.00	Fees: $30,845.70 Expenses: $0.00
7/15/2025	3/1/2025 – 5/31/2025	8/20/2025 [Docket No. 1128]	Fees: $11,718.00 Expenses: $0.00	Fees: $11,718.00 Expenses: $0.00
10/15/2025	6/1/2025 – 8/31/2025	11/12/2025 [Docket No. 1279]	Fees: $14,061.60 Expenses: $0.00	Fees: $14,061.60 Expenses: $0.00

9. 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 this case.

10. On October 31, 2025, this Court entered its proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law [Docket No. 1267] recommending that the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division (the "District Court") issue the proposed order (the "Confirmation Order") confirming the *Amended Plan of Reorganization of Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code*, dated May 21, 2025 [Docket No. 766] (as modified by the *Modified Amended Plan of Reorganization of Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code*, dated August 21, 2025 [Docket No. 1141] and the *Second Modified Amended Plan of Reorganization of Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code*, dated September 5, 2025 [Docket No. 1185], and as may be further amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan").

11. On August 18, 2026, the District Court issued the Confirmation Order [Docket No. 1542]. The Plan became effective on September 15, 2026 [Docket No. 1551], and the Debtor emerged from this case as the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan).

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

12. Blank Rome submits this Application (a) for interim allowance of reasonable compensation for the actual, reasonable and necessary professional services that it has rendered as special insurance counsel for the Sixth Application Period in the amount of $2,050.65 and reimbursement of actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in representing the Debtor

during the Sixth Application Period in the amount of $0.00, and (b) for final allowance of compensation for the actual, reasonable and necessary professional services that it has rendered as special insurance counsel for the Debtor in this case for the Final Application Period in the amount of $158,071.05, and for reimbursement of actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in representing the Debtor during the Final Application Period in the amount of $0.00.

13. 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 Blank Rome professionals and paraprofessionals engaged in the representation of the Debtor during the Sixth Interim Application and Final 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 Blank Rome during the Sixth Interim Application and Final Application Period.

(iv) Exhibit D contains a disclosure of "customary and comparable compensation" charged by Blank Rome 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 Blank Rome during the Sixth Interim Application and Final Application Period.

(v) Exhibit E contains the budget and staffing plans for Blank Rome for this chapter 11 case during the Sixth Interim Application and Final Application Period.

(vi) Exhibit F contains the monthly fee statements for Blank Rome during the Sixth Interim Application Period (the "Monthly Statements").

IV. BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

14. During the course of Blank Rome's post-petition engagement, Blank Rome provided numerous services to the Debtor, including but not limited to (i) advising the Debtor and

the Debtor's other professionals regarding insurance coverage for asbestos-related claims; (ii) assisting the Debtor and the Debtor's other professionals with responding to insurance-related document requests and interrogatories served on the Debtor; (iii) assisting the Debtor and the Debtor's other professionals with finalization of insurance-related provisions of the Debtor's Plan; (iv) assisting the Debtor and the Debtor's other professionals with consideration of insurance-related objections to the Debtor's Plan; and (v) regularly communicating with the Debtor and the Debtor's other professionals regarding administrative and strategic issues arising in this case pertaining to the matters noted above.

15. In performing the services detailed in this Application, Blank Rome 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.

16. Pursuant to the terms of the Interim Compensation Order, Blank Rome properly filed and served one Monthly Statement during the Sixth Interim Application Period as follows:

Period Covered by Monthly Statement	**Total Fees**	**Total Expenses**	**Date Served and Docket No.**	**Objection Deadline**	**Amount of Fees Received (80%)**	**Amount of Expenses Received (100%)**
October 1 - 31, 2025	$2,050.65	$0.00	01/12/26 [Docket No.1360]	01/26/26	$0.00	$0.00

17. 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 Statement 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 Statement 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 Blank Rome's Monthly Statement is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

18. Blank Rome has endeavored to represent the Debtor in the most expeditious and economical manner possible. Tasks have been assigned to attorneys at Blank Rome so that the work has been performed by those most familiar with the particular matter or task and by the lowest hourly rate professional appropriate for a particular matter. Moreover, Blank Rome 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. Blank Rome believes it has been successful in this regard.

19. No agreement or understanding exists between Blank Rome 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

20. 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: As set forth in the *Declaration of Kyle Philip Brinkman in Support of the Application of Debtor for Entry of an Order(I) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Blank Rome LLP as Special Insurance Counsel for Effective as of the Petition Date and (II) Granting Related Relief* (the "Brinkman Declaration") [Doc. No. 71, Ex. A], the hourly rates and corresponding rate structure used by Blank Rome have been discounted from its standard rate structure for this engagement consistent with the engagement prior to the Debtor's bankruptcy.

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 excess of budget for this Application.

