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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I am an employee of BAILEY KENNEDY and that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, service of the foregoing was made by mandatory electronic service through the Nevada Supreme Court's electronic filing system and/or by email as agreed by the parties, and addressed to the following at their last known email address:

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#### DISTRICT COURT

#### **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

ROWEN SEIBEL, an individual and citizen of New York, derivatively on behalf of Real Party in Interest GR BURGR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;

Case No.: A-17-751759-B

Dept No.: XV

#### Plaintiff.

VS.

PHWLV, LLC a Nevada limited liability company; GORDON RAMSAY, an individual; DOES I through X; ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,

Defendant,

GR BURGR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,

2017, AND (2) THE BREACH OF § 14.21 OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

**DEFENDANT GORDON RAMSAY'S** 

AMENDED OPPOSITION TO PLAIN-

TIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL

SUMMARY JUDGMENT CONCERN-

ING (1) THE PAYMENT OF THE LI-

**CENSE FEE THROUGH MARCH 31,** 

Nominal Defendant.

Defendant Gordon Ramsay respectfully submits his amended opposition to Plaintiff's Motion For Partial Summary Judgment Concerning (1) The Payment of the License Fee Through March 31, 2017, and (2) the Breach of §14.21 of the Development Agreement filed by Plaintiff Rowen Seibel, appearing derivatively on behalf of GR BURGR, LLC ("GRB").

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#### INTRODUCTION

In February 2017, Seibel filed this derivative action and immediately moved for a preliminary injunction in a bid to affect the ongoing dissolution proceedings of GRB in Delaware Chancery Court. Seibel attempted to obtain an injunction in this court rescinding PHWLV, LLC's termination of the GRB development agreement, so he could argue in the dissolution case that GRB was still a viable entity with ongoing business, and need not be dissolved and liquidated. This Court correctly denied Seibel's injunction motion, finding that Seibel is unlikely to succeed on the merits of *any* of his claims brought on behalf of GRB.

On August 25, 2017, the Delaware Court entered its Memorandum Opinion directing the judicial dissolution of GRB, over Seibel's objection, and stating the Court's intention to appoint a Liquidating Trustee who will, "in addition to those powers granted under 6 Del. C. § 18-803(b), assess the counterclaims pending here and the claims in the Nevada Action in determining whether any action should be taken on behalf of GRB in connection with such claims." In re: GR BURGR, LLC, CV 12825-VCS, 2017 WL 3669511, at \*11 (Del. Ch. Aug. 25, 2017)(emphasis added). On October 5, 2017, The Delaware Court entered its Order Dissolving GR Burgr, LLC and Appointing Liquidating Trustee.2 That order appoints a Liquidating Trustee for GR Burgr, LLC, Kurt Heyman, Esq., sets forth the trustee's powers pursuant to the Memorandum Opinion and 6 Del. C. § 18-803(b), and gives the trustee "full control and dominion over the dissolution and liquidation of GRB." See Ex. A-2 at p. 4. The order grants the trustee the "sole and exclusive authority to act through and in the name of GRB as necessary (a) to carry out all duties hereunder; (b) to identify and marshal the assets of GRB and liquidate those assets, including the . . . Nevada Claims, in the manner the Liquidating Trustee determines is in the best interests of GRB; (c) to prosecute and defend any litigation by or on behalf of GRB; (d) to wind up the affairs of GRB in accordance with the terms of the Act and the LLC Agreement; and (e) to execute and/or deliver, or cause to be exe-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A copy of the Delaware Court's Memorandum Opinion is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Jacqueline A. Rogers, which is Exhibit A hereto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A copy of the Delaware Court's Order Dissolving GR Burgr, LLC and Appointing Liquidating Trustee is attached as Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of Jacqueline A. Rogers.

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cuted or delivered, all assignments, instruments, pleadings, and documents necessary to carry out the Liquidating Trustee's duties as outlined in this Order." *Id.*<sup>3</sup>

As a result of the appointment and the Delaware order, Seibel no longer has standing to prosecute this case on behalf of GRB. It will be up to the Liquidating Trustee to decide whether to prosecute, settle, or abandon this action, and indeed whether to seek partial summary judgment on the company's behalf. This Court should not entertain Seibel's attempt to sneak in before he was divested of any standing he may have had to sue on behalf of the company with his hastilyprepared motion, but should rather defer consideration of the motion until the Trustee can determine whether he wishes to pursue the motion, and indeed this case, or not. If this court nevertheless wishes to entertain the motion, it should be denied.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The material facts related to (1) the creation of GRB and its relationship with PHWLV, LLC ("PH"); (2) the relevant gaming commission regulations and their impact on the Development Agreement; (3) the deteriorating relationship between Ramsay and Seibel and the resulting deadlock at GRB; and (4) Seibel's felony conviction and termination of the Development Agreement are set forth at length in the "Factual Background" section of Ramsay's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction filed on March 17, 2017 at pages 4-11, and supported by appropriate declarations and exhibits. Rather than restate those facts here, Ramsay cites to and incorporates the "Factual Background" from his earlier opposition by reference, including the supporting exhibits and declarations attached thereto.

