

EXHIBIT A

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:) Chapter 11
)
CORUS BANKSHARES, INC., ¹) Case No. 10-26881
)
) Honorable Pamela S. Hollis
)
Debtor.) Hearing Date: August 2, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.
) Objections Due: July 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**VERIFIED STATEMENT OF
MARK A. BERKOFF IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION
FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE
RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF NEAL, GERBER & EISENBERG, LLP
AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS OF CORUS BANKSHARES, INC. RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 28, 2010**

I, Mark A. Berkoff, declare under penalty of perjury as follows, pursuant to Rules 2014 (a) and 2016(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP (“NGE” or the “Firm”), with offices located at Two North LaSalle Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60602. I am duly admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. I am authorized to submit this Verified Statement in support of the *Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing and Approving the Retention and Employment of Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Retroactive to June 28, 2010* (the “Application”).²

¹ The Debtor in this chapter 11 case, along with the last four digits of the Debtor’s federal tax identification number, is: Corus Bankshares, Inc. (3592). The location of the Debtor’s corporate headquarters and the service address for the Debtor is: 10 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60606.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

2. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and could testify competently as to the facts contained herein.

3. Neither I, the Firm, nor any partner, of counsel or associate thereof, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, has any connection with the Debtor, its creditors or any other parties in interest herein, or its respective attorneys and accountants, the U.S. Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the U.S. Trustee, except as may be set forth herein.

4. The Firm has made the following investigation of disinterestedness prior to submitting this Statement. The Firm has undertaken a full and thorough review of its computer database which contains the names of clients and other parties interested in particular matters. The Firm requires all of its professionals, before accepting the representation of a new client, or the representation of an existing client in a new matter, to perform a conflicts check through the Firm's database and to enter into that database conflict information regarding new clients or new matters. Thus, a review of said computerized database should reveal any and all actual or potential conflicts of interest with respect to any given representation.

5. In particular, an employee of the Firm, under my supervision, ran the names of: (a) Debtor; (b) the Debtor's current and recent former directors and officers; (c) former employees; (d) certain professionals who will render services in connection with this Chapter 11 Case; (e) shareholders; (f) taxing authorities; (g) trust preferred securities trustees; (h) vendors; (i) the Debtor's top 20 unsecured creditors; and (j) all trustees, judges and Court contacts in the Northern District of Illinois (collectively, the "Conflicts List") through the Firm's database. A true and correct copy of the Conflicts List, as provided by Debtor's counsel, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. NGE represented, represents, and in the future will likely represent certain of the Debtor's creditors or equity holders in matters unrelated to the Debtor and this case. To the extent the search conducted by NGE indicated that NGE has, or had, a relationship with any of the entities on the Conflicts List, or known affiliates of those parties, the identities of such entities are set forth on Exhibit B attached hereto. If the Firm identifies any further such representations, the Firm shall make further disclosures as may be appropriate at that time.

7. Subject to Court approval, the Committee will seek to retain various professionals during the pendency of this case, including FTI Consulting, as financial advisors and Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, as legal counsel. The Debtor has retained Kirkland & Ellis LLP as counsel; BMC Group, Inc. as claims, noticing and balloting agent; Kinetic Advisors LLC as financial advisors and Plante & Moran, PLLC as independent auditors and accountants. NGE has represented, represents, and in the future will likely represent creditors and equity holders in cases unrelated to this Chapter 11 Case wherein one or more of the aforementioned firms have served as professionals.

8. NGE is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code in that, to the best of my knowledge, the Firm, its partners, of counsel and associates:

- a. are not creditors, equity security holders or insiders of the Debtor;
- b. are not and were not within 2 years before the date of the filing of the Debtor's chapter 11 petitions, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtor;
- c. are not and were not, within three (3) years before the date of the filing of the Debtor's chapter 11 petition, an investment banker for a security of the Debtor, or an attorney

for such investment banker in connection with the offer, sale or issuance of any security of the Debtor;

d. does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the Debtor's estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtor, or for any other reason, except as disclosed herein;

e. NGE represents Kirkland & Ellis LLP in connection with matters completely unrelated to this Chapter 11 case;

f. NGE represented Debtors' wholly owned subsidiary, Corus Bank, many years ago. The last time billed to Corus Bank was in August 1997; and

g. NGE represented Corus Bankshares over twenty (20) years ago with the billed to Corus Bankshares occurring in August 1990. In fact, the attorney who represented Corus Bankshares while at NGE, Joel Hurwitz, left NGE over four years ago.

