

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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IN RE PORK ANTITRUST  
LITIGATION

Case No. 18-cv-1776 (JRT/JFD)

This Document Relates To:

COMMERCIAL AND  
INSTITUTIONAL INDIRECT  
PURCHASER PLAINTIFF ACTION

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**DECLARATION OF JOHN W. BARRETT IN SUPPORT OF  
COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL INDIRECT PURCHASER  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND,  
REIMBURSEMENT OF LITIGATION EXPENSES**

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I, John W. ("Don") Barrett, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in the District of Minnesota in the above-captioned lawsuit. I have practiced law since 1969 and am a partner with the firm of Barrett Law Group, P.A. in Lexington, Mississippi. I have litigated class actions and other complex matters most of my career. This declaration is submitted in support of Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees, and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses.

2. My firm was appointed by the Court as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee for the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs ("CIIPPs") in this litigation. (Dkt. No. 726).

3. The law firms representing the CIIPPs have worked on this litigation on a contingent basis since 2018. My law firm, and the law firms representing the CIIPPs under the direction of Interim Co-Lead Counsel for the CIIPPs, have done so without any guarantee of being paid for their time or being reimbursed for the considerable expenses and time devoted in the pursuit of the case involved in the settlement currently before the Court.

4. We have worked in coordination with other co-counsel for the CIIPPs. Work assignments in this case have been made by Interim Co-Lead Counsel (Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca and Larson • King, LLP) to avoid duplicative efforts and my firm has worked efficiently on behalf of our named representative clients and the absent class members.

5. The schedule attached to this declaration as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, is a summary of the amount of time spent by my firm's partners, attorneys, and professional support staff who were involved in this litigation from inception through September 18, 2025. The lodestar calculation is based on my firm's current billing rates for antitrust class action litigation. Exhibit A was prepared from computerized time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm. The hourly rates for my firm's partners, attorneys, and professional support staff included in Exhibit A are the customary hourly rates charged for their services in similar complex litigation. In addition, my firm has submitted fee petitions in other cases that have reported hourly rates at amounts comparable to those sought here, and courts have approved an award of attorneys' fees in such cases.

6. The total number of hours reasonably expended on this litigation by my firm from inception through September 18, 2025 is 2024.7. The total lodestar for my firm at current

rates is \$1,697,002.50. Expense items are billed separately and are not duplicated in my firm's lodestar.

7. The expenses my firm incurred in litigating this action are reflected in the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, receipts, check records, and other source materials and accurately reflect the expenses incurred.

8. Since the Court's order in December 2024 (Dkt. 2799) allowing reimbursement of expenses incurred by the CIIPPs, my firm has incurred and paid \$449.88 in expenses, all of which were reasonable and necessary for the prosecution of this litigation. A summary of those expenses by category is attached as Exhibit B. Assessments my firm paid to a litigation expense fund for this case are not included in Exhibit B and will be addressed separately in another declaration.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: September 19, 2025

/s/ Don Barrett  
John W. ("Don") Barrett

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**EXHIBIT A  
LODESTAR SUMMARY**

Firm: **Barrett Law Group, P.A.**  
Reporting Period: **Inception-September 18, 2025**

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Total Hours To Date</b>	<b>Total Lodestar To Date</b>
Sterling Aldridge	P	\$900.00	660.8	\$594,720.00
Don Barrett	P	\$1400.00	94.1	\$131,740.00
Cate Barnes	PL	\$200.00	17.7	\$3,540.00
Brandi Hamilton	P	\$750.00	46.9	\$35,175.00
Ben Hudson	A	\$675.00	94.7	\$63,922.50
Nanci-Taylor Maddux	PL	\$400.00	116.1	\$46,440.00
Katherine Riley	P	\$950.00	198.3	\$188,385.00
Ben White	P	\$800.00	473.6	\$378,880.00
Lisa Barrett	P	\$800.00	320.2	\$253,280.00
Connor Douglas	LC	\$400.00	2.3	\$920.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>2024.7</b>	<b>\$1,697,002.50</b>

Status:  
Partner (P)  
Associate (A)  
Paralegal (PL)  
Of Counsel (OC)  
Law Clerk (LC)  
Legal Assistant (LA)

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**EXHIBIT B  
EXPENSE / DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY**

Firm: **Barrett Law Group, P.A.**  
Reporting Period: **Inception-September 18, 2025**

<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Federal Express, Local Courier, etc.	\$0.00
Postage Charges	\$0.00
Facsimile Charges	\$0.00
Long Distance	\$0.00
In-House Photocopying	\$0.00
Outside Photocopying	\$0.00
Travel (Transportation, lodging, meals, etc.)	\$0.00
Court fees (filing, etc.)	\$0.00
Professional Fees (expert/investigators, etc.)	\$0.00
Witness/Service Fees	\$0.00
Court Reporter/Transcripts	\$0.00
Computer Research	\$503.35
Miscellaneous (Consulting, WiFi Service, Dropbox)	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$503.35</b>