

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

KENNETH TAGGART

v.

**NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL
SERVICES, et al.**

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-4261

MEMORANDUM

McHugh, J.

October 2, 2023

I. Factual and Procedural History

This was an action under the Fair Debt Collection Act against a financial services firm and two law firms in which summary judgment was ultimately granted after long and contentious litigation. Plaintiff Kenneth Taggart was originally represented by an attorney, Joshua Thomas, who was suspended from practice during the pendency of this case for repeatedly taking frivolous positions in both federal and state courts. Mr. Taggart has been represented by Thomas in various cases over many years' time, and has litigated many other cases *pro se*.

Here, summary judgment was granted, but after Taggart complained he was not given the opportunity to be heard, reconsideration was granted. Then, following a full evidentiary hearing, and a further ruling against him, he filed a second motion for reconsideration, which contained nothing beyond a repetition of his prior arguments. Simultaneously, he appealed the ruling of the Bankruptcy Court, 22-cv-00990, and in his brief identifying the issues in that action, ECF 10, he misrepresented the procedural history of this case, and at no point disclosed that final judgment had been entered against him. That lack of candor on his part is not surprising, as I previously found

that he made misrepresentation to the Bankruptcy Court about the potential value of the claims asserted here. ECF 55, p. 6.

Defendant New Century Financial Services contends that such conduct on Mr. Taggart's part was frivolous and vexatious, and as a sanction it seeks an award of counsel fees and a prospective injunction prohibiting future litigation.

II. Legal Standard

Defendant invokes 28 U.S.C. § 1927 and this Court's inherent power to sanction attorneys and litigants. I see sufficient authority to address this issue within Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, having previously cautioned Mr. Taggart about its applicability to him as a pro se litigant.¹ ECF 55, p. 14. Under Rule 11, the issue is whether his filings were reasonable, defined as "an objective knowledge or belief at the time of the filing of the challenged paper that the claim was well-grounded in law and fact." *Ford Motor Co. v. Summit Motor Prods., Inc.*, 930 F.2d 277, 289 (3d Cir. 1991).

III. Discussion

In a previous memorandum, I described Mr. Taggart as a well-known serial litigant. His history of litigation supports this description.² This is relevant both as to his level of sophistication,

¹ See *Taylor v. Messmer*, 2010 WL 545892, at *1-2 (W.D. Pa. 2010) (imposing sanctions on pro se plaintiff for filing a "barrage" of civil and administrative cases against the same defendants raising the same issues); *Lai v. Dist. V-C Ethics Comm.*, 2006 WL 3677933, at *4 (D.N.J. 2006) (imposing sanctions on pro se plaintiff and issuing an injunction barring her from filing future related suits without prior permission of court); *Martin v. Farmers First Bank*, 151 F.R.D. 44, 49 (E.D. Pa. 1993) (imposing sanctions on pro se plaintiffs for failure to investigate the basis of their claims); *Calesnick v. Redevelopment Auth. of City of Philadelphia*, 696 F.Supp. 1053, 1056 (E.D. Pa. 1988) (imposing sanctions on pro se plaintiffs and issuing an injunction barring them from filing future related suits).

² *Taggart v. Norwest Mortg., Inc., et al.*, 539 F. App'x 42 (3d Cir. 2013) (pleading Truth in Lending Act ("TILA") arising out of mortgage dispute); *Taggart v. Chase Bank USA, N.A., et al.*, Case No. 2:09-cv-01533-JF (pleading TILA, Reg. Z., and fraud claims which were all dismissed with prejudice on a motion, Plaintiff appealed, and the Third Circuit affirmed the district court's decision); *Taggart v. Greenpoint Mortg. Funding, Inc., et al.*, Case Nos. 2:09-cv-03416-MSG, 2:09-cv-03417-MSG (pleading violations of the

and as to whether he was acting in good faith. New Century's first motion for sanctions sought fees for the period that followed my first entry of summary judgment in its favor on December 13, 2021. But this overlooks the fact that, out of an abundance of caution, I granted Mr. Taggart's motion for reconsideration and afforded him the opportunity for an evidentiary hearing which took place on March 7, 2022. ECF 54. Thereafter, I definitively rejected his claims in a Memorandum opinion dated March 18, 2022, a ruling now on appeal.³