9. The Firm has received no retainer from the Debtor or Committee or any payment, nor any promise of payment, during the one year period prior to the filing of the Debtor's petitions. No compensation has been paid or promised to be paid from a source other than the Debtor's estate in this Chapter 11 Case. No promises have been received by the Firm nor by any partners, of counsel or associates thereof as to compensation in connection with these Chapter 11 Case other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. The Firm has no agreement with any other entity to share with such entity any compensation received by the Firm in connection with these Chapter 11 Case, except among the partners, of counsel and associates of the Firm. Neither the Committee nor its members (or any of their representatives) are or will be liable for fees or costs incurred by the Firm in its representation of the Committee.

10. The Firm intends to apply for compensation for professional services rendered in connection with these Chapter 11 Case in compliance with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and any orders entered by this Court, on an hourly basis, plus reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses and other charges incurred by the Firm. The principal attorneys and paralegals presently designated to represent the Committee and their current standard hourly rates are:

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| a. | Mark A. Berkoff | \$645.00 per hour |
| b. | Deborah M. Gutfeld | \$460.00 per hour |
| c. | Nicholas M. Miller | \$410.00 per hour |
| d. | Nina Taylor Brody | \$240.00 per hour |

11. The hourly rates set forth above are the Firm's standard hourly rates for work of this nature, which are subject to adjustment from time to time. These rates are set at a level designed to fairly compensate the Firm for the work of its attorneys and paralegals and to cover fixed and routine overhead expenses. It is the Firm's policy to charge its clients in all areas of practice for all other expenses incurred in connection with the client's case. The expenses charged to clients include, among other things, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, document retrieval, photocopying charges at the rate of \$.10 per page, travel expenses, expenses for "working meals," computerized research, transcription costs, as well as non-ordinary overhead expenses such as secretarial and other overtime. The Firm will charge the Committee for these expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made generally to the Firm's other clients.

12. NGE intends to work closely with the other professionals retained by the Committee in this Chapter 11 Case to ensure that there is no unnecessary duplication of services performed or charged to the Debtor's estate.


/s/ Mark A. Berkoff

Mark A. Berkoff

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before
me this 16th day of July, 2010


/s/ Leslie Owens

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 17, 2013



EXHIBIT A

Category

1. Debtor
2. Current and Recent Former Directors and Officers
3. Former Employees
4. Professionals
5. Shareholders
6. Taxing Authorities
7. Trust Preferred Securities Trustees
8. 20 Largest Unsecured Creditors
9. Vendors
10. United States Trustee, Judges, and Court Contacts for the Northern District of Illinois – Eastern Division (and Key Staff Members)

1. Debtors

Corus Bankshares, Inc.

2. Current and Recent Former Directors and Officers

Antal, Stephen J.
Buford, Robert
Callahan, Kevin
Curtis, Randy
Grob, Ryan
Lubeznik, Rodney
McClure, Michael
Minnaugh, Michael J.
Roberts, Peter

3. Former Employees

Dulberg, Michael
Glickman, Robert
Koretz, Rick
Manley, Paula
Nunez, Luis
Taylor, Tim

4. Professionals

Goodwin Procter LLP
Kaye Scholer LLP
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Kinetic Advisors LLC
Plante & Moran PLLC
FTI Consulting
BMC Corporation

