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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re	:	
	:	Chapter 11
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WEISS MULTI-STRATEGY ADVISERS	:	Case No. 24-10743(MG)
LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹	:	
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**SUMMARY SHEET PURSUANT TO UNITED STATES TRUSTEE GUIDELINES FOR
REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES FILED UNDER 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 AND 331 FOR THE SECOND INTERIM
FEE APPLICATION OF SEWARD & KISSEL LLP, AS CORPORATE, SECURITIES
AND ERISA COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION FOR
THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	Seward & Kissel, LLP
Compensation Period:	September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024
Role in This Case:	Corporate, Securities and ERISA Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors-in- Possession
<u>Current Application:</u>	
Total Fees Requested in the Fee Statements:	\$4,066.00

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Total Fees Requested for the Second Interim Compensation Period:	\$4,066.00
Total Expenses Requested in the Fee Statements:	\$0
Total Expenses Requested for the Second Interim Compensation Period:	\$0
Total Sought:	\$4,066.00
Initial Debtors Petition Date:	April 29, 2024
New Debtor Petition Date:	June 19, 2024
Date of Order Approving Employment:	July 2, 2024 nunc pro tunc to April 29, 2024
Blended Rate in this Application for All Attorneys:	\$1,084.03
Blended Rate in this Application for All Timekeepers:	\$1,042.56
Compensation Sought in this Application Already Paid Pursuant to a Monthly Compensation Order But Not Yet Allowed:	\$0
Expenses Sought in this Application Already Paid Pursuant to a Monthly Compensation Order But Not Yet Allowed:	\$0
Number of Professionals Included in this Application:	4
Difference Between Fees Budgeted and Compensation Sought for this Period:	See Summary of Services Rendered
Number of Professionals Billing Fewer than 15 Hours to the Case During this Period:	4
Are any rates higher than those approved or disclosed at retention?	No.

Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary for Statement Period:	\$4,066.00
Total Expenses Requested for the Compensation Period:	\$ 0
Total Fees and Expenses Requested:	\$4,066.00

This is an: X interim ____ final application.

TIME SUMMARY BY BILLING CATEGORY

For the Period of September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Billing Category	Total Hours	Total Compensation
Retention and Fee Applications	3.4	\$3,496.00
Federal and State Investment Adviser Regulation	0.5	\$570.00
Total	3.9	\$4,066.00

TIME SUMMARY BY PROFESSIONAL

For the Period of September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Name	Position; Experience	Hourly Rate	Total Hours	Total Compensation
Daniel Bressler	Partner; admitted in 2010	\$1,400	0.3	\$420.00
Catherine LoTempio	Associate; admitted in 2013	\$1,075	3.1	\$3,332.50
Connor M. Smith	Associate; admitted in 2024	\$750	0.2	\$150.00
Charles Gazzola	Managing Clerk	\$545	0.3	\$163.50
Total		\$1,042.56 (Blended Hourly Rate)	3.9	\$4,066.00

EXPENSE SUMMARY

For the Period of September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

N/A

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AND ERISA COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION,
FOR A SECOND INTERIM ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**TO THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN,
CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:**

Seward & Kissel LLP (“S&K”), as corporate, securities and ERISA counsel to Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers LLC (“WMSA”), GWA, LLC (“GWA”), OGI Associates LLC (“OGI”), and Weiss Special Operations LLC (“WSO” and together with WMSA, GWA and OGI, the “Initial Debtors”) and Weiss Multi-Strategy Funds LLC (“WMSF” or the “New Debtor” and together with the Initial Debtors, the “Debtors”) in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases (the

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“Chapter 11 Cases”), as and for its application (“Application”) for a second interim allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses for the period of September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330(a) and 331, and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), respectfully sets forth and represents as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This application is respectfully submitted by S&K for a second interim allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for all services rendered to the Debtors from September 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 (the “Second Interim Compensation Period”), as follows:

Total Fees Requested for the Second Interim Compensation Period:	\$4,066.00
Total Expenses Requested for the Second Interim Compensation Period:	\$0
Total Sought:	\$4,066.00

2. During the Second Interim Compensation Period, S&K committed a total of 3.9 hours of professional and paraprofessional time, resulting in a blended hourly billing rate of \$1,042.56. Copies of the detailed attorney time records for the Second Interim Compensation Period are annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**. Although S&K has made every effort to segregate its time entries by category, by virtue of evolving developments in this case, there may have been some unavoidable overlap of description in certain entries. Accordingly, the Court is respectfully requested to consider the discussion of services (as explained herein) in its entirety in evaluating the reasonableness of the fees requested by S&K.

