

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

BUDICAK, INC., BLUE MARLIN  
ARBITRAGE, LLC, and PRIME TRADING,  
LLC, individually, and on behalf of others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LANSING TRADE GROUP, LLC,  
CASCADE COMMODITY CONSULTING,  
LLC, and JOHN DOES NOS. 6-10,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:19-cv-02449

District Judge Toby Crouse

Magistrate Judge Angel D. Mitchell

**DECLARATION OF GARY D. MCCALLISTER  
IN SUPPORT OF CLASS COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS'  
FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES  
AND SERVICE AWARDS TO CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

I, Gary D. McCallister, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am counsel at the law firm of McCallister Law Group (“the firm”). I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of Class Counsel’s Motion for an Award of Attorneys’ Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses and Request for Service Awards to Class Representatives (the “Fee and Expense Application”) in connection with the services rendered in this action and the proposed class action settlements with Lansing Trade Group, LLC and Cascade Commodity Consulting, LLC.

2. The statements herein are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief based on the firm’s books and records and information received from its attorneys and staff. The firm’s time and expense records are prepared and maintained in the ordinary course of business.

3. The firm represents Plaintiffs and serves as local Counsel for purposes of these Settlements.

4. I am the senior partner who oversaw my firm’s involvement in this Action. The firm’s time records (including, where necessary, backup documentation) have been reviewed to confirm both the accuracy of the entries as well as the necessity for and reasonableness of the time expended in this litigation. As a result of this review, the hours reflected in the firm’s lodestar calculation are reasonable in amount and were necessary to prosecute the Action and reach the settlements before the Court.

5. The services the firm performed on behalf of the Plaintiffs and putative class are include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assisting co-counsel with the applications for admission *pro hac vice*;
- Advising co-counsel as to local law, rules, and practice on an ongoing basis;

- Participation with co-counsel in conferences regarding case strategy, filings, hearing preparation, and discovery;
- Review and revision of pleadings, reports, and exhibits pursuant to local rules;
- Review of filings by Defendants and discussion with co-counsel regarding case strategy, responsive documents and compliance with local rule and authority; and,
- Assist with filing of pleadings and pleading attachments to ensure compliance with local rule and authority.

6. The total time for which my firm is requesting an award of legal fees is 164.40 hours. The total lodestar value of these professional services is \$110,700.00.

7. Set forth below is a summary reflecting the amount of time the firm's attorneys and professional staff worked on the Action from the inception of the case through the date of this filing, the current billing rates applicable to such work, and the corresponding lodestar value of that work based on the firm's current hourly billing rates. The summary was prepared based upon daily time records maintained by the firm's attorneys and professional support staff in the ordinary course of business.

<b>Timekeeper</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Lodestar</b>
Gary D. McCallister	Senior Partner	140.4	\$750.00	\$105,300.00
Judson M. Graham	Associate	1.40	\$350.00	\$490.00
George Rodriguez	Paralegal	7.8	\$250.00	\$1,950.00
Gina Mannella	Legal Secretary Admin. Asst.	14.8	\$200.00	\$2,960.00

8. The above hourly rates for the firm's attorneys and professional support staff are the firm's current hourly rates. The hourly rates for attorneys and professional support staff in my firm are the same as the regular rates charged for their services in contingent fee matters and non-contingent fee matters. For personnel no longer employed by the firm, the lodestar calculation is

based on the billing rates for such personnel in his or her final year of employment. The firm did not employ any contract lawyers in this matter. Each lawyer and paralegal listed below was a full-time employee of the firm.

9. The firm's lodestar figures do not include charges for expense items. Expense items are billed separately, and such charges are not duplicated in the firm's current billing rates. Further, expense items do not contain any general overhead costs and do not contain a surcharge over the amount paid to the corresponding vendor(s).

10. As detailed and categorized in the below schedule, the firm has paid a total of \$551.03 in expenses from inception to the present for which it is currently requesting reimbursement.

Expense Categories	Expense Amount
Service and Filing Fees	\$350.00
Court Transcripts/Court Reporter Fees	0
Professional, Consulting, or Expert Fees	0
Postage, Mailing, FedEx, UPS, Fares & Messengers	\$.50
Travel - Airfare, Lodging, Meals, Taxi	0
Computer Research, Databases & Pacer	\$96.90
Document Review, IT and Maintenance	0
In-House Copying	\$10.05
Outside Copying	0
Telephone, Telecopier & Conferencing	\$93.58
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$551.03</b>

11. In-House Copying costs are based on a \$0.10/page rate.

12. The above schedule was prepared based upon expense records reflected in the firm's books and records. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records, receipts and other source materials.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 20, 2023  
Chicago, IL

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