The only new material fact to have developed since the Court denied Seibel's motion for preliminary injunction is the Delaware Court's dissolution of GRB and appointment of the Liquidating Trustee. In rejecting Seibel's appeal to equitable principles to avoid dissolution, the Delaware Court concluded: "Seibel cannot reasonably expect that this court would indefinitely lock Ramsay in a failed joint venture and thereby preclude him from ever engaging in a business that bears resemblance to GRB—a restaurant business that exploits Ramsay's celebrity to sell one of

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the most popular and beloved food preparations in all of history." Ex. A-1 at p. 29. Nor should this court credit Seibel's plain misreading of the Development Agreement to accomplish the same goal- to lock PH or Ramsay to GRB despite the disrepute Seibel has brought to that entity.

#### LEGAL STANDARD

A party moving for summary judgment must "demonstrate both the absence of genuinely contested material facts as well as a prima facie entitlement to judgment as a matter of law based upon undisputed evidence that would be admissible at trial." Nutton v. Sunset Station, Inc., 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 34, 357 P.3d 966, 974 (Nev. App. 2015). "Only after both showings have been made does the burden shift to the opposing party to prove the existence of genuinely disputed material facts." Id.; NRCP 56(e). Evidence in support of summary judgment must be evidence that would be admissible at trial and viewed in a light most favorable to the nonmoving party. See Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 732, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). Unless and until all of these "highly specific evidentiary and procedural requirements" are satisfied summary judgment cannot be granted. Nutton, 131 Nev. Adv. Op. 34, 357 P.3d at 975.

### <u>ARGUMENT</u>

#### I. The Court Should Not Consider Seibel's Motion as the Delaware Court Stripped Seibel of Standing.

As stated above, Seibel lacks standing to pursue derivative claims on behalf of GRB, as the Delaware Court has now appointed a Liquidating Trustee and conferred upon that trustee the exclusive power to act for GRB and to litigate claims in its name. This Court should defer ruling on Seibel's motion until the trustee has had a chance to assess this action and determine how he will proceed in this case. If the court is inclined to rule on the motion, however, it should be denied.

#### II. Seibel's Claim Related to GRB's Entitlement to the License Fee Through March 31, 2017 Misstates Critical Facts.

Seibel first argues that GRB should be awarded summary judgment on the issue of the company's entitlement to be paid the License Fee by PH pursuant to the Development Agreement for the period from termination of the Development Agreement in September 2016 through March 31, 2017. (See Mot. at 5.) This claim is not asserted against Ramsay, so Ramsay need not respond

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to the motion on this ground, except to correct the following misrepresentation contained in the motion: "It should also be noted that although it has refused to pay the License Fee to GRB following the termination of the Agreement in September 2016, PH has continued to pay 50% of the License Fee directly to GRUS, as it also admits in its injunction opposition." (*Id.*)

It is simply not true that PH has continued to pay 50% of the License Fee to GRUS following the termination date. It has not. Prior to March 8, 2016, and covering the period through termination of the Development Agreement on September 21, 2016, all payments of the License Fee were made to GRB and divided equally between Seibel and GRUS. (See Ex. B, First Decl. of David Kerr at ¶ 3.) After March 8, 2016 and through termination of the Development Agreement, those payments were made 50% to GRUS and 50% to GRB for benefit of Rowen Seibel. (Id.) GRUS has received no payments of the license fee for the period following termination, except for an erroneous payment in January, 2017, which was immediately returned. (*Id.* at  $\P 4$ .)

Nor is it true that PH "admitted" as much in its opposition to the motion for preliminary injunction. Seibel cites PH's opposition to the motion for preliminary injunction at page 18 as support for this claimed admission. (See Mot. at 5, n.11.) What that opposition and the Declaration of Boris Petkov supporting that discussion actually establish, however, is that PH paid the license fee "up to and until the termination, when it began accruing the fees." (See Petkov Dec. at  $\P$  6.) Neither PH's prior opposition nor the Petkov declaration admits that PH paid anyone the License Fees for the period following the termination, and Seibel's claim to the contrary is both false and unsupported by even a shred of admissible evidence.