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: Yes and the client (i) approved these specific rate increases; and (ii) agreed to permit future annual rate increases when retaining Blank Rome.

VI. NOTICE

21. Notice of this Application has been provided in accordance with Bankruptcy Local Rule 1075-1 and the procedures set forth in Article II of the "Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Eastern District of Virginia" and the Interim Compensation Order. Blank Rome submits that no other or further notice need be provided.

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WHEREFORE, Blank Rome respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order, substantially in the form attached hereto (i) approving this Application, (ii) providing that Blank Rome be allowed on interim basis the sum of $2,050.65 as compensation for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtor as special insurance counsel and the sum of $0.00 for reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred for a total of $2,050.65, during the Sixth Application Period, (iii) providing that Blank Rome be allowed on a final basis the sum of $158,071.05 as compensation for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtor as special insurance counsel and the sum of $0.00 for reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred for a total of $158,071.05, during the Final Application Period, (iv) authorizing and directing the Debtor to pay Blank Rome the outstanding amount of such sums, and (v) for such other relief as the Court deems proper and just.

Dated: October 30, 2026
Washington DC

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In re:	:	**Chapter 11**
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Debtor.	:	

ORDER GRANTING SIXTH AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF BLANK ROME LLP AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR AND DEBOR IN POSSESSION, FOR FINAL ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 30, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Upon consideration of the Sixth and Final Fee Application (the "Application")[1] of Blank Rome LLP ("Blank Rome"), special insurance counsel for the debtor and debtor in possession in the above-captioned case (the "Debtor"), for allowance of compensation for professional services rendered and actual and necessary expenses incurred by Blank Rome for the period September 1, 2025, through September 15, 2026 (the "Sixth Interim Application Period"), and for the period June 30, 2024, through September 15, 2026 (the "Final Application Period"); and the Court having reviewed the Application and the Monthly Statement, 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

[1] Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

notice has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and after due deliberation thereon, the Court having concluded that the fees and expenses were necessary, appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances of this case; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Application is GRANTED.

2. Blank Rome is allowed interim compensation in the amount of $2,050.65 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of $0.00 for the Sixth Interim Application Period as requested in the Application.

3. Blank Rome is allowed final compensation in the amount of $158,071.05 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of $0.00 for the Final Application Period as requested in the Application.

4. The Debtor or Reorganized Debtor is authorized and directed to disburse to Blank Rome payment in the amount of the difference between the allowed amounts and the actual monthly payments previously received by Blank Rome for fees and expenses incurred during the Sixth Interim Application Period and Final Application Period.

5. The Debtor or Reorganized Debtor is authorized and empowered to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.

6. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Order.

7. This Order shall be effective immediately upon entry.

Dated: _____, 2026

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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
September 1, 2025 – September 15, 2026

Name of Professional	Position	First Bar Date	Section	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	976.5	2.1	$2,050.65
				Total:	**2.1**	**$2,050.65**
				Blended Rate:		**$976.50**

June 30, 2024 – September 15, 2026

Name of Professional	Position	First Bar Date	Section	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	895.5	110.4	$98,863.20
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	946.19	32.6	$30,845.70
Kyle Brinkman	Partner	2010	Insurance Recovery	976.5	28.50	$27,830.25
Robyn Michaelson	Partner	2014	Insurance Recovery	886.5	0.6	$531.90
Total:					**172.1**	**$158,073.50**
Blended Rate:						**$918.50**

EXHIBIT B

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

September 1, 2025 – September 15, 2026

Project Code	Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.80	$781.20
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement (Including Business Plan)	1.3	$1,269.45
TOTAL		**2.1**	**$2,050.65**

June 30, 2024 – September 15, 2026

Project Code	Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
B120	Asset Analysis and Recovery	12.30	$11,014.65
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	14.00	$12,974.40
B190	Other Contested Matters (excluding assumption/rejection motions)	134.90	$123,438.15
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement (Including Business Plan)	10.90	$10,643.85
TOTAL		**172.10**	**$158,071.05**

EXHIBIT C

EXPENSE SUMMARY

September 1, 2025 – September 15, 2026

Expense Category	Service Provider (if applicable)	Unit Cost (if applicable)	Total Expenses
N/A			
		Total:	**N/A**

June 30, 2024 – September 15, 2026

Expense Category	Service Provider (if applicable)	Unit Cost (if applicable)	Total Expenses
N/A			
		Total:	**N/A**

EXHIBIT D

CUSTOMARY AND COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURES

September 1, 2025 – September 15, 2026

	Blended Hourly Rate[1]	
Category of Timekeeper	**Billed** (Firm for preceding year, excluding the Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights group)	**Billed** (This Application)
All Partners (Equity Partner)	$997.33	$976.50
Counsel	$849.15	N/A
Associate (7+ years)	$777.91	N/A
Associate (4-6)	$707.55	N/A
Associate (1-3)	$638.12	N/A
Paralegal	$426.59	N/A
Legal Assistant	$375.10	N/A
Aggregated (Blended Rates):	**$717.64**	**$976.50**

[1] 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 Blank Rome'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 Blank Rome 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.

