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March 10, 2008

Hon, Edward R. Korman United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York United States Courthouse 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 1201

Re:

In re Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation

96 CV 4849 - Neuborne Supplemental Fee Application:

October 1, 2005-March 10, 2008

Dear Judge Korman:

I enclose a supplemental fee application covering the period from October 1, 2005-March 10, 2008. The application conforms to the criteria approved by Magistrate Judge Orenstein and Judge Block in connection with the litigation over my initial request for fees. Please note that the bulk of the fees were incurred in 2006 in connection with; (a) an inspection, at the Court's request, of the CRT program in Zurich; and (b) opposition to petitions for certiorari filed by Mr. Dubbin and Mr. Swift attacking the settlement in the Supreme Court.

Sincerely yours,

Burt Neuborne

cc: all settlement counsel Samuel Dubbin, Esq.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Case Nos. 96-CV-4949 (ERK) JO)

Consolidated with:

Case Nos. 99-CV-5161

97-CV-0461

SUPPLEMENTAL FEE APPLICATION OF BURT NEUBORNE OCTOBER 1, 2005-MARCH 10, 2008

In accordance with the criteria set forth in the Report and Recommendation of Magistrate Judge James Orenstein, dated March 15, 2007, which was accepted and approved by Judge Frederic Block on December 17, 2007, the undersigned hereby requests a supplemental award of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$83,925.00 for 186.5 hours of service, @ \$450 per hour, rendered to the plaintiff-classes as Lead Settlement Counsel from October 1, 2005-March 1, 2008. This application is supported by a Declaration of Burt Neuborne, dated March 10, 2008, which includes, as Exhibit A, a chronological listing of time charges for specified tasks reflecting the undersigned's contemporaneous time records. A copy of this application and the supporting declaration has been posted on the web site maintained by the settlement class, and has been mailed to all interested counsel.

Dated: March 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Burt Neuborne

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DECLARATION OF BURT NEUBORNE IN SUPPORT OF SUPPLEMENTAL FEE APPLICATION FOR PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2005-MARCH 10, 2008

Burt Neuborne, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New York, hereby declares under penalty of perjury:

- 1. On March 15, 2007, Magistrate Judge James Orenstein issued a Report and Recommendation in connection with my application for fees as Lead Settlement Counsel from January 1999-September 30, 2005. On December 17, 2005, Judge Frederic Block issued an Amended Memorandum and Order approving Magistrate Orenstein's Report and Recommendation (hereafter "the Report and Recommendation"). On December 18, 2007, the Court entered judgment in accordance with the December 17, 2007 Amendment memorandum and order. On February 20, 2008, after the expiration of the appeal period, the District Court issued an order directing the signatories of the settlement fund to transfer the fee award to counsel. The funds were transferred the following day.
- 2. The Report and Recommendation, which awarded hourly fees @\$450 per hour, directed that supplemental fee applications for services rendered after September 30, 2005, be filed promptly upon the resolution of the initial fee application, and at quarterly intervals thereafter. In accordance with Magistrate Judge Orenstein's suggestion, an

application covering the period from October 1, 2005-March 10, 2008 is being filed on March 10, 2008. Future fee applications, if any, will be filed on a quarterly basis.

3. This declaration, dated March 10, 2008, is filed in support of an application for

attorneys' fees in connection with 186.5 hours, @\$450 per hour, totaling \$83,925.00, for

the period from October 1, 2005-March 10, 2008. The supplemental fee application

conforms in all respects to the criteria set forth in Magistrate Judge Orenstein's Report

and Recommendation.

4. The detailed time charges, set forth as Exhibit A, reflect contemporaneous time

records detailing the activity and the amount of time expended.

5. The tasks described in Exhibit A include a trip to Zurich at the Court's request

in January, 2006 to review the operations of the CRT, and successful opposition to three

petitions for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court challenging the structure of the

settlement and the allocation of funds to members of the Looted Assets class. Opposition

to the petitions for certiorari was particularly complex because the initial petition, which

was vigorously pursued through the filing of a response to the brief in opposition, was

supported by a cross-petition filed by a class counsel, requiring the preparation and filing

of several additional responsive documents in the Supreme Court.