Mr. Taggart then moved for reconsideration again, ECF 58, attempting to relitigate issues already decided against him. He also appealed the decision of the Bankruptcy Court to this Court. 22-cv-00990. I agree with Defendant that by this juncture, Taggart's position was objectively

Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act ("RESPA") and the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), cases were consolidated and eventually dismissed with prejudice); *Taggart v. Chase Bank USA, N.A., et al.*, Case No. 2:09-cv-03761-JF (repleading previously dismissed claims, dismissed with prejudice on a motion); *Taggart v. GMAC Mortg., LLC*, Case No. 2:12-cv-04077-ER (alleging fraud related to mortgage, case dismissed); *Taggart v. Deutsche Bank Nat'l Co., et al.*, 2:12-cv-04455-WD (alleging various civil rights violations related to mortgage, dismissed without prejudice); *Taggart v. Bank of New York Mellon, et al.*, Case No. 2:15-cv-02985-NIQA (remanded to Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas); *Taggart v. Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc. Trust 2007-HE2, et al.*, Case No. 5:16-cv-00062-EGS (dismissed on stipulation of parties); *Taggart v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., et al.*, Case No. 5:16-cv-00063-LS (various violations related to mortgage and title; dismissed with prejudice; Plaintiff sought reconsideration which was denied); *Taggart v. U.S. Dept. of Justice, et al.*, 2:16-cv-04040-GJP (alleging violations of 1st, 4th, and 5th Amendments, Due Process violations and fraud; claims dismissed on motion, all with prejudice except as to 1st Amendment claim; Plaintiff sought reconsideration and was denied); *Taggart v. U.S. Dep't of Justice, et al.*, Case No. 2:17-cv-03210 GJP (Writ of Mandamus action; dismissed, with prejudice; Plaintiff sought reconsideration and was denied); *Taggart v. Deutsche Bank Nat'l Trust Co., et al.*, Case No. 2:20-cv-05503-GJP (allegations based on quiet title, slander, breach of contract, RESPA, UTPCPL, FCEUA, FD CPA, and fraud; dismissed with prejudice; appeal remains pending); *Taggart v. The Honorable Jeffrey Saltz, et al.*, Case No. 2:20-cv-01638-GJP (alleging due process violations under 5th and 14th Amendments, violations of 4th Amendment, and fraud; case dismissed on motion and Plaintiff sought reconsideration and was denied; Plaintiff appealed, and district court decision was affirmed); *Taggart v. PHH Mortg. Corp., et al.*, 21-ap-00112-amc (adversary proceeding alleging quiet title, breach of contract and fraud; remains pending); *Taggart v. Gregory Funding, et al.*, 22-ap-00019-amc (Adversary proceeding alleging quiet title, breach of contract, and fraud; remains pending); *Taggart v. PHH Mortg. Corp., et al.*, 2:22-cv-00302-JMY (appealing bankruptcy court order); *Taggart v. PHH Mortg. Corp., et al.*, 2:22-cv-00309-JMY (appealing bankruptcy court order).

³ Precedent supports the conclusion that an award of fees represents a collateral matter over which the district court continue to have jurisdiction during the pendency of an appeal. *Cooter & Gell v. Hartmarx Corp.*, 496 U.S. 384 (1990); *DiPaolo v. Moran*, 277 F. Supp. 2d 528, 532 (E.D. Pa. 2003) (Yohn, J.), *aff'd*, 407 F.3d 140 (3d Cir. 2005)

unreasonable, and that he did not move for reconsideration because he had a colorable legal position, but only for purposes of obstruction and delay.

I reach this conclusion for several reasons. First, it is consistent with a pattern of Mr. Taggart's behavior throughout the extensive litigation he has filed. Second, the legal standard for reconsideration is well established and rigorous, and Taggart made no attempt to meet it. Reconsideration requires "(1) an intervening change in controlling law; (2) the availability of new evidence not available previously; or (3) the need to correct clear error of law or prevent manifest injustice." *North River Ins. Co. v. CIGNA Reinsurance Co.*, 52 F.3d 1194, 1218 (3d Cir. 1995) (cleaned up). As a sophisticated pro se litigant, Mr. Taggart must be charged with knowledge of this standard, and he ignored it. And, from past experience, he certainly knew that in prior cases such motions were never successful except to prolong proceedings.⁴ In that regard, because he was simultaneously litigating in Bankruptcy Court, he also knew delay would work in his favor. And as noted above, in his appeal from the ruling of the Bankruptcy Court he has not completely or accurately described the history of this case.

