

EXHIBIT F

1 **JOSEPH HAGE AARONSON LLC**
2 Rachel M. Cherington
3 rcherington@jhany.com
4 Courtney A. Solomon
5 csolomon@jhany.com
6 800 Third Avenue, 30th Fl.
7 New York, NY 10022
8 Telephone: (212) 407-1200
9 Facsimile: (212) 407-1280

10
11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
13 **WESTERN DIVISION**

14 KELLIE BLACK, individually and on) No. 2:21-cv-08892-GW (RAO)
15 behalf of all others similarly situated,)
16 Plaintiff,) CLASS ACTION
17 vs.) DECLARATION OF RACHEL M.
18 SNAP INC., EVAN SPIEGEL, and) CHERINGTON IN SUPPORT OF
19 JEREMI GORMAN,) LEAD COUNSEL’S MOTION FOR
20 AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS’
21 FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
22 LITIGATION EXPENSES
23 Defendants.)
24)
25)
26)
27)
28)

1 I, Rachel M. Cherington, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

2 1. I am a Partner with the law firm Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC (“JHA”).¹
3 I submit this Declaration in support of Lead Counsel’s motion for an award of
4 attorneys’ fees in connection with services rendered in the above-captioned
5 securities class action (the “Action”), as well as for reimbursement of Litigation
6 Expenses incurred by my firm in connection with the Action. Unless otherwise
7 stated, I have knowledge of the matters set forth herein based on personal
8 knowledge, my review of the firm’s records, and consultation with other firm
9 personnel.

10 2. My firm was retained by Lead Counsel and counsel for Lead Plaintiff
11 Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System (“Lead Plaintiff” or
12 “Plaintiff”) to serve as appellate counsel in connection with the appeal from the
13 Court’s final ruling dismissing the TAC (ECF 135). My firm was involved in and
14 successfully handled the appeal referenced in the Declaration of Lester R. Hooker in
15 Support of (I) Lead Plaintiff’s Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement
16 and Plan of Allocation and (II) Lead Counsel’s Motion for an Award of Attorneys’
17 Fees and Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses.

18 3. The information in this Declaration regarding the firm’s time, including
19 the schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A, was prepared from daily time records
20 regularly prepared and maintained by my firm in the ordinary course of business. I,
21 together with attorneys working under my direction, reviewed my firm’s daily time
22 records to confirm their accuracy.

23 4. This audit confirmed the accuracy of the time entries as well as the
24 necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time committed to this Action. Only time
25 that inured to the benefit of Lead Plaintiff and the Class, and that advanced the claims
26

27 ¹ When not defined herein, capitalized terms are defined in the Stipulation and
28 Agreement of Settlement (ECF No. 183-2, the “Stipulation”).

1 resolved by the Settlement, is reflected in the firm's lodestar calculation.
2 Accordingly, some reductions were made to time in the exercise of billing judgment.
3 No time expended on the application for attorneys' fees and expenses has been
4 included in this report.

5 5. I believe that the time reflected in the firm's lodestar calculation is
6 reasonable in amount and was necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution
7 and resolution of this litigation. The total number of hours expended on this Action
8 by my firm's attorneys and professional support staff employees from its inception
9 through March 6, 2026 was 1,336.40. The total resulting lodestar for my firm is
10 \$1,793,540.00. The schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A is a detailed summary
11 reflecting the amount of time spent by each attorney and professional support staff
12 employee of my firm who was involved in the Action, and the lodestar calculation
13 is based on my firm's hourly rates at the time the work was performed.

14 6. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are the rates set by the firm for
15 each individual at the time the work was performed in 2023 and 2024. My firm's
16 hourly rates are largely based upon a combination of title, cost to the firm, and the
17 specific years of experience for each attorney and professional support staff
18 employee, as well as market rates for practitioners in the field. These hourly rates
19 are the same as, or comparable to, rates submitted by JHA and accepted by courts in
20 other complex class actions and the rates paid by hourly clients of JHA in 2023 and
21 2024. These hourly rates are the same as, or comparable to, the rates accepted by
22 courts in other securities class action litigation, including courts in this District and
23 Circuit.

24 7. My firm's lodestar figures do not include expense items. Expense items
25 are recorded separately, and these amounts are not duplicated in my firm's hourly
26 rates.

27 8. My firm has incurred a total of \$12,386.15 in unreimbursed Litigation
28 Expenses in connection with the prosecution of this Action from its inception
Cherington Decl. ISO Motion for Fees and Expenses 2
No.: 2:21-cv-08892-GW (RAO)

1 through March 6, 2026. Those Litigation Expenses are fully categorized and set
2 forth in Exhibit B attached hereto. The following is additional information regarding
3 certain major categories of those expenses:

4 a) **Online Legal and Factual Research** (\$2,606.48). The charges
5 reflected are for out-of-pocket payments to legal and factual
6 research services such as Westlaw, Lexis/Nexis, and PACER, for
7 research done in connection with this litigation. These resources
8 were used to obtain access to court filings, to conduct legal
9 research and cite-checking of briefs, and to obtain factual
10 information regarding the claims asserted.

11 b) **Travel Expenses** (\$797.36). In connection with the appeal of
12 this Action, my firm has incurred travel expenses for its attorneys
13 to attend the argument on appeal. The expenses reflected in
14 Exhibit B are the expenses actually incurred by my firm.

15 c) **Unreimbursed Transcript and Deposition Expenses**
16 (\$8,982.31). In connection with the appeal of this Action, my
17 firm incurred the costs related to printing the briefs and records
18 on appeal.

19 9. The Litigation Expenses in this Action are reflected in the books and
20 records of JHA, which are regularly prepared and maintained in the ordinary course
21 of business. These records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and
22 other source materials and are an accurate record of the monetary value of the
23 expenses incurred.

24 10. Information regarding my firm, including biographical information
25 concerning JHA's attorneys, can be found at www.jhany.com. Representative
26 clients of JHA have included Fox Corporation, Citicorp, Fortress Investment Group,
27 Pershing Square Capital, the Museum of Modern Art, and many distinguished law
28 firms.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

2 Executed on March 10, 2026.

3

4

Rachel M. Cherington
Rachel M. Cherington

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

EXHIBIT A

Black v. Snap Inc., et al., No. 2:21-cv-08892 (C.D. Cal.),

JOSEPH HAGE AARONSON LLC

TIME REPORT

Inception through March 6, 2026

NAME	HOURLY RATE	HOURS	LODESTAR
PARTNERS			
Gregory P. Joseph (2024)	\$1,800.00	21.70	\$39,060.00
Rachel M. Cherington (2023)	\$1,300.00	99.20	\$128,960.00
Rachel M. Cherington (2024)	\$1,400.00	519.30	\$727,020.00
Courtney A. Solomon (2023)	\$1,300.00	205.00	\$266,500.00
Courtney A. Solomon (2024)	\$1,400.00	429.60	\$601,440.00
PARALEGALS			
Justin L. Bakota (2023)	\$400.00	2.40	\$960.00
Justin L. Bakota (2024)	\$500.00	59.20	\$ 29,600.00
TOTALS:		1,366.40	\$1,793,540.00

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

EXHIBIT B

Black v. Snap Inc., et al., No. 2:21-cv-08892 (C.D. Cal.),

JOSEPH HAVE AARONSON LLC

EXPENSE REPORT

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Online Legal Research	\$2,606.48
Unreimbursed Transcript and Deposition Expenses (printing of briefs and record on appeal)	\$8,982.31
Transportation, Hotels, and Meals	\$797.36
TOTAL EXPENSE REQUEST	\$12,386.15