

**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 (LGB)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

**APPLICATION OF ADDLESHAW GODDARD (IRELAND) LLP¹ AS SPECIAL
COUNSEL TO THE TRUSTEE FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM COMPENSATION
FOR SERVICES RENDERED FROM APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024**

Caoilfhionn Ni Chuanachain, together with other members and associates at the law firm of Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP (“Addleshaw Goddard”), 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 compensation of legal fees in the amount of \$54,310.40 (of which 20% is to be deferred until the conclusion of the liquidation period) for the period from April 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024 (the “Compensation Period”). In support of the Application, Addleshaw Goddard respectfully submits as follows:

¹ On March 1, 2022, Eugene F. Collins Solicitors (“EFC”) merged with Addleshaw Goddard (Ireland) LLP.

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.

3. On February 23, 2009, this Court entered an order approving the Trustee’s motion to retain EFC, *nunc pro tunc* as of February 9, 2009, as special counsel to the Trustee in all matters pertaining to Irish law.

4. The Trustee’s motion to retain EFC established a fee arrangement pursuant to which EFC agreed to a fee reduction in the amount of 10% as well as an additional holdback of fees in the amount of 20% (“Holdback”).

5. On March 1, 2022 EFC merged with Addleshaw Goddard and continued its representation of the Trustee.

6. On October 26, 2022, Addleshaw Goddard filed a Declaration of Disinterestedness with this Court.

II. SERVICES RENDERED BY ADDLESHAW GODDARD

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

8. Addleshaw Goddard monitored, on behalf of the Trustee, BLMIS-related litigation currently pending in Ireland.

9. Addleshaw Goddard researched, analyzed, and advised the Trustee on the law of unjust enrichment.

III. COMPENSATION REQUESTED

10. The Application demonstrates how Addleshaw Goddard has both added value to BLMIS's estate and advanced BLMIS's liquidation proceeding.

11. Addleshaw Goddard 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.

12. From April 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024, Addleshaw Goddard provided a total of 140.80 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 \$60,344.89 and the total blended rate for professional services was \$428.59/hour. After the 10% discount, the total amount of fees incurred is \$54,310.40 and the total blended rate is \$385.73/hour. Addleshaw Goddard has agreed to a further holdback of 20% of its fees in the amount of \$10,862.08 resulting in the present request for compensation in the amount of \$43,448.32.

13. A breakdown of the total number of hours performed by each Addleshaw Goddard timekeeper is provided in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

IV. GENERAL MATTERS

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

15. No agreement or understanding exists between Addleshaw Goddard and any other person for sharing compensation received in connection with this case, nor has any other person

or entity agreed to provide Addleshaw Goddard 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 Addleshaw Goddard. *See* also SIPA § 78fff-3(b)(2).

18. At this time, the Trustee has determined that 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, Addleshaw Goddard requests that, consistent with SIPA § 78eee(b)(5)(C), the Court “shall award the amounts recommended by SIPC.” *See McGraw v. Betz (In re Bell & Beckwith)*, 112 B.R. 876 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1990).

Addleshaw Goddard expects that SIPC's recommendation in support of the relief sought by this Application will be filed with this Court separately.

WHEREFORE, Addleshaw Goddard respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order:

- a. Granting this Application; and
- b. Allowing and awarding \$54,310.40, of which \$43,448.32 is to be paid currently and \$10,862.08 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 Addleshaw Goddard to the Trustee from April 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024; and
- c. Granting Addleshaw Goddard such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 25, 2024

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EXHIBIT A

**SUMMARY OF INTERIM FEE APPLICATION
OF ADDLESHAW GODDARD FOR SERVICES RENDERED
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH JULY 31, 2024**

	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
Caoilfhionn Ni Chuanachain	\$600.00	3.20	\$1,920.00
Felix Dorfelt	\$600.00	0.50	\$300.00
Markus Perkams	\$600.00	29.80	\$17,880.00
Jorg Bielefeld	\$600.00	0.50	\$300.00
Timo Handel	\$420.00	38.80	\$16,296.00
Isabele Hellriegel	\$347.78	68.00	\$23,648.89
Total:	\$428.59	140.80	\$60,344.89
Total minus 10% Discount	\$385.73		\$54,310.40
Total Net of 20% Holdback:			\$43,448.32