New Century was directed to submit an itemization of counsel fees focused on the period after March 18, 2022, when Mr. Taggart's claims were definitively rejected after he was given a full hearing. It has submitted an appropriate itemization and affidavit of counsel. ECF 65. The hourly rates are reasonable for lawyers of Attorney Suttell and Attorney Newburger's experience. The time spent accomplishing each task is reasonable, as well. I have excluded billings related to work on the appeal and settlement discussions but awarded fees for all time related to the frivolous

⁴ Out of an abundance of caution here, I held an evidentiary hearing, at which I found Mr. Taggart's assertions unworthy of belief. I also found that he lacked candor in his representations to the Bankruptcy Court.

motion for reconsideration, and time related to the prolongation of proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court.⁵ Those reductions are reflected in Exhibit A, attached hereto, for a net award of \$8,705.00.

New Century also requests an injunction limiting future litigation. From my review of the record, it appears that this is the first case in which New Century has been sued. The Third Circuit has instructed that injunctions against pro se litigants must be approached with caution. *In re Oliver*, 682 F.2d 443, 445-46 (3d Cir. 1982). Although Taggart has not responded to its request for an injunction, and notwithstanding his blameworthy conduct in this case, I am not convinced that New Century is entitled to such relief based on a single suit.

An appropriate order follows.

/s/ Gerald Austin McHugh
United States District Judge

⁵ I have also excluded from the award, billings for work by “SWS”, whose name, rates, and professional background were not included in Attorney Suttell’s affidavit. *See* ECF 65.



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History Bill

Re: Invoice for Taggart, K-New Century Financial Services Inc

Time

<u>Date</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Charges</u>
11/3/2022	BJS	Reviewed Plaintiff's Mtn to Enlarge time to file his appellate brief.	0.20	\$55.00
11/3/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito regarding Plaintiff's Mtn to Enlarge time to file his appellate brief and recommending filing an opposition.	0.10	\$27.50
11/3/2022	BJS	Reviewed e-mail from Jeff Esposito approving filing a response to Plaintiff/Appellant's Motion to Enlarge Time.	0.10	\$27.50
11/3/2022	BJS	Began drafting Opposition to Plaintiff/Appellant's Motion to Enlarge Time.	0.40	\$110.00
11/4/2022	BJS	Continued drafting Opposition to Plaintiff/Appellant's Motion to Enlarge Time	1.80	\$495.00
11/4/2022	BJS	Telephone call to J. McHugh's chambers regarding outstanding Motion for Sanction and Pre-filing Injunction.	0.10	No Charge
11/4/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with draft opposition for review and approval.	0.10	\$27.50
11/8/2022	BJS	Drafted proposed Order for Opposition to Motion for Enlargement of Time for Appellant to file his brief.	0.10	\$27.50
11/8/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Mr. Taggart serving him with a copy of the Opposition to his Motion to Enlargement Time to file his appellate brief.	0.10	\$27.50
11/10/2022	BJS	Reviewed e-mail from Taggart inquiring about a resolution.	0.10	\$27.50
11/10/2022	BJS	Drafted an e-mail to Jeff Esposito regarding Taggart's inquiry about a resolution.	0.10	\$27.50
11/10/2022	BJS	Telephone call from Jeff Esposito re: Taggart's inquiry on settlement.	0.10	\$27.50
11/10/2022	BJS	Telephone call with Jeff Esposito and Lee Pressler regarding settlement proposal for Taggart.	0.10	\$27.50
11/14/2022	BJS	Reviewed Court's Order scheduling hearing for 11/21/2022 at 3:00 pm.	0.10	\$27.50
11/14/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Plaintiff regarding possible settlement.	0.10	\$27.50

