UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater	*	MDL No. 2179
Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010	*	SECTION: J
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	*	JUDGE BARBIER
This Document Relates to:	*	
All Cases, Including Nos. 12-968, 12-970,	*	MAG. JUDGE WILKINSON
15-4143, 15-4146, 15-4654		

<u>ORDER</u>

[Adopting Special Master's Recommendations Concerning the Allocation of Common Benefit Fees and the Reimbursement of Shared Expenses and Held Costs (Rec. Doc. 23491)]

This multidistrict litigation ("MDL") arises from the April 20, 2010 blowout, explosions, and fire aboard the DEEPWATER HORIZON semi-submersible drilling rig and the subsequent discharge of oil into the Gulf of Mexico from the Macondo Well. The litigation has been extensive, frequently intense, and extremely complex. It has also resulted in several settlements that are relevant here: the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement ("Economic Settlement," Rec. Doc. 6430), the Medical Benefits Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Medical Settlement," Rec. Doc. 6427), the BP/Gulf States Settlement with Respect to Economic and Other Claims ("Gulf States Settlement," Rec. Doc. 15435), the HESI Punitive Damages and Assigned Claims Settlement Agreement ("Transocean Settlement," Rec. Doc. 14644). In connection with these settlements, defendants BP, HESI, and Transocean agreed to pay, subject to this Court's approval, a combined amount of approximately \$765 million as common benefit attorneys' fees, shared expenses, and held costs, separate from and in addition to benefits received

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by class members and the Gulf States.¹ The Court has periodically ordered that some interim shared expenses be reimbursed,² but over \$700 million remains available to pay common benefit fees and unreimbursed costs. Before the Court is a recommendation from the Special Master as to how these funds should be allocated among the attorneys who performed common benefit work. (Rec. Doc. 23491).

Early in this MDL, the Court adopted Pretrial Order ("PTO") No. 9, which required plaintiffs' attorneys to record time associated with their common benefit efforts and to submit such time, along with any common benefit expenses, to a Court-appointed CPA. (Rec. Doc. 508). On July 15, 2015, the Court entered PTO 59, which set forth a procedure for evaluating and approving common benefit time and expenses. (Rec. Doc. 14863, *amended by* Rec. Docs. 15828, 16020, 18641, 21897). PTO 59 also created and appointed members to the Common Benefit Fee and Cost Committee ("FCC").³ PTO 59 instructed any counsel seeking a common benefit award or expense reimbursement ("Fee Applicants") to first review and audit their firm's submissions to the Court-appointed CPA to assure that time and expense records were complete, accurate, and related only to common benefit work. Fee Applicants were then required to submit to the FCC an affidavit and memorandum in support of their request for common benefit fees and/or cost reimbursement. PTO 59 provided guidelines by which the FCC was to evaluate Fee Applicants' submissions, which included "the relative common benefit contribution of each Fee Applicant to the outcome of the litigation" as well as the factors listed in *Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc.*, 488 F.2d 714,

¹ Specifically, BP agreed to pay up to \$600 million in connection with the Economic Settlement and the Medical Settlement and another \$40 million in connection with the Gulf States Settlement. (Rec. Doc. 6430-46; Rec. Doc. 6427-21; Rec. Doc. 15441). HESI agreed to pay up to \$99.95 million (Rec. Doc. 15322-1 § 23), and Transocean agreed to pay up to \$25 million (Rec. 14644-1 § 23).

² Rec. Docs. 8607, 9520, 10796, 11796, 12664, 13342, 13677, 14432, 15644, 15916.

³ The Court appointed Stephen J. Herman, James P. Roy, Robert T. Cunningham, Brian H. Barr, Calvin C. Fayard, Jr., Robin L. Greenwald, and Dawn M. Barrios to the FCC. The Court also appointed Arnold Levin and Sandra L. Duggan as Special Counsel to the FCC.

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717-19 (5th Cir. 1974).⁴ The FCC received 122 common benefit fee applications. The FCC reviewed these applications and conducted 74 interviews with the Fee Applicants.

On July 21, 2016, the FCC filed an Aggregate Fee Petition with the Court (Rec. Doc. 21098), which the Court approved in an Order & Reasons dated October 25, 2016 (Rec. Doc. 21849; *see also* Rec. Doc. 22252 at 46-48). These rulings established only the aggregate amount that was available to compensate common benefit work, the Court did not determine how the aggregate amount would be allocated among the various common benefit attorneys. The FCC conducted further discussions and deliberations regarding the relative contributions made by each Fee Applicant and an appropriate allocation of the common benefit fees which might ultimately be approved and/or awarded. The FCC provided a preliminary allocation recommendation to the Fee Applicants on February 15, 2017. The FCC invited Fee Applicants to raise any objections, concerns, or questions by March 17, 2017. The FCC received 19 written responses. On April 11, 2017, following several additional in-person and telephonic meetings between the FCC and some of the responding Fee Applicants, the FCC filed its Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursement and Fee Allocation ("FCC's Allocation Recommendation") with the Court. (Rec. Doc. 22628).

The Court appointed John W. Perry, Jr. as a Special Master and referred to him the FCC's Allocation Recommendation and any comments or objections to same. (Rec. Docs. 21281, 21898). The Court instructed Special Master Perry to consider the submissions and relevant

⁴ The *Johnson* factors are (1) the time and labor required; (2) the novelty and difficulty of the issues; (3) the skill required to perform the legal service adequately; (4) the preclusion of other employment by the attorney because he accepted this case; (5) the customary fee for similar work in the community; (6) whether the fee is fixed or contingent; (7) time limitations imposed by the client or the circumstances; (8) the amount involved and the results obtained; (9) the experience, reputation, and ability of the attorneys; (10) the undesirability of the case; (11) the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client; and (12) awards in similar cases.