6. Copies of this application have been forwarded to all interested counsel,

including counsel who appeared in connection with the initial fee application

Dated: March 10, 2008

New York, New York

EXHIBIT A

Time Charges: October 1, 2005-March 10, 2008

Swiss Bank Litigation

2005:	
	Oct 7conf with Paul Berger re allocation of residual funds1.5 hrs
	Oct 21bkfst with Dov in NY re Swiss claims process and estimate of residual funds1.5 hrs
·	Nov. 7tel conf with Zurich CRT staff (Mary/Dov) re ins/claims program1.5 hrs
•	Nov. 101 hr
	Dec 6conf. with Gideon Taylor re allocation of residual funds1.5 hrs
	Dec 13mtg with Swiss Re and Marc Cohen re insurance claims program2 hrs
2006:	Since the state of
	Jan 3rehearing denied - notify Court and counsel5 hr
	Jan 12 mtg with Judge Korman re trip to Zurich2 hrs
•	Jan 15prep for Zurich trip/review CRT rules and statements by past employees2.5 hrs
	Jan 16-18visit claim facility in Zurich:
	Jan 16fly to Zurich/review insurance claims/CRT Evidence rules; productivity data; employee cplts
	Jan 17interview staff; investigate cplts; perform a CRT match to understand process8 hrs
	Jan 18suggest modifications; determine need for additional staff/additional data/coordinate

Zuri	k with NY claims operation/address ich staff/draft memo for Judge Korman 7 hrs
	f NYLAG on claims program/respond plts about slowness of process2 hrs
April 4rev	iew cert petition in 05-12751 hr
April 5com	ntinue review of cert petition3.5 hrs
of	iew file to determine consistency petitioners' positions/ begin reading es cited in cert petition4 hrs
April 9cor	nplete reading cases in petition4.5 hrs
April 10out	line op cert1 hr
April 17res	earch re recent cy pres cases4.5
April 18cor	nference with Hausfeld re cert/allocation2 hrs
inc	gin drafting op cert/review file for onsistencies/read recent law review nment on class actions
-	read Amchem/shepardize and read recent ses citing Amchem and Ortiz6 hrs
April 29b	egin drafting brief in opposition in 05-12758.5 hrs
April 30co	omplete draft of op cert10 hrs
May 1ed	lit op cert/confirm factual allegations6 hrs
May 2 re	view/cite check/edit op cert5.5 hrs
May 3fi	nal edit op cert/proof fax from printer2 hrs
May 4re	eview cross petition in 05-14163 hrs
	eries of phone conf's with class counsel cross petition/assure support5.5 hrs
May 6ro	esearch re cross petition/relative rights

	Lead Settlement counsel and settlement counsel nen disagreement arises	5.5 hrs
•	search re cross petition/ripeness/standing of lawyer o client	
May 8be	gin drafting response to cross petition	4.5 hrs
May 9re	vise/complete draft response to cross petition	6:5 hrs
	rify factual allegations re likelihood of residual nds/edit response to cross pet	3 hrs
_	culate draft response; series of phone conf's th co-settlement counsel	5 hrs
.=	t/re-write response to cross petition in light of mments by co-counsel	6 hrs
May 15com	nplete response to cross pet	4.5 hrs
May 16edi	t/cite check response	3.5 hrs
May 17 pro	of fax from printer/file	.1 hrs
June 1re	view reply to op cert in 05-1275	.4.5 hrs
June 3re	view cert papers in both 05-1275 and 05-1416	4 hrs
June 4dr	aft supplemental brief in opposition in 05-1275	5 hrs
June 5ed	it/complete supp brief in opp	6 hrs
June 6fil	e supp brief in opp/proof fax from printer	1 hr
June 9re	view supp reply in 05-1275	3 hrs
	nf with Judge Korman on lack of need for addition sponse	
	ntg with Paul Berger/Judge Korman re allocation of residual funds, if any	2 hrs
Aug 30r	eview invoices/Eisner/Special Masters	1 hr

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2007:

Feb 14	draft Moore op cert.		,	.2 hrs
Feb 15	complete/cite check	Moore op cert		.3 hrs
Feb 16	file Moore op cert/pr			1 hr
July 9	mtg with class men	ıbers		2 hrs charge)
2008 (through March 10)):		•	
Routine review of	of court's orders; respon No billable hours	ses to question	ns by class memb	oers –
	То	tal: 186	5.5 hrs @ \$450 pc	er hour:
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