11/14/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito regarding Court's Order and upcoming hearing.	0.10	\$27.50
11/14/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to the Court, copying Plaintiff and PFW, requesting hearing be held over zoom or telephone.	0.10	\$27.50
11/15/2022	BJS	Reviewed e-mail from Plaintiff regarding settlement.	0.10	\$27.50
11/15/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with Plaintiff's response to the settlement offer.	0.10	\$27.50
11/15/2022	BJS	Telephone call with Jeff Esposito discussing settlement strategy and upcoming hearing.	0.20	\$55.00
11/15/2022	BJS	Conference call with Jeff Esposito & Lee Pressler re: settlement.	0.20	\$55.00
11/16/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Judge's chambers re: witness testimony needed and appearance via zoom on in person.	0.10	\$27.50
11/18/2022	BJS	Reviewed e-mail from the Court with Zoom hearing information.	0.10	\$27.50
11/18/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with the zoom hearing link information.	0.10	\$27.50
11/21/2022	MN	Conversation with Brit re: issues for hearing.	0.40	\$180.00
11/21/2022	BJS	Discussion with MHN re: Sanctions & Pre-Filing Injunction Motion and Reconsideration Motion hearing.	0.40	No Charge
11/21/2022	BJS	Prepared for hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and NCF's Motion for Sanctions & Pre-Filing Injunction.	1.60	\$440.00
11/21/2022	BJS	Appeared via zoom and participated in hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Order granting NCF's MSJ and NCF's Motion for Sanctions and Pre-Filing Injunction.	0.40	\$110.00
11/22/2022	BJS	Reviewed Court's Memorandum Opinion dated 11/22/2022 denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.	0.10	\$27.50
11/23/2022	BJS	Reviewed Plaintiff's Sur-Reply to Motion for Sanctions.	0.30	\$82.50
11/23/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito regarding Plaintiff's Sur-Reply.	0.10	\$27.50
11/28/2022	BJS	Reviewed and responded to an e-mail from Jeff Esposito re: Plaintiff's Sur-Reply to Motion for Sanctions.	0.20	\$55.00
11/28/2022	BJS	Began drafting fee declaration in support of pending Motion for Sanctions.	1.70	\$467.50
11/29/2022	BJS	Revised fee declaration to include Rule 11 information.	0.10	\$27.50
11/29/2022	MN	Revised fee declaration.	0.70	\$315.00
10/6/2022	BJS	Reviewed Court's Briefing scheduled in the bankruptcy appeal regarding the bankruptcy court's order denying Taggart's Motion to Approve Compromise.	0.10	\$27.50

4/1/2022	BJJ	Drafted e-mail to Plaintiff with a copy of the filed Motion for Sanctions, proposed Order, and Memorandum of in Law.	0.20	\$55.00
4/1/2022	BJJ	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with a copy of the filed Motion for Sanctions, proposed Order, and Memorandum of in Law.	0.10	\$27.50
4/1/2022	BJJ	Reviewed U.S. Trustee's Notice of Additional Items for appeal regarding denial of Plaintiff's Motion to Approve Compromise in bankruptcy case.	0.10	\$27.50
4/1/2022	BJJ	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with U.S. Trustee's Notice of Additional Items designated for appeal regarding Plaintiff's appeal of the bankruptcy court's order of denial of motion to approve compromise.	0.10	\$27.50
4/1/2022	BJJ	Reviewed additional filing in Plaintiff's bankruptcy proceeding to determine if any action as to NCF was required.	0.20	No Charge
4/11/2022	BJJ	Telephone call from Jeff Esposito to update status on Taggart's bankruptcy and City of Philadelphia's motion to dismiss Taggart's bankruptcy.	0.30	\$82.50
4/12/2022	BJJ	Reviewed bankruptcy docket to determine what filings apply to NCF and suggested actions. Reviewed bankruptcy appeal docket and the filed notice of record on appeal. Reviewed District Court filing by Plaintiff - Motion for Reconsideration and Opposition to Sanctions.	0.40	\$110.00
4/12/2022	BJJ	Analyzed appropriate Fed. R. Bankr. P. to determine timeline and process for appeal.	0.10	\$27.50
4/12/2022	BJJ	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito regarding Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration and Opposition to Sanctions; and City of Philadelphia's Motion to Dismiss bankruptcy.	0.10	\$27.50
4/13/2022	BJJ	Telephone call from Jeff Esposito to discuss strategy for handling Taggart's Motion for Reconsideration in the federal district court and [REDACTED].	0.20	\$55.00
4/14/2022	BJJ	Telephone call from Judge's clerk inquiring if NCF would withdraw Motion for Sanctions if Taggart agreed to withdraw Motion for Reconsideration and not to appeal.	0.10	\$27.50
4/14/2022	BJJ	Telephone call with Jeff Esposito regarding Judge McHugh's suggestion re: sanctions, appeal & reconsideration motions.	0.10	\$27.50
4/14/2022	BJJ	Reviewed e-mail from Jeff Esposito regarding strategy for handling district court matter, bankruptcy, and bankruptcy appeal of Plaintiff.	0.10	\$27.50
4/14/2022	BJJ	Telephone call with Jeff Esposito regarding proposition to withdraw motion for sanctions if Taggart withdraws his motion for reconsideration and doesn't file an appeal; strategy will be [REDACTED].	0.10	\$27.50
4/14/2022	BJJ	Telephone call from Judge McHugh's clerk following up on proposition to resolve outstanding motions and prevent appeal.	0.20	\$55.00
4/14/2022	BJJ	Drafted Rule 11 Motion directed to Plaintiff regarding Motion for Reconsideration.	0.50	\$137.50

