

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

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (CGM)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

**SEVENTH APPLICATION OF BOWMAN AND BROOKE LLP AS SPECIAL
COUNSEL TO THE TRUSTEE FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION
FOR SERVICES RENDERED FROM JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023¹**

Bowman and Brooke LLP (the “Bowman”), special counsel for Irving H. Picard (the “Trustee”), trustee for the liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (“BLMIS”) 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 (the “Application”) for compensation of legal fees in the amount of \$15,545.00 (of which 20% is to be deferred through the conclusion of the liquidation period), reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$734.70 for the period from June 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 (the “Compensation Period”). In support of the Application, Bowman respectfully submits as follows:

¹ This Application includes legal fees from prior compensation periods, which Bowman has not previously submitted to the Court.

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 calling for the liquidation of BLMIS in accordance with SIPA and appointing the Trustee as BLMIS’s trustee.

2. BLMIS’s liquidation proceeding was removed to this Court pursuant to SIPA § 78eee(b)(4), and, pursuant to SIPA § 78fff(b), 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”).

3. Beginning on October 8, 2021, Bowman has served as special counsel for the Trustee.

4. On October 8, 2021, this Court entered an order approving the Trustee’s motion for authority to retain Bowman as special counsel.

5. On May 10, 2023, this Court entered an order approving the Trustee’s motion to amend the retention of Bowman.

6. The Trustee’s motion to retain Bowman established a fee arrangement pursuant to which Bowman 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 BOWMAN

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

8. Bowman advised the Trustee on issues arising under Arizona and Florida law.

III. COMPENSATION REQUESTED

9. The Application demonstrates how Bowman has both added value to the Debtor's estate and has advanced the Debtor's SIPA liquidation proceeding.

10. Bowman 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, Bowman has staffed this matter leanly and endeavored to eliminate duplication of effort by giving primary responsibility of the case to one partner.

11. From June 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023, Bowman provided a total of 41.90 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 \$17,272.22 and the total blended rate for professional services was \$412.22/hour. After the 10% discount, the total amount of fees incurred is \$15,545.00 and the total blended rate is \$371.00/hour. Bowman has agreed to a further holdback of 20% of its fees in the amount of \$3,109.00 resulting in the present request for compensation in the amount of \$12,436.00.

12. A breakdown of the total number of hours performed by each Bowman timekeeper is provided on **Exhibit A** annexed hereto.

13. Bowman seeks reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with its representation of the Trustee during the Compensation Period of \$734.70. An itemized list of these expenses is detailed on **Exhibit B** attached hereto.

IV. GENERAL MATTERS

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

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

16. SIPA § 78eee(b)(5)(A) 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.” SIPA § 78eee(b)(5)(C) specifically establishes SIPC’s role in connection with applications for compensation and the consideration the Court should give to SIPC’s recommendation concerning fees, providing 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).

17. 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 Bowman (*see* SIPA § 78fff-3(b)(2)).

18. The Trustee has determined that, at this time, he has no reasonable expectation that the general estate will be sufficient to make a distribution to general creditors or pay administrative expenses. SIPC has advised the Trustee that it concurs with this determination. 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.

19. Therefore, with respect to this Application, Bowman 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). Bowman expects that SIPC's recommendation in support of the relief sought by this Application will be filed with this Court separately.

WHEREFORE, Bowman respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order:

- a. Granting this Application; and
- b. Allowing and awarding \$15,545.00, of which \$12,436.00 is to be paid currently and \$3,109.00 is to be held back through the conclusion of the liquidation period or until further order of the Court, as an interim payment for professional services rendered by Bowman to the Trustee from June 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023; and
- c. Allowing payment to Bowman in the amount of \$734.70 for reimbursement of expenses incurred by Bowman from June 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023; and
- d. Granting Bowman such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 23, 2024

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EXHIBIT A

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM FEE APPLICATION
OF THE BOWMAN FOR SERVICES RENDERED
FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
Daniel Goldman	\$438.89	28.40	\$12,464.44
William Purnell	\$438.89	4.00	\$1,755.56
Vanessa Merassaint	\$366.67	0.30	\$110.00
Dwayne Burns	\$327.78	8.80	\$2,884.44
Jacquese Gray	\$144.44	0.40	\$57.78
Total:	\$412.22	41.90	\$17,272.22
Total minus 10% Discount	\$371.00		\$15,545.00
Total Net of 20% Holdback:			\$12,436.00

EXHIBIT B

EXPENSE SUMMARY OF BOWMAN
FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2023

EXPENSES	AMOUNTS
Transcripts	\$584.40
Copies of Records	\$150.00
Photocopies	\$0.30
Total Expenses Requested:	\$734.70