

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

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-1789 (BRL)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

**APPLICATION OF GRAF & PITKOWITZ RECHTSÄN WALTE GMBH AS SPECIAL
COUNSEL TO THE TRUSTEE FOR ALLOWANCE OF
INTERIM COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY
EXPENSES INCURRED FROM JUNE 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

Ferdinand Graf, together with other members and associates at the law firm of Graf & Pitkowitz Rechtsanwälte GmbH (“Graf & Pitkowitz”), special counsel for Irving H. Picard (the “Trustee”), Trustee for the liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (“BLMIS” or “Debtor”) under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa *et seq.* (“SIPA”), and Bernard L. Madoff, submits this Application for Interim Allowance of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses (the “Application”) for compensation of legal fees in the amount of \$600,076.69 (of which 20% is to be deferred through the conclusion of the liquidation period) and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$44,587.04 for the period from June 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 (the “Compensation Period”).

In support of the Application, Graf & Pitkowitz respectfully submits as follows:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On December 15, 2008, Judge Stanton of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, upon application filed on the same date by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”), entered an order (the “Decree Order”) calling for the liquidation of the business of the Debtor in accordance with SIPA and by Paragraph II of the Decree Order, the Trustee was appointed as the trustee for the liquidation of the Debtor’s business.

2. The Debtor’s liquidation proceeding was removed to this Court pursuant to SIPA § 78eee(b)(4), and, to the extent consistent with the provisions of SIPA, is being conducted as though it were a case under chapters 1, 3, and 5 and subchapters I and II of chapter 7 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) pursuant to SIPA § 78fff(b).

3. Beginning on February 1, 2011, UGGC has served as special counsel for the Trustee.

4. On March 14, 2011, this Court entered an order approving the Trustee’s motion for authority to retain Graf & Pitkowitz *nunc pro tunc* as of February 1, 2011 as special counsel to the Trustee with regard to matters pertaining to Austria.

5. The Trustee’s motion to retain Graf & Pitkowitz established a fee arrangement pursuant to which Graf & Pitkowitz agreed to a fee reduction in the amount of 10% as well as an additional holdback of fees in the amount of 20%.

II. SERVICES RENDERED BY GRAF & PITKOWITZ

6. The legal services performed on behalf of the Trustee during the time period covered by this Application are as follows:

7. During the Compensation Period, Graf & Pitkowitz reviewed and analyzed a substantial number of documents relating to U.S., U.K., and other proceedings against Sonja Kohn and other defendants.

8. Graf & Pitkowitz also provided written legal advice in connection with various issues of Austrian law.

9. Graf & Pitkowitz coordinated and prepared for the taking of interviews of certain witnesses in several Austrian courts pursuant to letters rogatory requests.

10. Graf & Pitkowitz also prepared detailed written information on pending Austrian proceedings and attended numerous hearings in the District Court concerning witness testimony.

11. Graf & Pitkowitz also conducted legal research and provided practical assistance in the preparation of documents to be served on Austrian defendants.

12. Graf & Pitkowitz communicated with Baker & Hostetler, LLP, Grant Thornton, Taylor Wessing and certain other of the Trustee foreign counsel and assisted with regard to Austrian law enforcement issues concerning the MSIL court proceedings.

III. COMPENSATION REQUESTED

13. The Application demonstrates how Graf & Pitkowitz has both added value to the Debtor's estate and has advanced the Debtor's SIPC liquidation proceeding.

14. Graf & Pitkowitz has been mindful of the need to avoid undue legal fees in this case and has taken all reasonable steps to provide cost-effective representation while rendering services with the highest degree of skill and professionalism. To that end, Graf & Pitkowitz has endeavored to eliminate duplication of effort by giving responsibility for the day-to-day conduct of the case to Ferdinand Graf, involving others only when necessary.

15. From June 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011, Graf & Pitkowitz provided a total of 1,231.1 hours of legal services to the Trustee in this case. Prior to the 10% discount, the

total amount of fees incurred in this time period was \$666,751.88 and the total blended rate for professional services was \$541.59/hour. After the 10% discount, the total amount of fees incurred is \$600,076.69 and the total blended rate is \$487.43/hour. Graf & Pitkowitz has agreed to a further holdback of 20% of its fees in the amount of \$120,015.34 resulting in the present request for compensation in the amount of \$480,061.35.

16. A breakdown of the total number of hours performed by each Graf & Pitkowitz timekeeper is provided on **Exhibit A** annexed hereto.

17. Graf & Pitkowitz seeks reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with its representation of the Trustee during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$44,587.04. An itemized list of these expenses is detailed on **Exhibit B** attached hereto.

IV. GENERAL MATTERS

18. All of the professional services for which compensation is requested herein were performed by Graf & Pitkowitz for and on behalf of the Trustee and not on behalf of any other person or entity.