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evidence and prepare an impartial second recommended allocation. One week after the FCC filed its Allocation Recommendation, the Special Master issued "Special Master Order No. 1," which required that any objections to the FCC's Allocation Recommendation be submitted in writing to the Special Master by May 25, 2017. (Rec. Doc. 22727). The Special Master then met with each of the objectors, giving them an opportunity to elaborate on the reasons for their objections. The Special Master also met with members of the FCC and other non-objecting Fee Applicants. These efforts resulted in the "Special Master's Recommendations Concerning the Allocation of Common Benefit Fees and the Reimbursement of Shared Expenses and Held Costs" ("Special Master's Recommendation"), which was filed with the Court on October 12, 2017 (Rec. Doc. 23491) and is appended to this Order. The Special Master reports that, prior to filing with the Court, he circulated his Recommendation to all Fee Applicants and provided them with an opportunity to object. The Special Master further reports that a few of the Fee Applicants had questions, but none objected. The Special Master states that his Recommendation is fair and should be approved by the Court. (Rec. Doc. 23491 at 12).

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53(f)(2) typically gives a party 21 days to file an objection to a special master's recommendation, but it permits a court to set a different time. Considering that there were multiple opportunities for objections, first to the FCC and then to the Special Master, and further considering that none of the Fee Applicants appeared to object to the Special Master's Recommendation, the Court gave the parties one week, or until October 20, 2017, to file any objections. (Rec. Doc. 23494). Both the Special Master's Recommendation and the Court's order setting the deadline for objections were filed in the Court's electronic docket and posted on the Court's public website for MDL 2179, <u>http://www.laed.uscourts.gov/OilSpill/OilSpill.htm</u>.

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The Court has received no objections to the Special Master's Recommendation, and the deadline for objecting has now passed.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 53(f)(1) permits a court to "adopt or affirm, modify, wholly or partly reject or reverse, or resubmit to the master with instructions" a recommendation from a special master. Rule 53(f)(3)-(4) requires a court to decide de novo "all objections" to findings of fact or conclusions of law made or recommended by a special master. Because the Court has received no objections, timely or otherwise, to the Special Master's Recommendation, there is nothing for the Court to decide de novo. The Court previously performed a detailed analysis under the *Johnson* factors when it considered the requests for an aggregate common benefit fee and expense award, and found such aggregate awards to be reasonable and fair. (*See* Rec. Doc. 21849, 22252, 22253) Moreover, the Court has reviewed the Special Master's Recommendation and finds that it appears to be a reasonable and fair allocation of common benefit attorneys' fees and expense reimbursements. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(f), the Court hereby ADOPTS in full the Special Master's Recommendations Concerning the Allocation of Common Benefit Fees and the Reimbursement of Shared Expenses and Held Costs (Rec. Doc. 23491, a copy of which is attached to this Order) as the Court's own Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in conformance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 52(a), 54(d)(2), and 23(h).

New Orleans, Louisiana this 24th day of October, 2017.

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United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010 MDL No. 2179 SECTION: J

JUDGE BARBIER

This Document Relates to: All Cases, including 12-970 & 12-968

MAG. JUDGE WILKINSON

Special Master's Recommendations Concerning the Allocation of Common Benefit Fees and the Reimbursement of Shared Expenses and Held Costs

The Court has tasked the undersigned, as Special Master, with the assignment of fairly allocating the funds which are available for common benefit attorneys' fees, shared expenses, and held costs. The Special Master submits these Recommendations in response to that assignment.

I. The Deepwater Horizon drilling rig blows out, leading to massive litigation.

On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig, located about 42 miles off Louisiana's Gulf coast, blew out.¹ Eleven men died and numerous others sustained injuries.² Millions of barrels of oil flowed into the Gulf over the next several weeks.³ Individuals and businesses throughout the region claimed they were impacted by the oil. Lawsuits followed. On

 $^{2}Id.$

¹R. Doc. 13381-1 at 6.

³R. Doc. 14021 at 44.

August 10, 2010, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation combined the federal litigation before Judge Carl Barbier.⁴ What ensued has been the very definition of "complex litigation."

II. Plaintiffs' counsel litigate the matter and achieve settlements worth billions of dollars.

From the outset, the Court appointed several attorneys to aid in and manage the prosecution of the MDL. First, the Court appointed Co-Liaison Counsel: James P. Roy (Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, L.L.C.) and Stephen J. Herman (Herman Herman & Katz, LLC).⁵ Next, the Court appointed a Plaintiffs' Executive Committee: James P. Roy (Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, L.L.C.); Stephen J. Herman (Herman Herman & Katz, LLC); Brian Barr (Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A.); and P. Scott Summy (Baron & Budd, P.C.).⁶ Finally, the Court appointed a Plaintiffs' Steering Committee: Brian H. Barr (Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A.); Jeffrey A. Breit (Breit, Drescher & Imprevento); Elizabeth J. Cabraser (Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein); Philip F. Cossich, Jr. (Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, L.L.C.); Robert T. Cunningham (Cunningham Bounds, LLC); Alphonso Michael Espy (Morgan & Morgan PA); Calvin C. Fayard, Jr.(Fayard & Honeycutt APC); Robin L. Greenwald (Weitz & Luxenberg P.C.); Ervin A. Gonzalez (Colson Hicks Edison); Rhon E. Jones (Beasley Allen Law Firm); Matthew E. Lundy (Lundy, Lundy, Soileau & South, LLP); Michael C. Palmintier (deGravelles, Palmintier, Holthaus & Frugé); Paul M. Sterbcow (Lewis, Kullman, Sterbcow &

- ⁵R. Doc. 110.
- ⁶R. Doc. 506.

⁴R. Doc. 1.