June 30, 2024 – September 15, 2026

	Blended Hourly Rate[2]	
Category of Timekeeper	**Billed** (Firm for preceding year, excluding the Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Creditors' Rights group)	**Billed** (This Application)
All Partners (Equity Partner)	$997.33	$976.50
Counsel	$849.15	N/A
Associate (7+ years)	$777.91	N/A
Associate (4-6)	$707.55	N/A
Associate (1-3)	$638.12	N/A
Paralegal	$426.59	N/A
Legal Assistant	$375.10	N/A
Aggregated (Blended Rates):	**$717.64**	**$976.50**

[2] 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 Blank Rome'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 Blank Rome 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
BLANK ROME LLP
September 1, 2025 – September 15, 2026

Period	Estimated Fees
September 1, 2025 – September 15, 2026	$12,500

June 30, 2024 – September 15, 2026

Period	Estimated Fees
June 30, 2024 – September 15, 2026	$180,460

STAFFING PLAN
BLANK ROME LLP
September 1, 2025 – September 15, 2026

Category of Timekeeper (as maintained by the firm)	Number of Timekeepers Expected to Work on the Matter During the Budgeted Period	Average Hourly Rate
Partners	1	$976.50
Counsel	0	N/A
Associates	0	N/A
Paralegal	0	N/A

June 30, 2024 – September 15, 2026

Category of Timekeeper (as maintained by the firm)	Number of Timekeepers Expected to Work on the Matter During the Budgeted Period	Average Hourly Rate
Partners	2	$918.48
Counsel	0	N/A
Associates	0	N/A
Paralegal	0	N/A

EXHIBIT F

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FOURTEENTH 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 OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 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:	October 1 through October 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	$1,640.52 (80% of $2,050.65)
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 October 1 through October 31, 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 $2,050.65 and payment in the amount of $1,640.52 (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 $1,640.52 consisting of (i) $1,640.52, 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.

Dated: January12, 2026
Washington DC

/s/ Kyle P. Brinkman

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EXHIBIT A

Statement of Fees by Subject Matter during the Fee Period

Matter Code	Matter Description	Hours	Fees Requested
B160	Fee/Employment Applications	0.8	$781.20
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement (including Business Plan)	1.3	$1,269.45
TOTAL		**2.1**	**$2,050.65**

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	2.1	$2050.65
Totals					**2.1**	**$2,050.65**

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

BLANKROME

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FEDERAL TAX ID NO. 23-1311874

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

INVOICE DATE: NOVEMBER 04, 2025
CLIENT ID: 200433
MATTER NUMBER: 200433-00003 03358
INVOICE NUMBER: 2320260

REGARDING: HOPEMAN BROTHERS
INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
07/18/2025	2295216	$4,687.20	$0.00	$4,687.20
08/18/2025	2302662	$6,933.15	$0.00	$6,933.15
09/17/2025	2309330	$2,441.25	$0.00	$2,441.25
BALANCE FORWARD				**$14,061.60**
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 10/31/25			$2,050.65	
CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL				**$2,050.65**
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD				**$16,112.25**

REMITTANCE

	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 18th St
ABA Number:	036076150 (Domestic)	Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998
Swift Code	CTZIUS33 (International)	

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

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INSURANCE ADVICE - BANKRUPTCY

FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	CODE	HOURS	AMOUNT
TASK: B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS					
10/13/25	REVIEW AND REVISE BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.4); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.50	488.25
10/14/25	DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO C. RANKIN REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.1); REVIEW AND REVISE BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.2)	K. BRINKMAN	B160	0.30	292.95
	TOTALS FOR B160 FEE/EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS			**0.80**	**781.20**
TASK: B320 PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (INCLUDING BUSINESS PLAN)					
10/31/25	ANALYZE THE BANKRUPTCY COURT'S PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW REGARDING CONFIRMATION OF THE MODIFIED AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION (1.2); DRAFT EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE TO T. BROWN, C. LASCELL, AND R. VAN EPPS REGARDING BLANK ROME'S DRAFT FIFTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION (.1)	K. BRINKMAN	B320	1.30	1,269.45
	TOTALS FOR B320 PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (INCLUDING BUSINESS PLAN)			**1.30**	**1,269.45**
	TOTAL SERVICES				**$2,050.65**

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL **$2,050.65**

HOPEMAN BROTHERS
FILE NUMBER: 200433-00003

INVOICE # 2320260
NOVEMBER 04, 2025

TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
KYLE BRINKMAN	976.50	2.10	2,050.65
TOTALS		**2.10**	**$2,050.65**