19. No agreement or understanding exists between Graf & Pitkowitz and any other person for sharing compensation received in connection with this case nor has any other person or entity agreed to provide Graf & Pitkowitz with compensation for the legal services described herein.

20. Section 78eee(b)(5)(A) of SIPA provides in pertinent part that, upon appropriate application and after a hearing, “[t]he court shall grant reasonable compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for proper costs and expenses incurred . . . by a trustee, and by the attorney for such a trustee.” Section 78eee(b)(5)(C) of SIPA specifically establishes SIPC’s role in connection with applications for compensation and the consideration the Court should give to SIPC’s recommendation concerning fees. That section provides as follows:

In any case in which such allowances are to be paid by SIPC without reasonable expectation of recoupment thereof as provided in this chapter and there is no difference between the amounts requested and the amounts recommended by SIPC, the court shall award the amounts recommended by SIPC. In determining the amount of allowances in all other cases, the court shall give due consideration to the nature, extent, and value of the services rendered, and shall place considerable reliance on the recommendation of SIPC.

SIPA § 78eee(b)(5)(C).

21. To the extent the general estate is insufficient to pay such allowances as an expense of administration, SIPA § 78eee(b)(5)(E) requires SIPC to advance the funds necessary to pay the compensation of Graf & Pitkowitz (*see* SIPA § 78fff-3(b)(2)).

22. The Trustee has determined, at this time, that he has no reasonable expectation that the general estate will be sufficient to make a distribution to general creditors or pay administrative expenses. The Trustee has been advised by SIPC that it concurs in this belief of the Trustee. Accordingly, any fees and expenses allowed by this Court will be paid from advances by SIPC without any reasonable expectation by SIPC of recoupment thereof.

23. Therefore, with respect to this Application, Graf & Pitkowitz requests that consistent with section 78eee(b)(5)(C) of SIPA, the Court “shall award the amounts recommended by SIPC.” *See In re Bell & Beckwith*, 112 B.R. 876 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1990). Graf & Pitkowitz expects that SIPC’s recommendation shall be filed with this Court separately.

WHEREFORE, Graf & Pitkowitz respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order:

- a. Granting this Application; and
- b. Allowing payment to Graf & Pitkowitz for interim compensation for services rendered to the Trustee in the amount of (a) \$600,076.69, that reflects a reduction of 10% equal to \$66,675.19; and (b) \$480,061.35, that reflects a 20% holdback equal to \$120,015.34, pending final approval of Graf & Pitkowitz’s fees in this

case for professional services rendered to the Trustee from June 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; and

- c. Allowing payment to Graf & Pitkowitz in the amount of \$44,587.04 for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Graf & Pitkowitz from June 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011; and
- d. Granting Graf & Pitkowitz such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 17, 2012

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EXHIBIT A

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM FEE APPLICATION
OF GRAF & PITKOWITZ FOR SERVICES RENDERED
FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

NAME	YEAR ADMITTED	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
Otto Wachter		\$682.36	32.3	\$22,040.25
Ferdinand Graf	1994	\$681.39	88.9	\$60,575.19
Alexander Isola		\$681.30	14.4	\$9,810.75
Nikolaus Pitkowitz	1990	\$677.48	88.4	\$59,889.02
Wolfgang Jelinek		\$632.73	53.9	\$34,104.06
Stephan Schmalzl		\$618.16	52.3	\$32,329.69
Marcus Schmitt	2006	\$613.60	199.6	\$122,474.08
Georg Graf		\$605.88	2.5	\$1,514.70
Stefan Weileder		\$573.73	5.8	\$3,327.62
Tanja Melber		\$546.76	89.3	\$48,825.60
Natascha Scherzer		\$482.01	13	\$6,266.15
Juliusz Czajka		\$478.54	238.2	\$113,987.70
Alexander Teutsch		\$477.82	261.5	\$124,948.77
Sabrina Herndl		\$300.58	58.7	\$17,643.98
Christiane Schonen		\$287.77	25.8	\$7,424.41
Barbara Kähler		\$244.60	6.5	\$1,589.92
Total		\$541.59	1,231.1	\$666,751.88
Total minus 10 % Discount		\$487.43		\$600,076.69
Total Net of 20% Holdback				\$480,061.35

EXHIBIT B

EXPENSE SUMMARY OF GRAF & PITKOWITZ
FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD
OF JUNE 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

EXPENSES	AMOUNTS
Copies	\$23,133.07
Legal Database Searches	\$2,731.14
Travel	\$1,483.94
Communication	\$278.62
Literature	\$75.48
Postage	\$3.88
Court Expenses	\$12,949.56
Miscellaneous	\$1,934.35
Translations	\$1,997.00
Total Expenses Requested:	\$44,587.04