4/14/2022	BJS	Drafted correspondence to Plaintiff attaching Rule 11 Motion and proposing withdrawing Motion for Sanctions in return for his withdrawal of the Motion for Reconsideration and not taking an appeal.	0.60	\$165.00
4/15/2022	BJS	Reviewed various bankruptcy filing to determine if any action is needed by NCF.	0.10	No Charge
4/21/2022	BJS	Reviewed bankruptcy filings to determine if anything is needed from NCF.	0.20	No Charge
4/22/2022	BJS	Began drafting Brief in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.	0.90	\$247.50
4/25/2022	BJS	Completed drafting brief in opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Order granting summary judgment to NCF. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with draft of brief for review and approval.	3.30	\$907.50
4/25/2022	BJS	Reviewed e-mail from Jeff Esposito approving of brief in opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.	0.10	\$27.50
4/25/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Plaintiff serving him with a copy of the filed brief in opposition to his Motion for Reconsideration. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with a copy of the filed brief in opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.	0.20	\$55.00
4/27/2022	BJS	Reviewed various bankruptcy filings to determine if any action is needed by NCF.	0.20	No Charge
4/27/2022	BJS	Reviewed PFW's letter to Judge McHugh joining NCF's opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with a copy of the letter.	0.20	\$55.00
4/27/2022	BJS	Prepared for telephonic Bankruptcy Hearing on Debtor's Motion for Reconsideration of Order denying Motion to Approve Compromise.	0.50	\$137.50
4/27/2022	SWS	Talk to Brit re: Motion for Rehearing	0.10	\$49.50
4/27/2022	BJS	Appeared and participated in telephonic hearing with the Bankruptcy Court regarding Plaintiff's Motion to Reconsider the Bankruptcy Court's denial of his motion to approve compromise.	0.90	\$247.50
4/27/2022	BJS	Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with report from Bankruptcy Court hearing.	0.10	\$27.50
4/27/2022	BJS	Reviewed various bankruptcy filings to determine if any action is needed by NCF.	0.20	\$55.00
4/28/2022	BJS	Reviewed various bankruptcy filings, including the Court's Order dismissing Taggart's Motion for Reconsideration of the Bankruptcy Court's denial of his Motion to Approve Compromise.	0.10	\$27.50
4/28/2022	BJS	Telephone call with Jeff Esposito regarding bankruptcy filings.	0.10	\$27.50
3/18/2022	BJS	Analyzed memorandum opinion and order granting client's MSJ issued by Judge McHugh in E.D. Pa. civil litigation. Telephone call from Jeff Esposito regarding memorandum opinion and order granting summary judgment.	0.70	\$192.50