3. During the Second Interim Compensation Period, S&K did not have any expenses for which it seeks reimbursement.

4. Annexed hereto as **Exhibit A** is the certification of Daniel Bresler.

JURISDICTION

5. This Court has jurisdiction over the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the “Standing Order of Referral of Cases to Bankruptcy Judges” of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (Ward, Acting C.J.), dated July 10, 1984.

6. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a) because this proceeding arises in a case under title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) pending in this district.

BACKGROUND

7. On April 29, 2024, the Initial Debtors each filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”).

8. On June 14, 2024, an application to employ S&K as corporate, securities and ERISA counsel to the Debtors was filed (the “S&K Retention Application”) [Docket No. 87]. The S&K Retention Application was granted by order of the Court dated July 2, 2024, and the retention was approved *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date (the S&K Retention Order) [Docket No. 126].

9. On May 29, 2024, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* (the “Interim Compensation Order”) [Docket No. 59].

10. On June 19, 2024, WMSF filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code with the Bankruptcy Court.

11. The Debtors continue to manage and operate their businesses as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. As of the date of this Application, no request for the appointment of a trustee has been made in these Chapter 11 Cases and no official committees have been appointed or designated.

12. S&K seeks interim compensation for professional services rendered to the Debtors during the Second Interim Compensation Period in the amount of \$4,066.00 and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$0.

13. As of the date hereof, S&K has not received any payments during the Second Interim Compensation Period. Accordingly, by this Application, S&K seeks payment of the full amount of the fees incurred during the Second Interim Compensation Period in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.³

14. S&K has not entered into any agreement, express or implied, with any other party for the purpose of fixing or sharing fees or other compensation to be paid for professional services rendered in these cases. No promises have been received by S&K as to compensation in connection with these Chapter 11 Cases other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

15. In conformity with the United States Trustee Guidelines For Reviewing Applications For Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330, dated January 30, 1996 (the “U.S. Trustee Guidelines”) and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under United States Code by Attorneys in Large Chapter 11 Cases (the “Large Case”

³ As of the Initial Debtors Petition Date, S&K was holding a retainer in the amount of \$75,000. As a result, S&K will apply the retainer balance to the amounts owed and will not seek any payments directly from the Debtors at this time.

Guidelines”), S&K has segregated its time entries during the Second Interim Compensation Period into the following project categories, which correspond to the major tasks undertaken by S&K during the same period:

- A. Retentions and Fee Applications
- B. Federal and State Investment Adviser Regulation

16. In this section of the Application, S&K describes, in summary fashion, the services performed during the Second Interim Compensation Period by project category.

A. Retentions and Fees

17. The “Retentions and Fees” project category includes time charges by S&K in relation to preparing and filing fee applications as required by the Interim Compensation Order. A total of 3.4 hours amounting to \$3,496.00 in fees were incurred by S&K in connection with this project category during the Second Interim Compensation Period. Prior to the Petition Date, S&K’s prospective budget for the 17 weeks following the Initial Debtors Petition Date was \$18,000 for this project category. While S&K’s actual fees incurred in the First Interim Period and Second Interim Period in this project category were over the budget due to an underestimate of the time necessary to prepare the filings and negotiate with the U.S. Trustee on retention issues prior to the Initial Debtors Petition Date, fees in other categories were well under budget and more than account for the difference.

B. Federal and State Investment Adviser Regulation

18. The “Federal and State Investment Adviser Regulation” project category includes time charges by S&K in relation to its role as securities counsel and encompasses time spent preparing, reviewing and filing certain federal securities filings required by law.

19. A total of 0.5 hours amounting to \$570.00 in fees were incurred by S&K in connection with this project category during the Second Interim Compensation Period. Prior

to the Petition Date, S&K's prospective budget for the 17 weeks following the Initial Debtors Petition Date was \$20,000 for this project category. Fees incurred in the First Interim Period and the Second Interim Period in this project category were under well under the prospective budget.

TIME AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS AND STAFFING

20. The services performed by S&K for and on behalf of the Debtors in connection with the above matters during the Second Interim Compensation Period are detailed and itemized in full in the time and disbursement logs annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**.