#### III. Neither PH Nor Ramsay Breached § 14.21 of the Development Agreement.

Seibel claims that PH and Ramsay breached § 14.21 of the Development Agreement pertaining to "Additional Restaurants" by opening a restaurant named Gordon Ramsay Burger without entering into a contractual agreement with GRB. (See Mot. at 5-7.) This claim, which is defeated by simply reading the plain language of the provision it is based on, was raised as one of the bases for Seibel's motion for preliminary injunction in this case. (See Pl's Mot. for Preliminary

That declaration is attached as an exhibit to PH's opposition to the motion for preliminary injunction.

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Injunction at 17-18 (March 7, 2017).) This Court denied that motion, finding that Seibel had shown no reasonable likelihood of success as to any of those claims. (See Order Denying Preliminary Injunction (April 4, 2017).) Now, without the benefit of any discovery or additional evidence, Seibel asserts he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law on that same claim, based on that same provision. But Seibel was wrong before, and is wrong now.

The very reason the parties are before this court is because Seibel violated U.S. tax laws, concealed that violation from Gordon Ramsay and Planet Hollywood, then concealed the fact that he had pled guilty to that felony charge and was sentenced to a term of federal imprisonment. (See Ramsay's Oppn to Pl's Motion for Preliminary Injunction at 4-11 (March 17, 2017).) When Planet Hollywood learned of Seibel's conduct, plea, and sentencing, it notified GRB that PH would terminate the Development Agreement unless Seibel was permanently disassociated from GRB. (See id.) Because Seibel declined to separate himself from the entity, PH determined, as is was entitled to do under the agreement, that Seibel, and therefore GRB, were unsuitable persons, which PH could not and would not continue to do business with without jeopardizing its valuable gaming and liquor licenses. (See id.)

Now, Seibel argues that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law under § 14.21 of the Development Agreement because the new restaurant PH opened—after it was forced by Seibel's conduct to close the successful BurGR Gordon Ramsay—was not also contracted with GRB. But GRB was the same entity PH just determined could jeopardize its very existence as a gaming company. Seibel's argument that PH is forever barred from opening a burger centric restaurant at its property without doing so with the same "unsuitable" entity GRB is meritless.

#### Section 14.21 Does Not Prohibit PH and Ramsay From Operating a Α. Burger Restaurant.

In interpreting a contract, "the court shall effectuate the intent of the parties, which may be determined in light of the surrounding circumstances if not clear from the contract itself." Anvui, LLC v. G.L. Dragon, LLC, 123 Nev. 213, 215, 163 P.3d 405, 407 (2007) (quotation omitted.) In this case, the language of the section of the Development Agreement cited by Seibel is clear and unambiguous. It should therefore be enforced as written. Washoe Ctv. Sch. Dist. v. White, 133

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Nev. Adv. Rep. 43, 396 P.3d 834, 838 (2017). Plainly read, Section 14.21 does not "prohibit" PH or Ramsay from doing anything. The court need only read the provision to dispose of this argument. Section 14.21 governs "Additional Restaurant Projects" and states: "If PH elects to pursue any venture similar to the Restaurant (i.e. any venture generally in the nature of a burger centric or burger themed restaurant), GRB shall, or shall cause an Affiliate to, execute a development, operating and license agreement generally on the same terms and conditions as this Agreement. . . . " (See Ex. [xx], Development Agreement at 34, §14.21 (emphasis added).) The unambiguous text of Section 14.21 represents an obligation of GRB—not PH. And it certainly does not describe an obligation of Ramsay; Ramsay is not even mentioned in §14.21. (See id.) Because Ramsay had no contractual obligations under that section, he could not have breached those (nonexistent) obligations. On this basis alone, Seibel's breach of contract claim as to Ramsay fails.

Seibel's claim that §14.21 obligates PH or Ramsay to partner with GRB to operate a burger related venture at PH's property is an outright mischaracterization of that Section. Section 14.21 provides that if, and only if, PH elects to pursue an additional burger-themed restaurant, then GRB, or its affiliate(s), will be obligated to enter into a similar agreement with PH. PH has made clear that it will not, nor can it, pursue additional restaurants with GRB. Neither PH nor Ramsay can be liable for breach of §14.21 as it does not obligate either party to enter into an agreement with GRB. Accordingly, Seibel's claim premised on a breach of § 14.21 fails as a matter of law.<sup>5</sup>

Even if this court were to determine that §14.21 is ambiguous, and the parties could have intended it to create some obligation on the part of PH, then summary judgment on this ground would still be inappropriate. A contract is ambiguous when it is subject to more than one reasonable interpretation. Anvui, LLC, 123 Nev. at 215, 163 P.3d at 407. The parties' intentions regarding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Seibel references improperly authenticated exhibits that he claims support the fact that Gordon Ramsay Burger restaurant offers burgers on its menu. (See Mot. at 6.) He even notes the hot dogto-burger ratio on the menu as a basis to support his contention that the restaurant is "burgercentric." (See id.) Because Seibel cannot establish that GRB entitled to judgment as a matter of law for breach of the Section 14.21, even if the restaurant is indeed "burger-centric" or burger related, the burden under NRCP 56 does not shift to Ramsay to offer contrary facts. See Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nev., 123 Nev. 598, 602–03, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (2007) (moving party must make initial showing of both an absence of genuinely disputed material facts as well as entitlement to judgment as a matter of law before burden shifts to opposing party).

