

Exhibit 8

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

IN RE MUTUAL FUNDS) MDL-1586
INVESTMENT LITIGATION)
Columbia sub-track) Case No. 04-md-15863
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**AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT D. HILLMAN
IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

COMMONWEALTH OF)
MASSACHUSETTS)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

Robert D. Hillman, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of the law firm of Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C. I submit this affidavit in support of my firm's application for an award of attorneys' fees in connection with services rendered in this case, as well as the reimbursement of expenses incurred by my firm in connection with this litigation.

2. My firm acted as local counsel in the derivative action. The tasks undertaken by my firm can be summarized as follows: review draft pleading, filing and service of Complaint; attention to stipulation regarding service; conferences regarding service on individual defendants; attention to consolidation of action.

3. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a detailed summary indicating the amount of time spent by the partners, attorneys and professional support staff of my firm who were involved in this litigation, and the lodestar calculation based on my firm's current billing

rates.¹ For personnel who are no longer employed by my firm, the lodestar calculation is based upon the billing rates for such personnel in his or her final year of employment by my firm. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous, daily time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and reimbursement of expenses has not been included in this request.

4. The hourly rates for the partners, attorneys and professional support staff in my firm included in Exhibit 1 are the same as the regular current rates charged for their services in non-contingent matters and/or which have been accepted and approved in other securities or shareholder litigation.

5. The total number of hours expended on this litigation by my firm is 26.8 hours. The total lodestar for my firm is \$9,380.00, consisting of \$9,380.00 for attorneys' time and \$0.00 for professional support staff time.

6. My firm's lodestar figures are based upon the firm's billing rates, which rates do not include charges for expense items. Expense items are billed separately and such charges are not duplicated in my firm's billing rates.

7. As detailed in Exhibit 2, my firm has incurred a total of \$171.42 in un-reimbursed expenses in connection with the prosecution of this litigation.

¹ This application does not include time for anyone who spent fewer than 5 hours on this litigation.

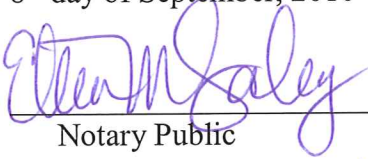
8. The expenses incurred in this action are reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source materials and represent an accurate recordation of the expenses incurred.

9. With respect to the standing of counsel in this case, attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a brief biography of my firm and attorneys in my firm who were principally involved in this litigation.



Robert D. Hillman

Sworn to before me this
8th day of September, 2010



Notary Public



My commission expires: 09/27/14

EXHIBIT 1

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DEUTSCH WILLIAMS BROOKS DERENSIS & HOLLAND, P.C.

TIME REPORT — Inception through September 8, 2010

Name	Total Hrs.	Hourly Rate	Total Lodestar
PARTNERS:			
Robert D. Hillman	26.8	350.00	\$9,380.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
ATTORNEYS:			
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF:			
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
			\$0.00
TOTAL LODESTAR			\$9,380.00

EXHIBIT 2

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DEUTSCH WILLIAMS BROOKS DERENSIS & HOLLAND, P.C.

EXPENSE REPORT — Inception through September 8, 2010

<u>Categories:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Photocopies/Reproduction	\$107.10
Postage/Notice Costs	11.97
Messengers/Express Services	26.25
Facsimile Charges	18.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<hr/> \$171.42

EXHIBIT 3

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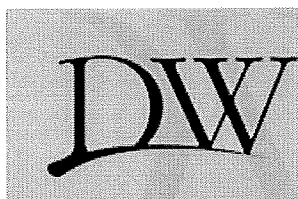
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Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C. is a Boston-based law firm providing a wide range of legal services. Our clients include large corporations, closely held businesses, state and local governments, insurance carriers, non-profit corporations and individuals.

Deutsch Williams is among the top one hundred largest law firms in Massachusetts* and enjoys a scale of operations large enough to serve its clients' needs fully, without sacrificing responsiveness and personal involvement. It is our philosophy of practice to keep sight of client goals and respond with competent advice, aggressive advocacy and timely follow through. Deutsch Williams regards a positive, responsive relationship with our clients as the key to our effectiveness as counsel. We look for opportunities to advise our clients in the initial stages of business or personal transactions to prevent legal problems from developing and to keep small problems from growing.

Whatever a client's needs, a Deutsch Williams attorney is available to listen, confer and take responsibility for achieving a timely, cost-efficient resolution of the matter. We try to bring to each client-attorney relationship a personal component that is result-oriented.

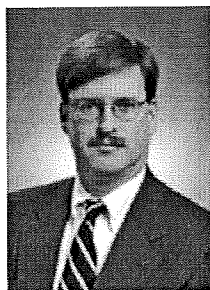
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Robert D. Hillman

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Principal

Areas of practice: Mr. Hillman is a principal of the firm, practicing primarily in the litigation department. His practice focuses on the litigation and arbitration of business and employment disputes as well as land use disputes in all courts in Massachusetts, federal courts and commercial and securities industry arbitration forums.

Work for clients: Mr. Hillman represents clients in a broad range of matters, including commercial and contract disputes, disputes involving shareholders in closely-held enterprises, securities compliance and SEC investigations, environmental issues and the defense of tort liability claims. Mr. Hillman also represents clients in employment matters ranging from executive compensation and noncompetition covenants to the defense of employment discrimination, whistle-blowing and wage-related claims. In the area of land-use litigation, Mr. Hillman has represented both private and municipal clients in connection with zoning, title and eminent domain disputes.

Professional activities: Mr. Hillman is a member of the Massachusetts bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. He is a member of the American and Massachusetts Bar Associations. He chaired the Cohasset Cable Television Committee, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Cohasset Dramatic Club.

Personal/Community activities: Mr. Hillman is Principal Trombone of the Rusty Skippers, a concert band in Cohasset.

Publications/Presentations: Mr. Hillman has authored several articles on commercial and securities laws issues, including Other Peoples' Money: Problems in Attaching Securities Under Three Versions of U.C.C. Article 8, 16 U.Pitt.J. of Law and Commerce.

Education: Mr. Hillman holds an A.B. from Boston College (1985) and a J.D. from Cornell Law School (1988).

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