

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE CATTLE AND BEEF
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Case No. 22-md-3031 (JRT/JFD)

This Document Relates To:

COMMERCIAL AND
INSTITUTIONAL INDIRECT
PURCHASER PLAINTIFF ACTION

**DECLARATION OF ERIC P. BLANK IN SUPPORT OF COMMERCIAL
AND INSTITUTIONAL INDIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES,
REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES, SET ASIDE
FOR FUTURE LITIGATION EXPENSES, AND CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE AWARD**

I, Eric P. Blank, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in Washington and have practiced law since 1995. I am the founder and Managing Attorney of Blank Law & Technology in Twisp, Washington. This declaration is submitted in support of Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, Set Aside for Future Expenses, and Class Representative Service Award.

2. My firm has worked in this litigation to advance the claims of the Commercial Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs ("CIIPPs"). We have worked in coordination with other co-counsel for the CIIPPs and assignments have been made by Interim Co-Lead

Counsel (Larson • King, LLP, Barrett Law Group, P.A., and Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP) to avoid duplicative efforts. My firm has worked efficiently on behalf of our named representative client and the absent class members.

3. The schedule attached to this declaration as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, is a summary of the amount of time spent by my firm's attorneys who were involved in this litigation through the end of August 2023. The lodestar calculation is based on my firm's current billing rates for antitrust class action litigation. Exhibit A was prepared from contemporaneous time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm. The hourly rates for my firm's attorneys included in Exhibit A are the customary hourly rates charged for their services in similar complex litigation.

4. The total number of hours reasonably expended on this litigation by my firm from inception through August 31, 2023 is 130.2. The total lodestar for my firm at current rates is \$58,575.00.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: November 7, 2023
Okanogan County, WA

/s/ Eric P. Blank
Eric P. Blank

**In Re Beef and Cattle Antitrust Litigation
Commercial and Institutional Purchaser Plaintiff Action
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**EXHIBIT A
LODESTAR SUMMARY**

Firm: **Blank Law & Technology, LLP**
Reporting Period: **Inception – August 31, 2023**

Professional	Status	Hourly Rate	Total Hours To Date	Total Lodestar To Date
Eric P. Blank	P	\$450	130.2	\$58,575.00
TOTALS			130.2	\$58,575.00

Status:
Partner (P)
Associate (A)
Paralegal (PL)
Of Counsel (OC)
Law Clerk (LC)
Legal Assistant (LA)