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a contractual provision present a question of fact. Id. at 216, 163 P.3d at 407. Seibel has pointed to no admissible evidence tending to show the intention of the parties as to this provision, and has therefore not established that there is no genuine issue of material fact as to the parties' intent. Even if the provision were ambiguous, then, summary judgment prior to any discovery in the case would be inappropriate.

#### B. PH Entered Into an Agreement with an "Affiliate" of GRB.

Even if §14.21 were construed to be bilateral (contrary to its plain language), and to reflect the plain intention of the parties that it be applied bilaterally (which it does not), PH actually did enter into an agreement on substantially the same terms with an "affiliate" of GRB. It therefore could not have breached that provision. PHWLV, LLC and RB Restaurant Ventures, LLC ("RBR") have entered into a license agreement to operate the restaurant known as "Gordon Ramsay Burger" at Planet Hollywood. (See Ex. C, Second Decl. of Kerr at ¶ 3.) That agreement recites generally the same terms and conditions as the Development Agreement between GRB and PH. (Id.) Both Ramsay and RBR are "Affiliates" of GRB.

The Development Agreement defines the term "Affiliate" to mean "with respect to a specified Person, any other Person who or which is directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the specified Person, or any member, stockholder or comparable principal of, the specified Person or such other Person. For purposes of this definition, "control", "controlling", "controlled" mean the right to exercise, directly or indirectly, at least five percent (5%) of the voting power of the stockholders, members or owners and, with respect to any individual, partnership, trust or other entity or association, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of the controlled Person." (See Ex. 1 to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Development Agreement, at 1.)

#### Ramsay is an "Affiliate" of GRB. 1.

First, Ramsay is an "Affiliate" of GRB because he directly or indirectly controls at least five percent of the voting power of GRB. GRB is a Delaware limited liability company, formed by Ramsay, through GRUS and Seibel. (See Ex. 3 to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction, at 1, GRB Operating Agreement.) GRUS and Seibel each owns a 50% member interest in GRB. (See

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id. at 8, § 7.2.) GRUS is a Delaware limited partnership consisting of Kavalake Ltd., Ramsay, and GR US General Partner LLC. (Ex. B to Ramsay's Opposition to Mot. for Preliminary Injunction, Kerr Decl at 1, ¶ 5). Kavalake Ltd., is a United Kingdom limited company owned by Ramsay and his wife. (Id. at 1, ¶ 4 & Exs. 1, 2 thereto) GR US General Partner LLC is a Delaware limited liability company whose sole member is Kavalake Ltd. (*Id.* at 1, ¶ 5.) Accordingly, Ramsay controls GRUS, which in turn controls 50% of GRB. Because Ramsay indirectly controls more than five percent of GRB, Ramsay is an Affiliate of GRB.

#### RBR is an "Affiliate" of GRB. 2.

RBR is an "Affiliate" of GRB within the meaning of the Development Agreement because it is under common control with GRB. As noted above, Ramsay indirectly controls 50% of the voting power of GRB through GRUS. Ramsay also indirectly controls RBR. RBR is a Nevada LLC, formed by Ramsay, through GR US Topco LLC. (See Ex. C, Second Decl. of Kerr ¶ 4.) GR US Topco LLC owns 100% of RBR. (See id.) GR US Topco LLC is wholly-owned and controlled by Kavalake Ltd., the UK limited company owned by Ramsay and his wife. (See id.) Through Kavalake Ltd. and GR Us Topco LLC, Ramsay controls 100% of the voting power of RBR. Because Ramsay and Kavalake both commonly control both of RBR and GRB, RBR is an "Affiliate" of GRB as that term is defined under the Development Agreement. PHW therefore did enter into an agreement with an "affiliate" of GRB for the operation of the new restaurant Gordon Ramsay Burger.<sup>6</sup>

# **CONCLUSION**

Section 14.21 of the Development Agreement does not require PH or Ramsay to contract with GRB to operate any "burger-centric" restaurant on its property. Nor does it prohibit PH and Ramsay from operating Gordon Ramsay Burger. If the agreement is ambiguous as to the parties' intent in that regard, the matter of their intent presents a question of material fact, and thus sum-

