

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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In re:)	Chapter 11
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Philadelphia Newspapers, LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 09-11204 (SR)
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Debtors.)	Jointly Administered
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**APPLICATION LOCAL RULE 2016-5 REQUEST FOR PAYMENT ON ACCOUNT
FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
OF ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC, CO-COUNSEL
FOR OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR
THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2009**

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC (“ESCM”), counsel to the above-captioned Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (collectively, the “Committee”), in accordance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2016 and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-5, requests an award of compensation and reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses and represents:

Part A – Preliminary Statement

1. ESCM is counsel for the Committee.
2. All services rendered and incurred for which compensation or reimbursement is requested were performed or incurred for or on behalf of the Committee.
3. The services described in this request (the “Request”) are actual, necessary services and the compensation requested for those services is reasonable.
4. The expenses described in this Request are actual, necessary expenses.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: PMH Acquisition, LLC (1299), Broad Street Video, LLC (4665), Philadelphia Newspapers, LLC (3870), Philadelphia Direct, LLC (4439), Philly Online, LLC (5185), PMH Holdings, LLC (1768), Broad Street Publishing, LLC (4574) and Philadelphia Media, LLC (0657).

5. ESCM makes this Request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the period October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 (the “Compensation Period”).

Part B – General Information

6. General Information

- A. Date case filed: February 22, 2009.
- B. Date Application to Approve Employment filed: March 20, 2009.
- C. Date employment approved: April 9, 2009.
- D. First date services rendered in the case: March 2, 2009.

7. Attorneys Billing for Compensation Period (October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009)

CORE BANKRUPTCY TEAM

Attorneys

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
Gary Schildhorn	43.6	475.00	20,710.00
Ronald S. Gellert	7.2	385.00	2,772.00
Brya M. Keilson	69.2	220.00	15,224.00

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<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
Michael Sally	24.9	150.00	3,735.00
Amanda Stody	15.0	150.00	2,250.00

TOTAL FEES : \$44,691.00

8. Billing Rates

The billing rates set forth in this Request are the normal hourly rates charged by ESCM for the services rendered.

Part C – Billing Summary

9. Description of Services

Compensation and reimbursement for expenses is now sought for all reasonable and necessary activities performed in the case from October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 including, by categorical listing:

Asset Analysis and Recover (00001)

(Fees: \$2,897.50 Total Hours: 6.1)

This category represents review of relevant documents and communication regarding related court proceedings involving assets of the Debtors.

Asset Disposition (00002)

(Fees: \$237.50 Total Hours: .5)

This category represents review of relevant documents and communication regarding related court proceedings involving asset disposition of the Debtors.

Case Administration (00004)

(Fees: \$21,754.50 Total Hours: 92.8)

This category represents routine communications with the Committee and co-counsel regarding the status of the bankruptcy case and other issues arising from time to time. This category also represents review of the docket and relevant pleadings filed. Further, it includes time expended related to the District Court litigation regarding the Debtors' Sale Motion.

Fee/Employment Applications (00007)

(Fees: \$6,437.00 Total Hours: 26.6)

This category represents matters to related to the preparing fee application applications and communications with the Committee, co-counsel and U.S. Trustee regarding the related time and expenses. In addition it represents drafting, editing and filing of applications for payment.

Fee/Employment Objections (00008)

(Fees: \$165.00 Total Hours: 1.1)

This category represents matters to related to objection(s) to fee application applications and communications with the Committee, co-counsel and U.S. Trustee regarding the related time and expenses.

Financing (00009)

(Fees: \$95.00 Total Hours: .2)

This category represents matters to related to the use of cash collateral and budgets.

Litigation (00010)

(Fees: \$3,110.00 Total Hours: 11.3)

This category represents matters related to the District Court litigation regarding the Debtors' Sale Motion.

Meeting of Creditors (00011)

(Fees: \$1,399.50 Total Hours: 3.0)

This category represents matters related to the weekly call of the creditors committee and communication between committee members and counsel.

Plan and Disclosure Statement (00012)

(Fees: \$8,215.00 Total Hours: 17.5)

This category represents communication between and among committee members and professionals regarding status of the case and developing a plan of reorganization.

10. Detail of Hours Expended

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a listing of categories of services rendered and the hours expended in each category.

11. Request

Based on the above, ESCM seeks payment of interim compensation in the total amount of \$35,752.80.

Part D – Expense Summary

12. From October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009, ESCM has expended \$994.51 for expenses in connection with the services provided to the Committee. Set forth in Exhibit B is a list that shows the type of expenses for which reimbursement is sought and the amount of reimbursement sought for each type for the Compensation Period.

13. The following expenses listed on Exhibit B are calculated using ESCM's in-house actual cost or the actual amount billed by a third party provider: Postage/Freight, Messenger/Courier Services, Court Filing Fees, Duplicating.

14. Copy charges are calculated at a discounted rate of \$.20 per page. Facsimile charges are calculated at \$1.00 per page.

15. On Exhibit B, the category titled Computer Assisted Legal Research, if any, includes charges for docket searches through Pacer, as well as online legal research through

Westlaw or Lexis. Pacer charges are billed at actual cost. Westlaw and Lexis charges are customarily billed by ESCM at the standard rates that Westlaw and Lexis apply to online searches. Application of such rates would result in total Information Services charges of \$0.00

WHEREFORE, ESCM seeks payment of interim compensation in the total amount of \$36,747.31 (“Interim Compensation”). The breakdown of this total is as follows: \$35,752.80 (80% of the fees for services rendered) and \$994.51 (100% of the expenses).

Dated: November 30, 2009

ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC

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Philadelphia Newspapers, LLC

Client Number: 299230

<u>Summary of Time Billed By Task:</u>		<u>Hours</u>	<u>Value</u>
0001	Asset Analysis	6.1	2,897.50
0002	Asset Disposition	0.5	237.5
0004	Case Administration	92.8	21,754.50
0005	Claims Administration/Objections	0.8	380.00
0007	Fee/Employment Application	26.6	6,437.00
0008	Fee/Employment Objections	1.1	165.00
0009	Financing	0.2	95.00
0010	Litigation	11.3	3,110.00
0011	Meetings of Creditors	3.0	1,399.50
0012	Plan and Disclosure Statement	17.5	8,215.00
Totals:		159.9	44,691.00

<u>Summary of Disbursements Billed By Task:</u>		<u>Value</u>
0001	Asset Analysis	10.51
0004	Case Administration	978.00
0010	Litigation	6.00
Totals:		\$994.51

Total Balance Due Upon Receipt: \$45,685.51

For Costs Advanced and Expenses Incurred:

Document Reproduction	197.00
Transportation - Travel Expenses/Taxi	191.75
Overnight Mail	5.71
Telephone	73.00
Postage	1.76
Delivery services	26.25
PACER	332.24
Transcript	166.80
Total	\$994.51