3/21/2022	BJS	Reviewed and responded to an e-mail from Jeff Esposito regarding additional thoughts on the District Court's Order granting motion for summary judgment and voiding settlement agreement.	0.20	\$55.00
3/21/2022	BJS	Telephone call with Jeff Esposito regarding next steps in (1) FDCPA case, (2) Bankruptcy Case, and (3) Bankruptcy appeal.	0.30	\$82.50
3/23/2022	BJS	Analyzed potential for sanctions under court's inherent power for Taggart FDCPA action. Analyzed bankruptcy procedure and case law to determine whether a motion to strike bankruptcy appeal is procedurally appropriate. Drafted Notice of Supplemental Authority with Judge McHugh's Opinion and Order for filing with Bankruptcy Court re: Taggart's Motion for Reconsideration. Served Notice of Supplemental Authority on Plaintiff. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with the filed Notice of Supplemental Authority and inquired about moving forward with sanctions and vexatious litigant motion.	2.90	\$797.50
3/23/2022	MN	Conversation with Brit re: sanctions/fees approaches.	0.40	\$180.00
3/23/2022	BJS	Reviewed e-mail from Jeff Esposito confirming desire to move forward with sanctions and vexatious litigant motion.	0.10	\$27.50
3/24/2022	BJS	Analyzed the court's inherent power to sanction Plaintiff to assist with drafting sanctions motion.	0.50	\$137.50
3/24/2022	SWS	Talk to Brit re: strategies on dealing with appeal and bankruptcy case	0.50	\$247.50
3/24/2022	BJS	Discussion with SS regarding possible strategies for handling plaintiff's bankruptcy and bankruptcy appeal.	0.50	\$137.50
3/28/2022	BJS	Began drafting Sanctions Motion for FDCPA lawsuit.	0.60	\$165.00
3/30/2022	BJS	Reviewed various bankruptcy filings to determine if any action is needed on behalf of NCF.	0.30	\$82.50
3/30/2022	BJS	Continued drafting Sanctions Motion & Order for Vexatious Litigant status for FDCPA lawsuit.	1.30	\$357.50
3/31/2022	BJS	Completed drafting Motion for Sanctions and Pre-Filing Injunction, proposed Order, and memorandum in support thereof. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with the drafts for review and approval.	5.20	\$1,430.00
7/27/2022	BJS	Reviewed Order from Judge Younge in Taggart's bankruptcy appeal re: denial of Motion to Approve Compromise. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with a copy of the Court's Order.	0.20	\$55.00
7/27/2022	BJS	Reviewed e-mail from Jeff Esposito re: Court's Order and Taggart's bankruptcy appeal on denial of motion to approve compromise.	0.10	\$27.50
5/2/2022	BJS	Reviewed various filings in Taggart's bankruptcy to determine whether any action by NCF is necessary.	0.10	\$27.50
5/4/2022	BJS	Telephone call with Jeff Esposito regarding status of cases.	0.10	\$27.50
5/5/2022	BJS	Reviewed various bankruptcy filings to determine whether any action is needed by NCF, including order granting the City of Philadelphia's Motion to Dismiss the bankruptcy and dismissing the bankruptcy.	0.30	\$82.50

5/10/2022	BJJ	Reviewed Taggart's appeal for the order dismissing his bankruptcy. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with a copy of the appeal.	0.20	\$55.00
5/16/2022	BJJ	Reviewed various bankruptcy filings to determine what, if any actions, are needed by NCF. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with an update on the various bankruptcy filings.	0.40	No Charge
5/17/2022	BJJ	Analyzed Bankruptcy appellate procedures with respect to Taggart's appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's Order denying his motion to approve the compromise. Drafted e-mail to Jeff Esposito with a suggestion of filing a motion to dismiss for failure to file an appellate brief.	0.60	\$165.00
5/24/2022	BJJ	Reviewed various bankruptcy filings to determine if any action is needed by NCF.	0.40	\$110.00
5/25/2022	BJJ	Reviewed various docket entries to determine if any action is needed by the client.	0.30	\$82.50
5/31/2022	BJJ	Reviewed and responded to an e-mail from Jeff Esposito regarding the status of Taggart's bankruptcy and various bankruptcy filings.	0.30	\$82.50
Time Total			38.30	\$10,487.00

Total New Charges **\$10,487.00**

Previous Balance **\$0.00**

Payments

4/7/2022	Payment #1658	-\$10,103.25
5/9/2022	Payment #1669	-\$2,772.00
6/9/2022	Payment #1680	-\$632.50
8/8/2022	Payment #1695	-\$82.50
11/6/2022	Payment #1723	-\$27.50

Total Payments and Credits **-\$13,617.75**

Balance Due **-\$3,130.75**