Seibel's mention in passing that it was not GRB that "caused" its affiliate to enter into an agreement with PH is of no moment. His whole argument on this ground is premised on the fiction

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mary judgment would be inappropriate. For the foregoing reasons, Seibel's motion for partial summary judgment should be denied.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I am an employee of FENNEMORE CRAIG, P.C., and that on this date, pursuant to FRCP 5(b), I am serving a true and correct copy of the attached DEFENDANT GORDON RAMSAY'S AMENDED OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT CONCERNING (1) THE PAYMENT OF THE LICENSE FEE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017, AND (2) THE BREACH OF § 14.21 OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT on the parties set forth below by: Placing an original or true copy thereof in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing in the United States Mail, at Reno, Nevada, postage prepaid, following ordinary business practices Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested Via Facsimile (Fax) Placing an original or true copy thereof in a sealed envelope and causing the same to be personally Hand Delivered Federal Express (or other overnight delivery) X E-service effected by CM/ECF addressed as follows: Daniel R. McNutt James Pisanelli, Esq. Matthew C. Wolf Debra Spinelli, Esq. CARBAJAL & MCNUTT, LLP Brittnie Watkins, Esq. 625 South Eighth Street PISANELLI BICE PLLC 400 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Las Vegas, NV 89101 Paul B. Sweeney (Admitted Pro Hac Vice) Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP Attorneys for PHWLV LLC 90 Merrick Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor East Meadow, NY 11554 Attorneys for Plaintiff Dated: October 6, 2017 /s/ Meg Byrd An employee of FENNEMORE CRAIG, P.C. 13270494

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# DECLARATION OF JACQUELINE A. ROGERS, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT GORDON RAMSAY'S OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

I, Jacqueline A. Rogers, declare and say as follows:

- 1. I am duly licensed to practice law in the State of Delaware. I am an attorney with the law firm of Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP and am one of the attorneys representing GR US Licensing LP in a legal proceeding in Delaware Court of Chancery, entitled *In Re: GR Burgr*, *LLC*, C.A. No. 12825-VCS (the "Delaware Dissolution Action"). As such, I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.
- 2. I make this Declaration in support of Defendant Gordon Ramsay's Opposition to Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.
- 3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the court's Memorandum Opinion filed August 25, 2017 in the Delaware Dissolution Action.
- 4. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the court's Order Dissolving GR Burgr, LLC and Appointing Liquidating Trustee, entered October 5, 2017 in the Delaware Dissolution Action.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Dated: October 5, 2017

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### IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN RE: GR BURGR, LLC	:
GR US LICENSING, LP,	:
Petitioner,	: :
v.	: :
ROWEN SEIBEL,	: C.A. No. 12825-VCS
Respondent.	: :
ROWEN SEIBEL,	:
Respondent and Counterclaim Plaintiff,	; ; ;
v.	· :
GR US LICENSING, LP,	:
Petitioner and Counterclaim Defendant,	:
and	:
GR BURGR, LLC,	:
Nominal Defendant.	: :

#### **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Date Submitted: June 20, 2017 Date Decided: August 25, 2017 Paul D. Brown, Esquire, Joseph B. Cicero, Esquire and Stephanie S. Habelow, Esquire of Chipman Brown Cicero & Cole LLP, Wilmington, Delaware, and Paul B. Sweeney, Esquire of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, East Meadow, New York, Attorneys for Respondent/Counterclaim Plaintiff Rowen Seibel.

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SLIGHTS, Vice Chancellor

Petitioner, GR US Licensing, LP ("GRUS"), has petitioned for judicial dissolution of GR BURGR, LLC ("GRB" or the "Company") pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 18-802 ("Section 18-802"). In 2012, GRUS, an entity affiliated with celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay, partnered with Respondent, Rowen Seibel, to form GRB for the purpose of developing and operating first-class burger-themed restaurants. The only revenue-generating business GRB has launched since its formation is reflected in a Development, Operation and License Agreement (the "Caesars Agreement") between GRB and an affiliate of Caesars Entertainment Corporation ("Caesars"), pursuant to which GRB licensed and sublicensed certain trademarks and other intellectual property for Caesars's use in a burger-themed restaurant in the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada ("Planet Hollywood").

In 2016, Seibel was convicted of a felony tax-related offense. Upon learning of this conviction, Caesars terminated the Caesars Agreement. According to Caesars, any further business relationship with Seibel, or any business with which he is affiliated, would place Caesars in violation of Nevada gaming regulations. In part based on this development, GRUS (and Ramsay) now seek to dissolve GRB and to disassociate from Seibel in order to avoid any further reputational or other harm he might bring to them.

