

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re:

Philadelphia Newspapers, LLC, *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 09-11204 (JKF)
)

) Jointly Administered
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**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 JUNE 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 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 June 1, 2009 through June 30, 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 (June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009)**

CORE BANKRUPTCY TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gary Schildhorn	48.9	475	23,227.50
Carol Press	1.2	425	510.00
Ronald S. Gellert	10.4	385	4,004.00
Robert Graci	53.1	380	20,178.00
Robert Graci (non-working travel time)	2.0	190	380.00
Adam Shienvold	76.8	250	19,200.00
Adam Shienvold (non-working travel time)	14.0	125	1,750.00
Brya M. Keilson	71.0	220	15,620.00

PARALEGALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Billing Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bruce Campbell	3.2	150	480.00
Eduardo A. Texidor, Jr.	5.2	135	702.00

TOTAL FEES: \$ 86,051.50

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 June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 including, by categorical listing:

Asset Analysis and Recovery (00001)
(Fees: \$1,576.00 Total Hours: 6.4)

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

Case Administration (00004)
(Fees: \$15,931.50 Total Hours: 54.30)

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.

Fee/Employment Applications (00007)

(Fees: \$6,268.00 Total Hours: 29.2)

This category represents matters to related to the preparation of fee applications and communications with the Committee, co-counsel and U.S. Trustee regarding the fees and expenses included in the fee applications.

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: \$52,876.00 Total Hours: 174.5)

This category represents matters related to the investigation into the taping incident of the secured lenders, including interviews of persons in attendance at the meeting in question.

Meeting of Creditors (00011)

(Fees: \$3,415.00 Total Hours: 8.8)

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: \$5,937.50 Total Hours: 12.5)

This category represents communication between and among committee members and professionals regarding status of the case and developing a plan of reorganization. This includes the entry of an order setting time limits as to exclusivity.

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 \$68,841.20.

Part D – Expense Summary

12. From June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, ESCM has expended \$1,971.11 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, Overnight Mail, Court Filing Fees, Duplicating.

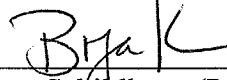
14. Copy charges are calculated at a discounted rate of \$.20 per page. Facsimile charges are calculated at \$1.00 per page.

15. Travel Expenses are the actual cost of the amount billed by a third party.

WHEREFORE, ESCM seeks payment of interim compensation in the total amount of \$70,812.31 ("Interim Compensation"). The breakdown of this total is as follows: \$68,841.20 (80% of the fees for services rendered) and \$1,971.11 (100% of the expenses).

Dated: July 31, 2009

ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC



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<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
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		Current Fees:	\$86,051.50

ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, LLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Philadelphia Newspapers, LLC

Client Number: 299230

<u>Summary of Time Billed By Task:</u>		<u>Hours</u>	<u>Value</u>
0001	Asset Analysis	6.4	1,576.00
0004	Case Administration	54.2	15,884.00
0007	Fee/Employment Application	29.2	6,268.00
0009	Financing	0.2	95.00
0010	Litigation	174.5	53,256.00
0011	Meetings of Creditors	8.8	3,415.00
0012	Plan and Disclosure Statement	12.5	5,937.50
Totals:		285.9	\$86,051.50

Summary of Disbursements Billed By Task:

		<u>Value</u>
0004	Case Administration	78.63
0010	Litigation	1,892.48
Totals:		\$1,971.11

Total Balance Due Upon Receipt: \$ 88,022.61

For Costs Advanced and Expenses Incurred:

Document Reproduction	48.80
Overnight Mail	5.65
Postage	69.43
Transportation - Travel Expenses	1,847.23

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *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 June 1, 2009 Through June 30, 2009* was served this 31st day of July, 2009 on the parties listed below by electronic mail and by the Court's CM/ECF transmission:

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