21. The persons at S&K that assisted the Debtors on the above matters during the Second Interim Compensation Period are as follows:

Name	Position; Experience	Hourly Rate
Daniel Bressler	Partner; admitted in 2010	\$1,400
Catherine LoTempio	Associate; admitted in 2013	\$1,075
Connor M. Smith	Associate; admitted in 2024	\$750
Charles Gazzola	Managing Clerk	\$545

22. The total fees requested for the services rendered in connection with this case during the Second Interim Compensation Period amounts to \$4,066.00 based upon a total of 3.9 hours. The blended hourly rate for all services provided during the Second Interim Period is \$1,042.56.

CASE STATUS

23. In accordance with General Order M-447, Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases, S&K states as follows:

- a. To the best of S&K's knowledge, as of the date hereof, all monthly operating reports through December 2024 have been filed.
- b. To the best of S&K's knowledge, all quarterly fees due to the U.S. Trustee have been paid.
- c. To the best of S&K's knowledge, the Debtors have not filed a plan or disclosure statement.
- d. To the best of S&K's knowledge, no material administrative expenses have accrued that have not been paid, other than the fees and expenses of the Debtors' professionals and the Examiner and his professionals.

LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR REQUESTED COMPENSATION

24. Section 330(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a bankruptcy court may award "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the trustee, examiner, professional person, or attorney and by any paraprofessional person employed by any such person; and . . . reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11. U.S.C. §330(a)(1).

25. There are numerous factors to be considered by the Court in determining allowances of compensation. See, e.g., In re First Colonial Corp. of America, 544 F.2d 1291 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 431 U.S. 904 (1977); Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc., 488 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974); In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group Inc., 133 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991). See also In re Nine Associates, Inc., 76 B.R. 943 (S.D.N.Y. 1987); In re Cuisine Magazine, Inc., 61 B.R. 210 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986).

26. The perspective from which an application for an allowance of compensation should be viewed in a reorganization case was aptly stated by Congressman Edwards on the floor

of the House of Representatives on September 28, 1978, when he made the following statement in relation to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code:

[B]ankruptcy legal services are entitled to command the same competency of counsel as other cases. In that light, the policy of this section is to compensate attorneys and other professionals serving in a case under title 11 at the same rate as the attorney or other professional would be compensated for performing comparable services other than in a case under title 11. Contrary language in the Senate report accompanying S.2266 is rejected, and *Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company v. Brock*, 405 F.2d 429, 432 (5th Cir. 1968) is overruled. Notions of economy of the estate in fixing fees are outdated and have no place in a bankruptcy code.

124 Cong. Rec. H11,092 (daily ed. Sept. 28, 1978). See also In re McCombs, 751 F.2d 286 (8th Cir. 1984); In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group Inc., 133 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991); In re Carter, 101 B.R. 170 (Bankr. D.S.D. 1989); In re Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, 93 B.R. 823, 830 (Bankr. D.N.H. 1988); In re White Motor Credit Corp., 50 B.R. 885 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1985). In awarding compensation pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code to professional persons employed under the Bankruptcy Code, the Court must take into account, among other factors, the cost of comparable non-bankruptcy services. Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in pertinent part, for payment of: (a) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the trustee, examiner, professional person, or attorney and by any paraprofessional persons employed by such person; and (b) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1).

27. As the court in In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group Inc., 133 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991), stated:

With due recognition of the historical position of Bankruptcy Courts in compensation matters, we recognize that creditors have agreed to pay rates for retained counsel of their choice because of the needs of the particular case. One could posit other situations or cases where a presumption of prior informed judgment might not be as strong. Here, however, we have a

multi-debtor, multi-committee case involving sophisticated creditors who have determined that the rates charged and tasks undertaken by attorneys are appropriate. *We should not, and will not, second guess the determination of those parties, who are directed by Congress, under the Bankruptcy Code, to shape and resolve the case, and who are in fact bearing the cost.* To do so, of course, would be to continue what Congress specifically intended to stop in 1978: Courts, instead of markets, setting rates, with the inevitable consequence that all the legal specialists required by the debtor or official committees would demur to participate.

Drexel, 133 B.R. at 20-21 (emphasis added).

28. During the Second Interim Compensation Period, 3.9 recorded hours have been expended by S&K professionals and paraprofessionals in rendering the required services for which S&K seeks compensation.