GRUS has moved for judgment on the pleadings. According to GRUS, the facts as admitted by Seibel demonstrate, as a matter of law, that it is no longer

"reasonably practicable" for GRB to carry on its business in conformity with its operating agreement and, therefore, dissolution of the entity is appropriate under Section 18-802. For the reasons explained below, I agree. The motion for judgment on the pleadings is GRANTED.

#### I. BACKGROUND

I draw the facts from GRUS's Verified Petition for Judicial Dissolution and Declaratory Judgment (the "Petition"), Seibel's Answer to the Petition (the "Answer"), the documents incorporated in these pleadings by reference and facts of which I may take judicial notice.<sup>1</sup>

#### A. The Creation, Governance and Business of GRB

GRB is a Delaware limited liability company formed in December 2012 by Ramsay (through his entity GRUS) and Seibel.<sup>2</sup> GRUS and Seibel each own a 50% membership interest in GRB.<sup>3</sup> Each is entitled to designate one manager of GRB;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> McMillan v. Intercargo Corp., 768 A.2d 492, 500, 501 n.40 (Del. Ch. 2000). Without any basis in the Court of Chancery rules or case law, Seibel asserts that I should also accept all facts as pled in his counterclaims as true because GRUS has not answered them. I ruled on January 3, 2017, that I would first address Petitioner's motion for judgment on the pleadings before addressing Seibel's counterclaims, and therefore the relevant pleadings for purposes of this motion are GRUS's Petition and Seibel's Answer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Answer to Verified Pet. for Judicial Dissolution and Declaratory J. ("Answer") ¶ 5; Verified Pet. for Judicial Dissolution and Declaratory J. ("Pet.") Ex. 1 ("LLC Agreement"), at Recitals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> LLC Agreement, at § 7.2; Answer ¶ 5.

GRUS appointed non-party Stuart Gillies and Seibel designated himself.<sup>4</sup> The LLC Agreement gives the managers the "full and exclusive right, power and authority to manage all of the business and affairs of the Company." All decisions made by the managers require a majority vote—meaning the two managers must act unanimously. If the two managers cannot reach unanimous agreement, the LLC Agreement offers no mechanism by which to break that deadlock. The LLC Agreement provides that GRB will be dissolved upon or under the following events or circumstances: "(a) the LLC ceases its business operations on a permanent basis; (b) the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the LLC; (a) [sic] the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution; or (b) [sic] as otherwise determined by the Managers."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> LLC Agreement, at § 8.2; Answer ¶ 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> LLC Agreement, at § 8.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id.* This is true as to all decisions other than those relating to the License Agreement with GRUS, described below, as to which the LLC Agreement provides: "It is acknowledged that GRUS and the GRUS Manager are interested parties with respect to the License Agreement. Accordingly, so long as the Company is controlled by GRUS and Seibel, or Seibel, and/or their respective affiliates, any decision to be made by the Company with respect to the License Agreement shall be made by the Seibel Manager acting reasonably and in good faith, unless expressly provided otherwise herein." *Id.* at § 8.11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See generally id. at § 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Id.* at § 13.1.

GRB's stated business purpose is to own, develop, operate, and license the development of first-class burger-themed restaurants. Along with the execution of the LLC Agreement, GRB and GRUS executed an agreement whereby GRUS licensed to GRB the trademark "BURGR Gordon Ramsay" (the "License Agreement"). Soon after its formation, GRB developed and is now the sole owner of the trademarks "BURGR" and "GR BURGR." It also developed the burger restaurant concept, menu and recipes, which along with the trademarks, the LLC Agreement defines as "Company Rights."

On December 13, 2012, GRB entered into the Caesars Agreement with Caesars, pursuant to which GRB provided to Caesars a sublicense to use the name "BURGR Gordon Ramsay," and a license to use certain recipes, menus and other trade property developed by GRB, for use in the "BURGR Gordon Ramsay" restaurant in Planet Hollywood.<sup>13</sup> In exchange for the sublicense and license,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> LLC Agreement, at Recitals, § 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id.* at Recitals; Answer ¶ 5; Transmittal Aff. of Jacqueline A. Rogers in Supp. of Pet'r's Opening Br. in Supp. of its Mot. for J. on the Pleadings ("Rogers Transmittal Aff."), Ex. 1 ("License Agreement").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Answer ¶ 5. According to Seibel, shortly after the filing of the Petition, beginning on October 19, 2016, and at various times thereafter, Gordon Ramsay has attempted to secure for himself trademark protection for the name "Gordon Ramsay Burger." Resp't and Countercl. Pl. Rowen Seibel's Req. for Judicial Notice (DI 27) Ex. A–C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Answer ¶ 5; LLC Agreement, at Recitals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Pet. Ex. 2 ("Caesars Agreement"), at Recitals, § 6.