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Abramson, LLC); P. Scott Summy (Baron & Budd, P.C.); and Mikal C. Watts (Watts Guerra LLP).⁷ The Court appointed James P. Roy (Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards, L.L.C.) and Stephen J. Herman (Herman Herman & Katz, LLC) as *ex-officio* members of the PSC.⁸ The Court later appointed additional members to the PSC, including Joseph F. Rice (Motley Rice LLC) and Conrad S.P. "Duke" Williams, III (Williams Law Group, LLC).⁹

The PSC enlisted the assistance of other law firms from around the Gulf and throughout the country, and organized such common benefit attorneys into work groups, including, initially: Administration (depository, privilege, electronic discovery, etc.); Legal Research & Writing; Written Discovery; Science, Environmental, and Damages; Jurisdiction; Deposition and Trial Prep Teams; Punitive Damages; Insurance; and Gulf Coast Claims Facility ("GCCF"). These working groups were originally comprised of 45 formal work group coordinators (of whom 33 were from non-PSC firms) and 83 formal work group members, (of whom 69 were from non-PSC firms).¹⁰

Over the next several years, plaintiffs' counsel pursued several defendants, including BP (the primary leaseholder of the well site), Halliburton ("HESI") (the contractor that provided cementing and mudlogging services), and Transocean (the owner of the Deepwater Horizon). These efforts eventually resulted in settlements worth billions of dollars.

As the Court has observed, the work performed by plaintiffs' counsel for the common benefit can be subdivided into several undertakings: the "War Room"/document depository; master pleadings and briefing; discovery and preparation for Phase One and Phase Two trials; motion to enjoin and/or supervise GCCF; the initial hold-back on settlement payments; the economic and

¹⁰R. Doc. 21849 at 5.

 $^{^{7}}Id.$

⁸R. Doc. 110.

⁹R. Docs. 11557 and 7350.

medical settlements; implementation and approval of the settlements; disputes over the economic settlement following final approval; disputes over the medical settlement following final approval; the Phase One and Phase Two trials; other settlements; OPA test cases; and other common benefit efforts.¹¹ While not necessarily equal in importance or labor-intensity, each of these undertakings contributed to the overall result.

III. The Court concludes that plaintiffs' counsel have earned compensation for their efforts on behalf of the common benefit.

The Court eventually awarded common benefit fees and expenses for the BP, HESI, and Transocean settlements.¹² Furthermore, a separate settlement involving BP and several governmental entities yielded an agreement to pay the common benefit attorneys an additional \$40 million.¹³ All told, more than \$700 million currently is available to pay common benefit fees and to reimburse shared expenses and held costs.

IV. The Court sets forth a process to allocate common benefit fees and expenses.

On October 8, 2010, the Court adopted Pretrial Order No. 9, governing plaintiffs' attorneys' time and expense submissions.¹⁴ As is typical in MDL litigation, the Court set guidelines designed to allow attorneys to make a contemporaneous record of common benefit time and expenses to

¹¹*Id.* at 5-27.

¹²R. Doc. 21849.

¹³R. Doc. 15441.

¹⁴R. Doc. 508.

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support a later recovery. The Court directed the attorneys to submit time and expense records to Philip Garrett, the Court-appointed accountant.

On July 15, 2015, the Court entered Pretrial Order No. 59, setting forth a procedure for evaluating and approving common benefit time and expenses.¹⁵ The Court adopted a five-step process, all of which have been completed. The final step bears further discussion.

The Court appointed a Common Benefit Fee and Cost Committee ("FCC") with the following members: Stephen J. Herman of Herman, Herman & Katz, LLC (Co-Chair and Secretary); James P. Roy of Domengeaux Wright Roy Edwards & Colomb LLC (Co-Chair), Robert T. Cunningham of Cunningham Bounds, LLC; Brian H. Barr of Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, P.A.; Calvin C. Fayard, Jr. of Fayard & Honeycutt, APC; Robin L. Greenwald of Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C.; and Dawn M. Barrios of Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, L.L.P. The Court also appointed Arnold Levin and Sandra L. Duggan of Levin, Fishbein, Sedran & Berman as Special Counsel to the FCC. The Court directed the FCC to "recommend an allocation of the amounts awarded by the Court to compensate counsel for common benefit fees and reimbursement of reasonable expenses."¹⁶

Pretrial Order No. 59 set forth the criteria that the FCC was to consider in reviewing an application for common benefit fees and costs. First, the FCC was to consider the intensity and duration of the applicant's contribution to the common benefit.

The FCC's implementation of this Order and its recommendation to the Court regarding allocation of the Common Benefit Fee and Costs Award should be governed and guided by this comprehensive

¹⁶Id. at ¶ 24.

¹⁵R. Doc. 14863.

statement of general principles. The over-arching guideline that the FCC is to consider is the relative common benefit contribution of each Fee Applicant to the outcome of the litigation, including whether the Fee Applicant:

- a. Made no known material common benefit contribution to the litigation;
- b. Made isolated material common benefit contributions, but mostly "monitored" the material common benefit efforts of other firms and perhaps performed some document review;
- c. Made periodic material common benefit contributions and/or mostly performed document review;
- d. Made consistent material common benefit contributions from inception of the litigation through 2013;
- e. Made consistent material common benefit contributions from inception of the litigation through the current date;
- f. Was a leader taking primary responsibility to accomplish the goals of the PSC and was heavily relied upon by Co-Liaison Counsel and provided consistent material common benefit contributions, full-time at times, from inception of the litigation through 2013;
- g. Was a leader taking primary responsibility to accomplish the goals of the PSC and was heavily relied upon by Co-Liaison Counsel and provided consistent material common benefit contributions, full-time at times, from inception of the litigation through the current date;
- h. Was a senior leader taking primary responsibility to accomplish the goals of the PSC, organized others and/or led a team of common benefit attorneys and was heavily relied upon by Co-Liaison Counsel and provided consistent material common benefit contributions almost full-time for a substantial time during the litigation; or
- i. Was a senior leader providing maximum senior leadership effort in terms of intensity, consistency, and duration relative to all other common benefit counsel, taking primary responsibility for entire litigation to accomplish the goals of

the PSC, engaging in overall strategic planning since the inception of the litigation, organizing others and/or leading one or more teams of common benefit attorneys, providing consistent material common benefit contributions, virtually full-time for much of the litigation, and will likely continue to assume a key leadership role for several more years.¹⁷