Deloitte Tax
Sullivan & Cromwell
Mellon
Bowne
Hewitt
ADP
Mayer Brown

5. Shareholders

Abdula Family Partnership
Abel, Tyrus C.
Abramovitz, Jack
Abramovitz, Lucille B.
Albrecht, Jane
Allen, Kathleen J.
Anderson, Correne V.
Anderson, Gordon A.
Anderson, Robert A.
Armstrong, Gerald R.
Bayer, Rudolph C.
Bernstein, Benjamin
Bidochka, Ronald M.
Biebuyck, Paula J.
Birnberg, Gary
Birnberg, Joanne
Birnberg, Reuben
Blake, Janice B.
Blake, Kenneth E.
Bookheim, Louis W., III
Brach, Donna J.
Braun, Mary Ann
Broggi, Charles M.
Bronstein, Joel R.
Bruzek, Emil
Burkett, Perry C.
Burns, Barton C.
Cahow, Harold T.
Canyon State Life Insurance Co.
Carlin, Ingrid
Castleman, Linda
Cedar, David A.
Cede & Co.
Coast Life Insurance Co.
Colvin, Lynn M.
Colvin, Ronald H.
Conrad, Cyril A.

Cronin, Susan
Dalton, Deborah A.
Davis, Josh
Desnick, Milton
Dibble, Cynthia W.
Ditlove, Dennis
Ditlove, Nancy
Dotto, Robert L.
Eccles, G. Stephen
Eisel, Edward J.
Eliot, Allen E.
Eliot, Lise S.
Fassbind, Carl
Feeney, Kevin
Feurzeig, Alberta L.
Fingerman, David
Fink, Joel R.
First Clearing LLC
Fisher, Cynthia
Fong, Ronald G.
Frumkin, Leonard
Gardner, Brayden Allen
Gibson, Yong
Giesberger, Liesbeth
Gilbert, Aidan D.
Gindorff, Mary
Glickman, Anne W.
Glickman, Caryn
Glickman, Hardy
Glickman, Joseph C.
Glickman, Marnie Rose
Glickman, Robert J.
Goldman, Shari
Good, Eleanor H.
Goodman, Marilyn E.
Goodstein, Shirley
Gordon, Pearl
Graupner, Bonnie J.
Gregg, Bernard M.
Grounds, Harry C.
Haim, Susan
Hans, Abby L.
Hans, Sharyl A.
Hansen, Terry A.
Hartman, Kathleen
Hauf, Carol W.

Helleckson, Dwain D.
Hernandez, Esau
Hoffman, Jay F.
Hoime, Kristen M.
Hork, Murial P.
Horwitz, Harriet C.
Hotvedt, Arthur L.
Johnson, Charles R.
Johnson, Phyllis M.
Johnson, Samuel E.
Jones, Stanley H.
Kalfadelis, Charles
Kalina, Mark D.
Kalina, Robert C.
Kalina Terrance M.
Kalina, Todd J.
Kanner, Marguerite Moukalian
Keenan, Terence W.
Keller, Leonard M.
Kelly, Hubert P.
Kelly, Michael J.
Kessler, Brandon
Kloss, Donald
Klossner, Barbara A.
Knipers, August
Kowalski, Thomas R.
Krakau, Floyd M.
Krebsbach, Urban P.
Kroeplin, William F.
Larios, Guadalupe M.
Latawiec, Chester W.
Lebowitz, Harold
Leder, Morton
Lepor, Julie
Levoir, Kenneth C.
Levoir, Michael R.
Levoir, Patrick J.
Levoir, Thomas A.
Levoir, William J.
Long, Robert A.
Lorr, Alan J.
Lubeznick, Jack Steven
Mann, Harriet S.
Mann, Paul S.
Martin, Marilyn Klehm
Martin, Thomas