Caesars agreed to pay GRB license fees based on a percentage of gross restaurant sales and gross retail sales. 14 Since its formation, GRB has engaged in no other revenue-generating business aside from the Caesars Agreement and the corresponding BURGR Gordon Ramsay restaurant in Planet Hollywood. 15 According to Seibel, Ramsay and Caesars have colluded to oust Seibel from GRB and, as a part of this scheme, GRUS has prevented GRB from entering into any other revenue-generating business. 16

Caesars's businesses are subject to "privileged licenses," including those issued by the Nevada Gaming Commission.<sup>17</sup> Due to certain requirements associated with these licenses, Caesars conditioned the rights and obligations of each party under the Caesars Agreement upon Caesars's satisfaction that GRB and its members, managers and affiliates are not (and do not become) "Unsuitable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Id.* at § 8.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Answer ¶ 24 ("Seibel avers that the GRUS, through its controller, Ramsay, prevented the Company from engaging in any other business as part of a concerted effort to oust Seibel from the Company and to self-interestedly secure the value of the Company and its assets for the sole benefit of Ramsay."). *See also id.* at ¶¶ 7, 25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Answer ¶ 24. In addition to this discord at GRB, Seibel, Ramsay and GRUS have been involved in litigation in New York over another restaurant venture since 2014. *See* Rogers Transmittal Aff. Ex. 2–6 (the operative pleadings in the New York action). The pleadings filed in New York are adjudicative facts of which I take judicial notice for purposes of this motion. *See Permenter v. JP Morgan Chase Bank Nat'l Assoc.*, 2015 WL 8528325, at \*1 n.1 (Del. Ch. Dec. 8, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Caesars Agreement, at § 11.2. *See* NEV. REV. STAT. §§ 463.225, 463.310, 463.360; NEV. GAMING COMM'N REG. 5.045(1), 5.045(6)(a).

Person[s]."<sup>18</sup> As defined in the Caesars Agreement, "Unsuitable Person" includes any person "whose affiliation with [Caesars] or its [a]ffiliates could be anticipated to result in a disciplinary action relating to, or the loss of, inability to reinstate or failure to obtain" the gaming and alcohol licenses held by Caesars or "who is or might be engaged or about to be engaged in any activity which could adversely impact the business or reputation of [Caesars] or its [a]ffiliates."<sup>19</sup> The Caesars Agreement further provides that Caesars may make the determination that any person associated with GRB, its members, managers and affiliates is an "Unsuitable Person" in its "sole and exclusive judgment."<sup>20</sup> Upon a determination of unsuitability,

(a) Gordon Ramsay and/or GRB shall terminate any relationship with the [p]erson who is the source of such issue, (b) Gordon Ramsay and/or GRB shall cease the activity or relationship creating the issue to [Caesars's] satisfaction, in [Caesars's] sole judgment, or (c) if such activity or relationship is not subject to cure as set forth in the foregoing clauses (a) and (b), as determined by [Caesars] in its sole discretion, [Caesars] shall, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of [Caesars] including at law or in equity, have the right to terminate [the Caesars Agreement] and its relationship with Gordon Ramsay and GRB.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Caesars Agreement, at § 2.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> *Id.* at § 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> *Id.* at § 11.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> *Id*.

## B. Seibel is Convicted of Impeding the Administration of the Internal Revenue Code, Causing Caesars to Terminate the Caesars Agreement

As noted, Seibel pled guilty on April 18, 2016, to a one-count felony criminal information charging him with impeding the administration of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 7212) after employing an undeclared Swiss bank account and Panamanian shell company to hide taxable income.<sup>22</sup> He was sentenced on August 19, 2016, to one month of imprisonment, six months of home detention and 300 hours of community service in addition to restitution.<sup>23</sup>

Following the sentencing, on September 2, 2016, Caesars sent a letter to GRB, Seibel and Ramsay stating that Seibel's felony conviction rendered him an "Unsuitable Person," and demanding, therefore, that "GRB, [] within 10 business days of the receipt of this letter, terminate any relationship with Mr. Seibel and provide Caesars with written evidence of such terminated relationship." The letter went on to state that "[i]f GRB fails to terminate the relationship with Mr. Seibel,

 $<sup>^{22}</sup>$  Answer ¶ 10; Rogers Transmittal Aff. Ex. 7, at 15:12–17:19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Answer ¶ 10; Rogers Transmittal Aff. Ex. 7, at 22:8–21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Pet. Ex. 3 (stating that "Caesars is aware that Rowen Seibel, who is a GR Associate under the [Caesars] Agreement, has recently pleaded guilty to a one-count criminal information charging him with impeding the administration of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 7212) (corrupt endeavor to obstruct and impede the due administration of the Internal Revenue Laws), a Class E Felony. Such felony conviction renders Rowen Seibel an Unsuitable Person.").