Next, the FCC was to apply the factors outlined in Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express,

*Inc.*¹⁸ factors to the application for fees and costs:

The FCC will implement additional processes to provide appropriate deliberative fairness to the Fee Applicants. The process outlined herein will afford Fee Applicants an opportunity to advocate their positions, in addition to providing time and expense record submissions and a Fee Affidavit. The FCC will be guided by governing fee jurisprudence to identify the factors that should be applied in making appropriate common benefit fee allocations. The Johnson factors are applicable to this litigation and should be considered in addition to other matters considered by the courts to evaluate fee allocations.... As such, the FCC should determine and weigh the following criteria: (1) the time and labor required; (2) the novelty and difficulty of the questions; (3) the skill requisite to perform the legal service properly; (4) the preclusion of other employment by the attorney due to acceptance of the case; (5) the customary fee; (6) whether the fee is fixed or contingent; (7) time limitations imposed by the client or the circumstances; (8) the amount involved and the results obtained; (9) the experience, reputation, and ability of the attorneys; (10) the "undesirability" of the case; (11) the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client; and (12) awards in similar cases.¹⁹

In deciding how to allocate the common benefit fees, the FCC was guided not only by

Pretrial Order No. 59, but also recent jurisprudence discussing the appropriate methodology for

common benefit allocation. That jurisprudence recognizes that the aim of the allocation process is

 17 *Id.* at ¶ 26.

¹⁸488 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974), *abrogated on other grounds*, *Blanchard v. Bergeron*, 489 U.S. 87, 109 S.Ct. 939, 103 L.Ed.2d 67 (1989).

¹⁹R. Doc. 14863 at ¶ 27.

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to reward work according to its value to the common benefit effort. This means that not all hours

are equal:

[T]here is a growing trend in this country to use a blended approach to determine the appropriate common benefit fee in an MDL. As the Court has explained before:

> In a case of this kind, not all types of work are created equal. Hours spent taking depositions, participating in hearings, or trials, actively participating in developing the appropriate litigation strategies and tactics (through moot court presentations or similar practices), drafting briefs, actively participating in Court conferences, arguing motions, negotiating with opposing counsel to reach a settlement, and actively managing and organizing the administrative aspects of the case are some of the more significant types of work that a case of this sort requires and deserves he most recognition. This, of course, is not the only type of work that such a case requires. Documents must be reviewed, categorized, and analyzed; e-mails must be read and responded to; claimants must be kept advised; meetings must be attended and in general the litigation must be monitored. This work, while necessary and often time consuming does not deserve equal treatment when allotting fees.

.... In short, there is a hierarchy of value for work that tends to have a greater impact on the litigation and generates more "common benefit." Such work deserves greater compensation. This is not a unique concept. It is a common practice in the legal profession to bill certain work at a higher rate than other work. Mechanically calculating hours and allocating fees solely on that basis would incentivize padded hours and diminish the work that truly moved the litigation toward its conclusion.²⁰

²⁰In re Vioxx Prods. Liab. Litig., 802 F.Supp.2d 740, 772-73 (E.D. La. 2011), quoting Turner v. Murphy Oil USA, Inc., 582 787, 810-11 (E.D. La. 2008).

V. The FCC does its job.

In this case, the FCC reviewed the time and expense submissions (after they had been audited by the Court-appointed accountant), as well as the fee affidavits and memoranda submitted by all common benefit fee applicants. The FCC also conducted interviews with representatives of the applicant firms. Many of the firms subsequently withdrew some or all of their time or expenses. The FCC then submitted an aggregate fee petition, which the Court approved.²¹

With the aggregate fund established, the FCC turned to the task of allocating it among the firms that had contributed to the common benefit. After considering 122 common benefit applications, the FCC unanimously adopted and issued a preliminary recommendation on February 15, 2017. The FCC invited comments upon the recommendation on or before March 17, 2017. The FCC received 19 timely comments, 15 of which were styled as formal objections. In response to the comments, the FCC conducted several in-person or telephonic meetings with the respective applicants. Finally, on April 11, 2017, the FCC issued its Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation.²²

VI. The Special Master does his job.

Pretrial Order No. 59, both as originally entered and as amended, anticipated the possibility that the Court would appoint a Special Master to review the FCC's recommendation.²³ On July 28, 2016, the Court entered an order appointing the undersigned as Special Master with the duty of

²³R. Docs. 14863, 15828, 16020, 18641, and 21897.

²¹R. Docs. 21849 and 22252.

²²R. Doc. 22628.

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making recommendations concerning attorney's fees and expenses.²⁴ The Court later amended and supplemented the order on November 10, 2016, specifying that the Special Master's assignment extended to funds arising from the BP, HESI, Transocean, and State settlements.²⁵

On April 18, 2017, the undersigned entered Special Master Order No. 1, setting forth the initial procedure for conducting ex parte meetings with Objectors.²⁶ The Special Master personally met with all objectors, giving them an opportunity to elaborate on the reasons for their objections. On July 28, 2017, the undersigned entered Special Master Order No. 2, setting forth a September 1, 2017 deadline for attempted resolution of the outstanding differences among the firms.²⁷ Special Master Order No. 2 also set forth a September 15, 2017 deadline for firms to make formal submissions into the Special Master's evidentiary record.²⁸ Despite the passage of the September 1 deadline, the Special Master continued his efforts to resolve the firms' differences. Because these efforts were ongoing, the Special Master canceled the September 15, 2017 deadline to make submissions into the evidentiary record.²⁹ As part of these continuing efforts, the Special Master communicated with members of the FCC and other non-objecting common benefit applicants. Eventually, these efforts resulted in a proposed allocation (reflected below) that the Special Master circulated to all of the firms listed in the FCC's April 11, 2017 recommendation (even those firms

- ²⁶R. Doc. 22727.
- ²⁷R. Doc. 23089 at ¶ 2.
- ²⁸R. Doc. 23089 at ¶ 3.
- ²⁹R. Doc. 23391.