Mary Ann G. McMorrow Trust
McCormick, Alvin W.
McParland, John E.
McQueen, Michael
Millegan, James W.
Miller, Richard L.
Mizgalski, Paul J.
Moel, Hardye S.
Moukalian, Mary
Mueller, Matt
Murawski, William J.
Natkin, Gerald L.
Nelson, Justin
Nicol, Herbert C.
Nicosia, Gina M.
Nisson, Rube N.
Norris, J. Martin
Nye, Marguerite F.
Organ, Joseph Jr.
Panton, John H.
Pearson, Richard G.
Peralta, Joseph
Perkins, Becky
Perkins, Carol L.
Perkins, Michael
Perkins, Patsy
Phillips, Mary Kay
Plinski, Darleen M.
Plitman, Michael
Pokoyoway, Robin A.
Predd, Marilyn
Propper, Cathy
Propper, Janice S.
Rubenstein, Lee
Rubenstein, Marlene
Ruffolo, Fiore J.
Safirstein, Ronald
Salloway, Louis
Salloway, Michael M.
Schapiro, Jeremiah
Scheerer, John
Schlavin, Robert E.
Schlumpberger, E. James
Schmaus, Robert L.
Schneider, Doris E.
Segal, Mara Clair

Serber, Marilyn D.
Serber, Paul
Shapiro, Paul
Shobowale, Olatokumbo
Siker, Marcia
Slonina, Larry
Smith, Anthony
Smith, Dorothy A.
Smith, Linda Joyce
Smith, Thomas Steven
SNL Securities LLC
Solomon, Joel C.
Song, Charles CS
Spaulding, Robert A.
Stoltman, Donna K.
Stroyny, Ann
Stroyny, Stephan
Studney, Bridget M.
Sullivan, Patrick Michael
Tarshish, Heidi S.
Tengdin, Robert C.
Upham, Millard
Uselman, Cynthia J.
Van Bellinger, Daniel
Veidel, Joseph
Vlach, Anna M.
Vos, Ralph R.
Watkins, Deborah S.
Westby, Allen E.
Wilensky, Alan J.
Wilharm, Charles F.
Wiltmuth, Harold C.
Wolf, Marshall
Wolfe, Diane Eve
Wrobel, Joanne H.
Yarosh, Sheri Salloway

6. Taxing Authorities

Arizona Department of Revenue
California Franchise Tax Board
Illinois Department of Revenue
Indiana Department of Revenue

7. Trust Preferred Securities Trustees

BNY Mellon
LaSalle Bank

US Bank N.A.
Wells Fargo Delaware Trust Co.
Wilmington Trust Co.

8. 20 Largest Unsecured Creditors

U.S. Bank National Association, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust I
The Bank of New York, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust II
U.S. Bank National Association, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust III
The Bank of New York, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust IV
U.S. Bank National Association, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust V
The Bank of New York, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust VI
Wilmington Trust Company, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust VII
The Bank of New York, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust VIII
The Bank of New York, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust IX
Wilmington Trust Company, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust X
LaSalle Bank, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust XI
Wells Fargo Delaware Trust Co., as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust XII
Wilmington Trust Company, as Statutory Trustee for Corus Statutory Trust XIII
Regus Mana Group LLC
Flora Boemi
Harry L. Shapiro
Joel T. Harris
Marvin Strunk
Joseph Glickman
Bloomberg

9. Vendors

24 Seven Discovere LLC
Access Search Inc.
ADP
American Bank Note Co.
Antal Consulting LLC
Baker Tilly
Bank of America / Merrill Lynch
Bank of New York Mellon
Bowne of Chicago Inc.
Boyer-Rosene Moving & Storage Inc.
Broadridge ICS
Business Wire Inc.
Carey, Peter B.
Crains Chicago Business
CT Corp. System
D' Absolute
Deloitte Tax
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
Edens Express Inc.

Encore Discovery Solutions
Ernst & Young
Excel Graphics & Promotions, Inc.
FDIC
Foliofn Investments, Inc.
Hewitt Associates LLC
Hillard Heintze LLC
Hinshaw & Culbertson
Ice Systems Inc.
Iron Mountain
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
Kinetic Advisors LLC
Lake County Press Inc.
Lindquist & Vennum PLLP
Mayer Brown LLP
Mellon Investor Services LLP
Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
PR Newswire Association LLC
Pressley Jacobs Design Inc.
Proxy Services Corp.
Pure Compliance
Regus Corp.
Resources Global Professionals
RR Donnelley
Schopf & Weiss LLP
Sidley Austin LLP
Stetler & Duffy Ltd.
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
Thomas Reuters
Towers Perrin
Williams Lea Inc.