29. Time and labor devoted, however, is only one of the many factors to be considered in awarding attorney compensation. The number of hours expended must be considered in light of (i) the amount involved and the results achieved to date; (ii) the novelty and difficulty of the questions presented; (iii) the skill requisite to perform properly the legal services; (iv) the preclusion of other employment on behalf of other clients; (v) the customary fee charged to a private client for the services rendered; (vi) awards in similar cases; (vii) time constraints required by the exigencies of the case, including the frequency and amount of time required to be devoted other than during regular business hours; (viii) the experience, reputation and ability of the attorneys rendering services; and (ix) the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client (the “Johnson Factors”). See Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, 488 F.2d at 717-19 (enumerating factors to be considered in awarding attorneys' fees in equal employment opportunities cases under Title VII); In re First Colonial Corp. of America, 544 F.2d at 1294 (applying the Johnson Factors in bankruptcy cases).

30. The majority of the Johnson Factors are codified in section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and have been applied by various courts in making determinations that requested attorneys' fees constitute reasonable compensation. However, it is well settled that the "lodestar method,"⁴ as opposed to an application solely of the Johnson Factors, is the best means of determining attorney fees in bankruptcy cases⁵. In fact, the Supreme Court has clearly articulated that the "lodestar method" is presumed to subsume the Johnson Factors, as does section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Delaware Valley I, 478 U.S. at 563; Cena's Fine Furniture, 109 B.R. at 581.

31. S&K respectfully submits that the services rendered and expenses incurred during the Second Interim Compensation Period for which S&K seeks compensation and reimbursement clearly satisfy the requisite standards of reasonableness including, *inter alia*, the following: the time and labor required; the novelty and difficulty of the questions and matters resolved; the skill required to perform the services properly; the experience, reputation and ability of the attorney performing the services; the fees charged and fees awarded in similar cases; the time involved; the undesirability of the case; and the results obtained. S&K respectfully submits that application of the foregoing criteria more than justifies awarding

⁴ Application of the "lodestar method" involves multiplying the number of hours reasonably expended on the case by the reasonable hourly rate of compensation for each attorney. Shaw v. Travelers Indemnity Co. (In re Grant Assocs.), 154 B.R. 836, 843 (S.D.N.Y. 1993). This method of calculating attorney fees is appropriate in light of section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, which serves as a starting point, permitting bankruptcy courts, in their own discretion, to consider other factors, such as the novelty and difficulty of the issues, the special skills of counsel, and their results obtained. In re Copeland, 154 B.R. 693, 698 (Bankr. W.D. Mich. 1993).

⁵ See e.g., Pennsylvania v. Delaware Valley Citizens Counsel for Clean Air, 483 U.S. 711 ("Delaware Valley II"), *on remand*, 826 F.2d 238 (3d Cir. 1987); Pennsylvania v. Delaware Valley Citizens Council for Clean Air, 478 U.S. 546 (1986) ("Delaware Valley I"); United States Football League v. National Football League, 887 F.2d 408, 413 (2d Cir. 1989), *cert. denied*, 493 U.S. 1071 (1990); Lindy Bros. Builders Inc. v. American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., 487 F.2d 161 (3d Cir. 1973), *vacated on other grounds*, 540 F.2d 102 (3d Cir. 1976); In re Cena's Fine Furniture, Inc., 109 B.R. 575 (E.D.N.Y. 1990); In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group Inc., 133 B.R. 13, 21 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991).

payment in full of the compensation requested in this Application since the number of hours expended by and the hourly rates of S&K are more than reasonable.

WHEREFORE, S&K respectfully requests that this Court enter an order (a) allowing S&K the sum of (i) \$4,066.00 as compensation for services rendered during the Second Interim Compensation Period and (ii) \$0 as reimbursement of its actual and necessary disbursements incurred during the Second Interim Compensation Period; (b) authorizing and directing the Debtors to pay S&K an amount equal to the sum of the allowed compensation and reimbursement amounts by S&K that remain unpaid for the Second Interim Compensation Period; and (c) granting S&K such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

Dated: New York, New York
February 21, 2025

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EXHIBIT A

Bresler Declaration

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**CERTIFICATION OF DANIEL BRESLER REGARDING THE SECOND INTERIM
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AND ERISA COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS FOR AN ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR
THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

I, Daniel Bresler, hereby certify that:

1. I am an attorney at law admitted to practice in the State of New York and the District Court for the Southern District of New York. I am a partner at the firm of Seward & Kissel, LLP (“S&K” or the “Firm”), which maintains an office at One Battery Park Plaza, New York, NY 10004.

2. S&K serves as corporate, securities and ERISA counsel to Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers LLC (“WMSA”), GWA, LLC (“GWA”), OGI Associates LLC (“OGI”), and Weiss Special Operations LLC (“WSO”), and Weiss Multi-Strategy Funds LLC (“WMSF” and together with WMSA, GWA, OGI and WSO, the “Debtors”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”).