²⁴R. Doc. 21281.

²⁵R. Doc. 21898.

for which the FCC recommended no common benefit compensation). The Special Master gave the

firms a period of time to object. A few firms had questions, but none objected.

Even though none of the potential common benefit firms has objected to the resolution which

has been circulated, the Special Master has reviewed the allocation for fairness. In doing so, the

Special Master has applied a methodology based on the following principles:

- The blended approach rather than the lodestar method is appropriate for determining the common benefit fee allocation in this matter, for the reasons described in *Vioxx, supra*.
- The FCC's recommendation included narrative characterizations of the common benefit contributions of each firm. After meeting with the objectors and reviewing their materials, the Special Master concludes that these characterizations are accurate (although the objectors did provide further detail). Rather than re-state the FCC's findings in this respect, the Special Master wholly adopts the FCC's characterizations.
- Generally speaking, the firms can be divided into three categories: those that were represented on the FCC; those that objected to the FCC's recommendation; and other firms.³⁰
 - Firms represented on the FCC. Whenever a fee committee has the responsibility of allocating funds between its members and other firms, the potential for conflict (or at least appearance of conflict) is obvious.³¹ Therefore, for those firms that were represented on the FCC, the Special Master should scrutinize proposed awards with this in mind.
 - Firms that objected to the FCC's recommendation. The Court and the Special Master established procedures that allowed objectors to explain any deficiencies in the FCC's recommendation. The Special Master conducted a series of meetings and reviewed materials which allowed him to scrutinize the fairness of the FCC's recommendation for each objector in light of the objector's presentation. The objectors are entitled to individual scrutiny based on the FCC's recommendation and

³⁰One firm (Fayard & Honeycutt, APC) that was represented on the FCC filed an objection to the FCC's recommendation.

³¹*In re High Sulfur Content Gasoline Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 517 F.3d 220, 234-35 (5th Cir. 2008). The members of the FCC in this case have displayed the highest degree of integrity. Nevertheless, the fact that their responsibility in allocating fees puts them in an inherently conflictual position requires a high level of scrutiny, which undoubtedly is why the Court adopted a process with review by a Special Master.

these presentations.³²

• Other firms. Firms that were neither represented on the FCC nor objected were also entitled to scrutiny. But the Special Master recognized that the FCC's recommended allocations to these firms were not the result of potential conflicts (unlike the firms that were represented on the FCC). Given the FCC's narrative characterizations (to which these firms did not object), the only question is whether the allocations recommended by the FCC and agreed to by the applicant firms are fair.

The Special Master was personally involved in the discussions that resulted in the resolution, and is familiar with the rationale behind it. The objectors believed that they deserved more money than the FCC had recommended. The limited nature of the funds available required some firms to voluntarily accept less money. Several did. These included all but one of the firms that were represented on the FCC, along with several other firms that were not represented on the FCC. None of the three of the categories of firms previously mentioned (firms represented on the FCC, firms that objected to the FCC's recommendation, and other firms) was immune to allocation adjustments.

The Special Master monitored the FCC while it was performing its work. He reviewed the FCC's recommendation. He met with objectors and reviewed their materials. He has been personally involved in the discussions that led to the resolution (to which no firm has objected). Finally, he has reviewed the resolution for fairness.³³ The Special Master concludes that the resolution, as reflected in detail below, is fair and should be approved by the Court.

³²The Special Master offered each objector the opportunity to make a formal record. No objector chose to do so.

³³The Special Master recognizes that valuing common benefit efforts is at times more of an art than a science. Although there undoubtedly are some wrong answers, there likewise can be more than one right answer. It is quite possible that, if the firms had not reached the resolution reflected herein, the Special Master may very well have recommended a different result. In that vein, the Special Master is grateful that so many firms accepted less than they believed that they deserved so that this matter could be resolved in an expeditious and professional manner.

VII. Firm-by-firm analysis and recommendations.

Amedee, Roy F., Jr. (Law Offices of Roy F. Amedee, Jr.)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 89.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation³⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee.

³⁴R. Doc. 22628.

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$4,789.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 2,336.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation³⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,789.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,291,576.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,789.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,291,576.47 for common benefit fee.

Andry Law Group, LLC

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$165,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$9,500.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 4,091.60 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation³⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$9,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,583,152.95 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$9,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,583,152.95 for common benefit fee.

Aylstock Witkin Kreiss & Overholtz, PLLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$50,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation³⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Bagwell, David A. (David A. Bagwell, Attorney at Law)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred \$4,856.15 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 691.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation³⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,856.15 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$645,788.24 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,856.15 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$645,788.24 for common benefit fee.

Barker Boudreaux Lamy & Foley

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$10,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation³⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Baron & Budd, P.C.

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$412,500.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 13,049.15 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁴⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,⁴¹ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$412,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,998,917.71 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

 40 *Id*.

⁴¹R. Doc. 22727.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$412,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,998,917.71 for common benefit fee.

Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$6,263.71 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 928.10 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁴² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$6,263.71 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,266,576.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

⁴²R. Doc. 22628.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$6,263.71 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,266,576.47 for common benefit fee.

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$520,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 25,202.05 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁴³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with representatives of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,⁴⁴ at which time the representatives had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and

 43 *Id*.