9. United States Trustee, Judges, and Court Contacts for the Northern District of Illinois – Eastern Division (and Key Staff Members)

Black, Bruce W.
Cox, Jacqueline P.
Delaurent, Denise Ann
Doyle, Carol A.
Friedman, Richard C.
Gleason, Kathryn M.
Goldgar, A. Benjamin
Gulden, Cameron
Harvalis, Constantine
Hollis, Pamela S.
Rasnak, Sandra T.
Schmetterer, Jack B.

Schwartz, John D.
Silver, M. Gretchen
Sonderby, Susan Pierson
Squires, John H.
Sukley, Roman L.
Wedoff, Eugene R.
Wolfe, Stephen G.

EXHIBIT B

CORUS – RELATIONSHIP WITH NGE CURRENT/FORMER CLIENTS

DEBTOR	NGE RELATIONSHIP	STATUS
CORUS BANKSHARES, INC.	NGE represented Debtors' wholly owned subsidiary, Corus Bank, many years ago. The last time billed to Corus Bank was in August 1997; and NGE represented Corus Bankshares twenty years ago with the last time entries occurring in August 1990. In fact, the attorney who represented Corus Bankshares while at NGE, Joel Hurwitz, left NGE over four years ago.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
CURRENT AND RECENT FORMER DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS		
Kevin Callahan	NGE may have represented Mr. Callahan in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
FORMER EMPLOYEES		
Robert Glickman	NGE may currently represent and has represented Mr. Glickman in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case. The last invoice sent to Mr. Glickman was in October 2001.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
PROFESSIONALS		
Kirkland & Ellis	NGE currently represents and has in the past represented Kirkland & Ellis in matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
SHAREHOLDERS		
First Clearing LLC	In matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case, NGE is or was adverse to First Clearing LLC, an affiliate of Wells Fargo Delaware Trust Co. (a trust preferred securities trustee and member of the official committee of unsecured creditors).	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Joseph C. Glickman	NGE may currently represent and has represented Mr. Glickman in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.

TAXING AUTHORITIES		
N/A	N/A	N/A
TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES TRUSTEES		
BNY Mellon	In matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case, NGE is or was adverse to BNY Mellon and/or certain of its affiliates.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Wells Fargo Delaware Trust Co.	In matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case, NGE is or was adverse to certain affiliates of Wells Fargo Delaware Trust Co.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Wilmington Trust Company	In matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case, NGE is or was adverse to Wilmington Trust Company.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
LaSalle Bank	NGE represents Bank of America, which acquired LaSalle Bank, in matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
20 LARGEST UNSECURED CREDITORS		
Bloomberg	NGE represented Bloomberg Financial in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
VENDORS		
Bank of America / Merrill Lynch	NGE currently represents and has represented Bank of America / Merrill Lynch in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Baker Tilly	NGE currently represents or may have represented Baker Tilly and/or its affiliates in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
CT Corp System	NGE currently represents or may have represented CT Corp System and/or its affiliates in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Lindquist & Vennum	NGE currently represents or may have represented Lindquist & Vennum in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.

Business Wire	Business wire is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway. NGE currently represents Berkshire Hathaway and may have represented Berkshire Hathaway in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Ernst & Young	NGE currently represents or may have represented Ernst & Young in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
ADP Dealer Services	NGE has represented ADP Dealer Services in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Mayer Brown	NGE has represented Mayer Brown in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
DHL Airways	DHL Airways is an affiliate of Williams Lea Inc. NGE has represented Williams Lea Inc. in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
RR Donnelly	NGE has represented RR Donnelly in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
Katten Muchin	NGE has represented Katten Muchin in the past regarding matters unrelated to this chapter 11 case.	NGE does not believe this presents a conflict affecting its retention in this chapter 11 case.
UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, JUDGES, AND COURT CONTACTS FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS – EASTERN DIVISION (AND KEY STAFF MEMBERS)		
N/A	N/A	N/A