3. This Certification is made in support of S&K’s application (the “Application”)² for a second interim allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of

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expenses for the period of September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in compliance with General Order M-447, Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases (the “Amended Guidelines”), the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330, adopted on January 30, 1996 (the “UST Guidelines”), the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under United States Code by Attorneys in Large Chapter 11 Cases (the “Large Case Guidelines”), and this Court’s Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Docket No. 59] (the “Interim Compensation Order” and together with the Amended Guidelines, UST Guidelines and the Large Case Guidelines, the “Guidelines”).

4. I certify that:

- a. I have read the Application;
- b. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the fees and expenses sought fall within the Guidelines;
- c. The fees and disbursements sought are billed at rates and in accordance with practices customarily employed by S&K and generally accepted by S&K’s clients; and
- d. In providing the reimbursable expenses reflected in the Application, S&K did not make a profit on those services, whether performed by S&K in-house or through a third party.

5. With respect to Section B(2) of the Amended Guidelines, I certify that S&K has complied with the provisions requiring it to provide to the U.S. Trustee for the Southern District

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

of New York and Debtors a statement of S&K's fees and expenses accrued during previous months.

6. With respect to Section B(3) of the Amended Guidelines, I certify that the U.S. Trustee for the Southern District of New York and the Debtors are each being provided with a copy of the Application and this Certification.

7. The following is provided in response to the questions set forth in Paragraph C.5 of the Large Case Guidelines:

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

Response: No.

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

Response: N/A.

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

Response: No.

Question: Does the fee application include time or fees relating to reviewing or revising time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application). If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

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

Response: No.

Question: If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention: Did your client review and approve those rate increases in advance?

Response: N/A. There were no rate increases during the period covered in the Second Interim Compensation Period.

Question: Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases?

Response: N/A. There were no rate increases during the period covered in the Second Interim Compensation Period.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: February 21, 2025

/s/ Daniel Bresler

Daniel Bresler

EXHIBIT B

TIME AND EXPENSE DETAIL

ONE BATTERY PARK PLAZA
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38869 Weiss Multi-Strategy
Advisers LLC

February 20, 2025
Invoice Number 9160099271

Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers LLC
320 Park Avenue
New York NY 10022

For Professional Services Rendered through February 20, 2025:

<u>Matter Number</u>	<u>Matter Name</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>	<u>Disbursement Amount</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
38869-0003	Retention and Fee Applications	3,496.00	0.00	3,496.00

Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers LLC

Invoice Number 9160099271

38869-0003

Retention and Fee Applications

Through February 20, 2025

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NARRATIVE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
09/25/2024	Discuss monthly fee statement with Debtor counsel.	CVL	0.10	107.50
09/27/2024	Prepare combined monthly fee statement and file via ECF.	GAZ	0.30	163.50
09/27/2024	Finalize and file first monthly fee statement.	CVL	0.30	322.50
10/09/2024	Discuss interim application with Debtor counsel.	CVL	0.20	215.00
10/11/2024	Work on first interim fee application.	CVL	0.80	860.00
10/13/2024	Finalize and circulate interim fee application draft.	CVL	1.30	1,397.50
10/15/2024	Finalize and file interim fee application.	CVL	0.20	215.00
11/14/2024	Review and approve interim fee order.	CVL	0.20	215.00
Total Hours.....				3.40
Total Services.....				\$ 3,496.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....				\$ 3,496.00

Weiss Multi-Strategy Advisers LLC

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Retention and Fee Applications

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<u>ATTY NO. / INIT.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1891 CVL	Associate	LoTempio, Catherine V.	3.10	1,075.00	3,332.50
2346 GAZ	Paralegal	Gazzola, Charles	0.30	545.00	163.50
Total			3.40		3,496.00

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Fees	3,496.00
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<u>Matter Number</u>	<u>Matter Name</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>	<u>Disbursement Amount</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
38869-0006	Federal and State Investment Adviser Regulation	570.00	0.00	570.00

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10/24/2024	Correspondence regarding application of Advisers Act custody rule surprise examination requirement.	DB	0.30	420.00
11/06/2024	Attention to 13G filing obligations.	CSM	0.20	150.00
Total Hours.....				0.50
Total Services..... \$				570.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....\$				570.00

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1687 DB	Partner	Bresler, Daniel	0.30	1,400.00	420.00
2193 CSM	Associate	Smith, Connor M.	0.20	750.00	150.00
Total			0.50		570.00

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