⁴⁴R. Doc. 22727.

all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$520,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$28,039,953.04 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$520,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$28,039,953.04 for common benefit fee.

Becker and Hebert

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$4,141.69 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,728.35 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁴⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,141.69 for reimbursement of held costs; and

⁴⁵R. Doc. 22628.

\$452,051.76 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,141.69 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$452,051.76 for common benefit fee.

Beevers & Beevers, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$552.45 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 93.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁴⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$552.45 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$96,868.24 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$552.45 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$96,868.24 for common benefit fee.

Berniard Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁴⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Bilek Law Firm, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$50,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$10,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,052.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁴⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,⁴⁹ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for

 48 *Id*.

⁴⁹R. Doc. 22727.

reimbursement of shared expenses; \$10,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,526,452.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$10,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,526,452.00 for common benefit fee.

Bilzin, Sumberg, Baena, Price & Axelrod

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$33,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$3,452.32 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 275.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,452.32 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$124,000.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

⁵⁰R. Doc. 22628.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,452.32 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$124,000.00 for common benefit fee.

Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$548.12 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 178.20 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$548.12 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$45,205.18 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$548.12 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$45,205.18 for common benefit fee.

Breit, Drescher, Imprevento & Walker, P.C.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$285,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 19,173.26 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,⁵³ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and

 52 *Id*.

⁵³R. Doc. 22727.

all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$285,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$26,831,529.52 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$285,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$26,831,529.52 for common benefit fee.

Brent Coon & Associates

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$65,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$3,464.40 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,539.95 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,464.40 for reimbursement of held costs; and

⁵⁴R. Doc. 22628.

\$361,641.41 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,464.40 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$361,641.41 for common benefit fee.

Bruno and Bruno

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$26,904.27 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 6,535.40 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$26,904.27 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$4,520,517.67 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$26,904.27 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$4,520,517.67 for common benefit fee.

Center for Biological Diversity

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 20.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,373.65 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,373.65 for common

benefit fee.

• Chhabra and Gibbs, P.A.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$2,959.40 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,281.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,959.40 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$387,472.95 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Clark, Lange (Law Office of Lange Clark, PC)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$4,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 143.45 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$75,000.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Cochran Firm, PC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$118,962.75 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁵⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$118,962.75 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Colson Hicks Eidson

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs,

This firm has incurred \$107,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 9,311.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$107,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$7,649,458.85 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor, LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$230,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 11,225.85 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with representatives of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,⁶² at which time the representatives had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$230,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$15,124,188.28 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for

 61 *Id*.

⁶²R. Doc. 22727.

reimbursement of shared expenses; \$230,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$15,124,188.28 for common benefit fee.

Cunningham Bounds, LLC

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$620,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 21,732.84 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$620,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$39,681,104.06 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

⁶³R. Doc. 22628.

Cutter Law, PC (f/k/a Kershaw, Cutter)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$33,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$9,988.28 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 173.60 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$9,988.28 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$50,000.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Dampier, Stephen (Stephen Dampier Law Offices)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Davis Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Davis, Gary A. (Gary A. Davis & Associates)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$605.01 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 163.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$605.01 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$51,663.06 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

deGravelles, Palmintier, Holthaus & Fruge, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$120,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 22,294.05 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$120,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$25,731,529.52 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Diaz Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$24,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,505.95 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁶⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$24,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,000,971.77 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Diliberto & Kirin LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Dodson, Hooks & Frederick

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 4,479.35 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,000,971.77 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Domengeaux Wright Roy & Edwards

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$260,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 51,000.72 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$260,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$81,767,123.53 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Dugan Firm

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Duval, Funderburk, Sundbery, Lovell & Watkins

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$15,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,797.63 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$15,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,291,576.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Eastland Law Offices, PLLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$231.27 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 2,013.25 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$231.27 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$355,183.53 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Evers Law Group

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$4,208.48 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 991.30 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,208.48 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$471,425.42 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Fayard & Honeycutt, APC and Calvin C. Fayard, Jr., APC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$225,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 25,881.79 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,⁷⁸ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$225,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$36,164,141.32 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for

⁷⁷*Id*.

⁷⁸R. Doc. 22727.

reimbursement of shared expenses; \$225,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$36,164,141.32 for common benefit fee.

Finkelstein Thompson LLP

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$945.20 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 25.25 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁷⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$945.20 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,373.65 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

⁷⁹R. Doc. 22628.

Fishman, Haygood, Phelps, Walmsley, Willis & Swanson

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred \$2,848.75 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 645.35 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,848.75 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$258,315.30 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Friedlander, Gregory M. (Gregory M. Friedlander & Assoc.)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$25,000.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Friedman Dazzio

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$9,200.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 675.85 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$9,200.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$129,157.65 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Gainsburgh, Benjamin, David, Meunier & Warshauer, LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$9,773.83 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 716.05 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$9,773.83 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$904,103.53 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Gilbert LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$5,654.03 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,059.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$5,654.03 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,033,261.18 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Girardi & Keese

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Glago Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Goldberg Finnegan Mester

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$749.77 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 296.40 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$749.77 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Grossman Roth, P.A.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$115,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$4,500.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 189.30 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$124,000.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Healy, George W., IV (George W. Healy IV & Assoc.)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$1,060.85 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 562.60 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁸⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,060.85 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$129,157.65 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Herman, Fred (Law Office of Fred Herman)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$33,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Herman, Herman & Katz

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$112,493.87 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 57,849.40 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$112,493.87 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$81,767,123.53 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Hilliard Munoz Gonzales, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

Irpino Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$240,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$60,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 18,453.45 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,⁹⁴ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$60,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$15,207,341.23 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$60,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$15,207,341.23

 93 *Id*.

⁹⁴R. Doc. 22727.

for common benefit fee.

