

Exhibit B

**DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

PINNACLE WASTE SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASTE CONNECTIONS US, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 7:21-cv-02600-JDA

**DECLARATION OF BRIAN DUFFY IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR CLASS
COUNSEL ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE
SERVICE AWARD**

I, Brian Duffy, declare as follows:

1. I am a licensed attorney in the State of South Carolina and a partner of the law firm Duffy & Young, LLC, located in Charleston, South Carolina.
2. I graduated from the Vanderbilt Law School and have been practicing law in South Carolina for over 20 years. My regular litigation practice includes complex civil litigation, including class actions, commercial disputes, and professional liability matters.
3. I have been asked to provide my professional opinion as to the reasonableness of the attorneys' fee request submitted by Class Counsel in the above-captioned matter.
4. I have reviewed the motion for attorneys' fees and supporting memorandum submitted by Class Counsel. I understand that Class Counsel has requested attorneys' fees in the amount of \$466,666, which represents 33.3% of the total settlement fund of \$1,400,000. I further

understand that Class Counsel collectively worked 1197 hours in prosecuting the case, resulting in an effective hourly rate of approximately \$390 per hour if the Court approves its fee petition.

5. I am familiar with customary rates charged by experienced civil litigators in South Carolina. Based on my experience and knowledge, hourly rates for attorneys of comparable skill and experience typically range from \$500 to \$800 per hour, with associate rates generally ranging from \$300 to \$500 per hour.

6. The average effective rate of \$390 per hour is well below the market rates typically charged by experienced attorneys handling complex litigation in South Carolina.

7. I am familiar with the attorneys who worked on this case. Oscar M. Price, IV, Nicholas W. Armstrong, and Graham Cotten of Price Armstrong LLC; and Ryan Langley of The Langley Law Firm. All are experienced litigators with strong reputations for integrity and competence. Their willingness to accept this case on a contingent fee basis and to dedicate substantial time and resources to the prosecution of the claims, with no guarantee of recovery, underscores the reasonableness of the fee request.

8. Based on the total hours expended, the complexity of the case, the contingent nature of the representation, the excellent result achieved for the class, and prevailing market rates, it is my professional opinion that the requested fee of \$466,666 is reasonable and appropriate.

9. I provide this opinion based on my personal knowledge, experience, and understanding of legal practice and attorney billing practices in South Carolina.

I declare under penalty and perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 28th day of September 2026, in Charleston, South Carolina.



Brian C. Duffy