

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

Julie Karpik, Michelle Lewis, Deborah Mondell,
Robert Owen, Linda Humenik, Diane George, and
Theodore George, individually and as representatives
of a class of similarly situated persons, and on behalf
of the Huntington Investment and Tax Savings Plan,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, Huntington
Bancshares Incorporated Board of Directors, and
Huntington Bancshares Incorporated Investment and
Administrative Committee,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:17-cv-1153-MHW-KAJ

**DECLARATION OF ROBERT
E. DEROSE IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND
EXPENSES,
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS,
AND CLASS
REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE
AWARDS**

I, Robert E. DeRose, declare as follows:

1. I am Managing Partner of Barkan Meizlish DeRose Wentz McInerney Peifer, LLP (“Barkan Meizlish”). I served as local counsel in connection with this class action suit. I submit this Declaration in Support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Approval of Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses, Administrative Costs and Class Representative Service Awards.

2. I have represented employees and consumers in class and collective action lawsuits for more than fifteen years. Barkan Meizlish, LLP has handled numerous cases on behalf of employees and injured persons throughout the country, including a significant number of FLSA collective action cases on behalf of workers. The lawyers of Barkan Meizlish, LLP have recovered tens of millions of dollars in these cases on behalf of our clients.

3. Barkan Meizlish, LLP can trace its roots to 1948, when Irwin W. (“I.W.”) Barkan started practicing workers’ compensation law in Columbus, Ohio. The history of the present-day firm started in 1957 with the formation of the Barkan & Barkan partnership comprised of I.W. and

his cousin, Irving Barkan. Barkan Meizlish Handelman DeRose Wentz McInerney Peifer, LLP, with offices in many locations in Ohio is a unique plaintiffs’ practice. For over fifty years, the Firm has fulfilled its commitment to provide quality legal services to working people, focused on union side labor law, wage and hour/overtime litigation, consumer litigation, worker’s compensation, Social Security disability, and personal injury/medical malpractice. A copy of our firm resume is attached to this Declaration as **Exhibit 1**. A copy of my bio is attached as **Exhibit 2**.

4. To date, our firm has spent a total of 25.48 hours of attorney and staff time on this action, representing a total of \$6,734.61 at our current billing rates. Based on my knowledge of the case and my firm’s role, the time expended was reasonable and appropriate.

5. Over the course of the litigation, Barkan Meizlish also has incurred the following expenses in connection with this action:

Expense	Amount
3/13/18 PHV Filing (3)	\$600.00
4/27/18 PHV Filing	\$200.00
9/20/18 Conference Call	\$8.43
11/20/18 Conference Call	\$9.81
3/1/19 PHV Filing	\$200.00
10/29/19 PHV Filing	\$200.00
1/10/2020 PHV Filing	\$200.00
12/29/17 Postage Expense	\$25.56
1/2/18 Filing Fee	\$400.00
TOTAL:	\$1,843.80

These expenses were necessary to the prosecution of the case and are of the type that would be billed to hourly clients of the firm.

6. Because Barkan Meizlish handled this matter on a contingent fee basis, the firm has not been compensated for any of the foregoing time or expenses.

7. Details and material supporting the time records and expenses referenced in this declaration are available upon the request of the Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: January 4, 2021

s/Robert E. DeRose
Robert E. DeRose
BARKAN MEIZLISH DEROSE
WENTZ MCINERNEY PEIFER, LLP