Johnston, Neil C. (Law Office of Neil C. Johnston)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 15.20 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$15,498.66 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

⁹⁵R. Doc. 22628.

Jones Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$10,950.87 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,555.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$10,950.87 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,291,576.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$10,950.87 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,291,576.47 for common benefit fee.

Jones Ward PLC (f/k/a Bahe Cook Cantley & Jones PLC)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 666.21 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$129,157.65 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$129,157.65 for common benefit fee.

King, Krebs & Jurgens, PLLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation⁹⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$12,915.55 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$12,915.55 for common benefit fee.

Koederitz Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 151.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$32,289.41 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$32,289.41 for common benefit fee.

Kozyak, Tropin & Throckmorton, P.A.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Kreindler & Kreindler LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$165,000.00 in shared expenses which have been

 101 *Id*.

reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$76.60 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 5,172.60 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$76.60 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$3,874,729.42 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$76.60 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$3,874,729.42 for common benefit fee.

• Lambert Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$4,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 48.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,373.65 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$4,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,373.65 for common benefit fee.

Lamothe Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$796.40 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 346.60 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$796.40 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$96,868.24 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$796.40 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$96,868.24 for common benefit fee.

Landry, David L. (The Law Office of David L. Landry)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

 104 *Id*.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$12,915.55 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$12,915.55 for common benefit fee.

Lanier Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

 105 *Id*.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

• Lee Tran & Liang

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$65,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements

 106 *Id*.

and Fee Allocation¹⁰⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Leger & Shaw

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$240,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$15,017.87 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 6,235.85 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to

 107 *Id*.

 108 *Id*.

the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$15,017.87 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$9,041,035.33 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$15,017.87 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$9,041,035.33 for common benefit fee.

Lemmon Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$5,593.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,217.25 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁰⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$5,593.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,041,522.37 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$5,593.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,041,522.37 for common benefit fee.

Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$260,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 10,287.35 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$260,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$22,245,477.43 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$260,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$22,245,477.43 for common benefit fee.

Levin Sedran & Berman

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$25,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 2,157.90 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and

all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$25,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,291,576.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$25,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,291,576.47 for common benefit fee.

Lewis, Kullman, Sterbcow & Abramson

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$72,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 15,785.55 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹¹³ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

 112 *Id*.

¹¹³R. Doc. 22727.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$72,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$30,664,682.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$72,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$30,664,682.47 for common benefit fee.

Lewis Tein, PL

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$10,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and

¹¹⁴R. Doc. 22628.

all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$590,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 11,670.45 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$590,000.00 for reimbursement

of held costs; and \$18,082,070.66 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$590,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$18,082,070.66 for common benefit fee.

Lockridge, Grindal & Nauen, PLLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

• Lovelace Law Firm PA

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$3,139.37 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 117.45 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,130.37 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$38,747.29 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of

shared expenses; \$3,130.37 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$38,747.29 for common benefit fee.

Lundy, Lundy, Soileau & South

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred \$212,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 12,654.45 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$212,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,919,435.38 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$212,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$19,919,435.38 for common benefit fee.

Martzell Bickford & Centola

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$33,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$37,500.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 7,781.25 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹¹⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹²⁰ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$37,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$5,228,941.19 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$37,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$5,228,941.19 for

 $^{^{119}}$ *Id*.

¹²⁰R. Doc. 22727.

common benefit fee.

Matthews, Lawson, McCutcheon & Joseph

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred \$230,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 10,858.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$230,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$8,345,247.09 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$230,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$8,345,247.09 for common benefit fee.

¹²¹R. Doc. 22628.

McCorvey, Derriel C. (Law Office of Darriel C. McCorvey)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$1,660.38 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 501.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,660.38 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$322,894.12 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,660.38 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$322,894.12 for common benefit fee.

McKenzie Hall & De La Piedra, PA

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$3,810.36 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 408.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,810.36 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$161,447.06 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,810.36 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$161,447.06 for common benefit fee.

Morgan & Morgan

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$200,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 12,796.40 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$200,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$15,498,917.71 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$200,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$15,498,917.71 for common benefit fee.

Morris Bart, L.L.C.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$10,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Motley Rice, LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$1,769,017.97 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 24,700.80 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with representatives of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹²⁷ at which time the representatives had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,769,017.97 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$46,147,294.27 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

 126 *Id*.

¹²⁷R. Doc. 22727.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,769,017.97 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$46,147,294.27 for common benefit fee.

Murray Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$80,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 5,530.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$80,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,583,152.95 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of

¹²⁸R. Doc. 22628.

shared expenses; \$80,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,583,152.95 for common benefit fee.

Musslewhite & Associates, PC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$33,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

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This firm has incurred \$2,800.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 702.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹²⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,800.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$142,073.42 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,800.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$142,073.42 for common benefit fee.

Nast Law LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Neblett, Beard & Arsenault

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Penton Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$165,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$26,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 5,699.70 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with representatives of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹³³ at which time the representatives had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$26,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$10,026,564.73 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$26,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$10,026,564.73

 132 *Id*.

¹³³R. Doc. 22727.

for common benefit fee.

• Podhurst Orseck, P.A.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

¹³⁴R. Doc. 22628.

Ranier Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$3,499.46 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 493.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,499.46 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$684,535.54 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,499.46 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$684,535.54 for common benefit fee.

Reeves & Mestayer

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$610.28 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 111.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$610.28 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$610.28 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee.

Reich & Binstock, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$23,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$40,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 974.82 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$40,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$161,447.06 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$40,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$161,447.06 for common benefit fee.

Rhine Law Firm, P.C.

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Schechter, McElwee, Shaffer & Harris, LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 83.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹³⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee.

Searcy, Denney, Scarola, Barnhart & Shipley, PA

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$65,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Seeger Weiss

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$50,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$25,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 489.70 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$25,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$516,630.59 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$25,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$516,630.59 for common benefit fee.

Shelby Roden, LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$6,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 260.25 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$6,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$51,663.06 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$6,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$51,663.06 for common benefit fee.

Sher Garner Cahill Richter Klein & Hilbert

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$12,722.20 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 2,706.40 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$12,722.20 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,679,049.42 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$12,722.20 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$1,679,049.42 for common benefit fee.

Simmons, Hanly, Conroy (f/k/a Hanly Conroy Bierstein Sheridan Fisher & Hayes, LLP)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$165,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$146,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 5,317.11 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$146,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$5,166,305.90 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$146,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$5,166,305.90 for common benefit fee.

Singleton Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$2,571.73 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,571.73 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,571.73 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Spagnoletti & Co.

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$3,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 139.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$3,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$64,578.82 for common benefit fee.

State of Alabama Office of Attorney General

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This office has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This office has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This office has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This office has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴⁷ included a narrative description of this office's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this office an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The office did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this office receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Tammy Tran Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Taylor Martino

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$10,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁴⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Tebbutt, Charles M. (Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$1,917.49 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1449.45 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,917.49 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$387,472.95 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,917.49 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$387,472.95 for common benefit fee.

Thornhill Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$215,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$30,500.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 5,974.57 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵¹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$30,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$7,972,352.98 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$30,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$7,972,352.98 for common benefit fee.

Ungar & Byrne APLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$10,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Vincent, William S. (Law Office of William S. Vincent)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 691.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$193,736.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$193,736.47 for common benefit fee.

Waite, Schneider, Bayless & Chesley

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$65,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$13,918.89 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,590.75 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$13,918.89 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$96,868.24 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$13,918.89 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$96,868.24 for common benefit fee.

Waitz Law Firm

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$10,000.000 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$10,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$10,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

Walters, Papillion, Thomas, Cullens, LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$13,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 166.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵⁶ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$38,747.29 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$38,747.29 for common benefit fee.

Waltzer, Wiygul & Garside, LLP (f/k/a Waltzer & Wiygul, LLP)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$50,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$2,123.94 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 3,282.69 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with representatives of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹⁵⁸ at which time the representatives had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,123.94 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,679,049.42 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$2,123.94 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$2,679,049.42 for

 $^{^{157}}$ *Id*.

¹⁵⁸R. Doc. 22727.

common benefit fee.

Waters Law Firm

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$16,500.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 591.00 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁵⁹ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$16,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$645,788.24 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$16,500.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$645,788.24 for common benefit fee.

¹⁵⁹R. Doc. 22628.

Watts Guerra LLP

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$141,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 18,704.97 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁶⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with representatives of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹⁶¹ at which time the representatives had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$141,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$18,290,494.18 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$141,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$18,290,494.18

 160 *Id*.

¹⁶¹R. Doc. 22727.

for common benefit fee.

Weitz & Luxenberg, PC

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$505,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 24,459.49 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁶² included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$505,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$39,079,875.21 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$505,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$39,079,875.21 for common benefit fee.

¹⁶²R. Doc. 22628.

Whitfield, Bryson & Mason

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• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$60,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$1,286.40 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 175.45 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁶³ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,286.40 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$51,663.06 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,286.40 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$51,663.06 for common benefit fee.

Wiggins, Childs, Quinn, Pantazis, Fisher & Goldfarb, LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$1,723.10 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 156.50 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁶⁴ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,723.10 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$38,746.29 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$1,723.10 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$38,746.29 for common benefit fee.

Williams Law Group LLC

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$680,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$100,000.00 in shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$5,063.25 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 15,849.70 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁶⁵ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with a representative of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹⁶⁶ at which time the representative had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$100,000.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$5,063.25 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$29,014,682.47 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$100,000.00 for

 165 *Id*.

¹⁶⁶R. Doc. 22727.

reimbursement of shared expenses; \$5,063.25 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$29,014,682.47 for common benefit fee.

Williamson & Rusnak

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$315,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred \$190,000.00 in held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 9,884.60 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁶⁷ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$190,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$12,815,764.76 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$190,000.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$12,815,764.76 for common benefit fee.

¹⁶⁷R. Doc. 22628.

Young, Tom (Law Office of Tom Young)

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted 1,770.20 approved hours toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁶⁸ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation. Furthermore, the Special Master met with representatives of this firm pursuant to Special Master Order No. 1,¹⁶⁹ at which time the representatives had an opportunity to elaborate concerning the firm's common benefit contribution.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$500,000.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$500,000.00 for common benefit fee.

 $^{^{168}}$ *Id*.

¹⁶⁹R. Doc. 22727.

Zatzkis McCarthy

• Reimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed \$43,000.00 in shared expenses which have been reimbursed.

• Unreimbursed shared expenses

This firm has contributed no shared expenses which have not been reimbursed.

• Held costs

This firm has incurred no held costs which should be reimbursed.

• Approved time

This firm has devoted no approved time toward the common benefit.

• Common benefit contribution

The Fee and Cost Committee Recommendation for Proposed Cost Reimbursements and Fee Allocation¹⁷⁰ included a narrative description of this firm's contribution to the common benefit effort. The Special Master adopts this description and has taken it into consideration in making his recommendation.

• Other comments

The Special Master gave this firm an opportunity to review its proposed awards (and all other firms' proposed awards) as reflected in the proposed resolution (\$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee). The firm did not object.

• Special Master's recommendation

The Special Master recommends that this firm receive: \$0.00 for reimbursement of shared expenses; \$0.00 for reimbursement of held costs; and \$0.00 for common benefit fee.

¹⁷⁰R. Doc. 22628.

Conclusion

The Special Master recommends that the Court adopt these Recommendations Concerning the Allocation of Common Benefit Fees and the Reimbursement of Shared Expenses and Held Costs.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 12th day of October, 2017.

John W. Perry, Jr. John W. Perry, Jr., Special Master