Caesars will be required to terminate the [Caesars] Agreement pursuant to Section 4.2.5 of the [Caesars] Agreement."<sup>25</sup>

Following receipt of the September 2 letter from Caesars, on September 6, 2016, GRUS sent a letter to Seibel's attorney requesting that Seibel "terminate *any* relationship" with GRB and "sign all necessary documents to confirm such termination." In response, Seibel proposed to transfer his interest in GRB to a family trust. Caesars, however, rejected the proposal on September 12, 2016, after it "determined that because the proposed assignees have direct and/or indirect relationships with Mr. Seibel, the proposed assignees are Unsuitable Persons," as defined in the Caesars Agreement. In a letter dated September 12, 2016, GRUS renewed its demand that Seibel completely disassociate from GRB and "fully comply with Caesars' requirements within their timeline." Seibel did not do so. 29

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> *Id.* Ramsay's attorney also sent Seibel's attorney a letter dated September 2, 2016, stating that he was aware of Seibel's felony conviction and that he expected to receive a notice from Caesars regarding Seibel's unsuitability under the Caesars Agreement, and seeking full disclosure of relevant facts relating to the conviction. Pet. Ex. 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Pet. Ex. 5 (emphasis in original).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Pet. Ex. 9. Seibel had first proposed to transfer his membership interest in GRB to his family trust on or about April 11, 2016. Answer ¶ 18. *See also* Pet. Ex. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Pet. Ex. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See Pet. Ex. 3–10; Verified Countercls. of Resp't Rowen Seibel Against Pet'r GR US Licensing, LP ("Countercl.") Ex. 1–5 (correspondence between the parties, reflecting no response from Seibel to GRUS's September 12, 2016 letter).

By letter dated September 21, 2016, Caesars terminated the Caesars Agreement because "[a]s of 11:59 p.m. on September 20, 2016, Caesars had not received any evidence that GRB had disassociated with Rowen Seibel, an individual who is an Unsuitable Person, pursuant to the [Caesars] Agreement." Based on the termination of the Caesars Agreement, GRUS sent GRB notice of its termination of the License Agreement on September 22, 2016.<sup>31</sup>

#### C. Procedural Posture

GRUS filed its Petition on October 13, 2016, seeking the judicial dissolution and winding up of GRB pursuant to the terms of the LLC Agreement and Section 18-802. On November 23, 2016, Seibel filed his Answer and Verified Counterclaims of Respondent Rowen Seibel Against Petitioner GR US Licensing, LP (the "Counterclaims") in which he asserts: (1) breach of the License Agreement, brought derivatively on behalf of GRB against GRUS; (2) misappropriation and unjust enrichment, brought derivatively on behalf of GRB against GRUS; (3) breach of fiduciary duty, brought directly by Seibel against GRUS; and (4) breach of fiduciary duty, brought derivatively on behalf of GRB against GRUS. These

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Pet. Ex. 10. Seibel asserts that this purported termination is invalid, *inter alia*, "in that the Caesars Agreement was purported to be terminated by an entity that had assigned all its interests in that Agreement." Answer ¶ 22. This issue is currently before a Nevada court, and has not been joined here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Countercl. Ex. 5.

Counterclaims largely center on Seibel's allegations that Ramsay, through GRUS, has sought to usurp corporate opportunities from GRB and Seibel, primarily via a collusive plot with Caesars to terminate the Caesars Agreement based on the "fiction" that Seibel's conviction renders him an "Unsuitable Person."<sup>32</sup>

On December 13, 2016, GRUS moved for judgment on the pleadings on its Petition (the "Motion"). At the same time, GRUS moved to dismiss, or in the alternative, stay or sever Seibel's Counterclaims. In a telephonic scheduling conference on January 3, 2017, the Court ruled that it would decide GRUS's Motion on the dissolution claims before addressing GRUS's motion to dismiss the Counterclaims. The Court also entered an order staying discovery.

On January 17, 2017, GRUS moved to expedite the proceeding with respect to the motion *sub judice* due to the filing of derivative claims by Seibel on behalf of GRB in Nevada (the "Nevada Action") in which Seibel, *inter alia*, challenges the termination of the Caesars Agreement and seeks specific performance of that agreement. The motion to expedite was denied in a telephonic hearing on January 23, 2017. Thereafter, Seibel moved for a preliminary injunction in Nevada to prevent Caesars from taking any action in furtherance of its decision to terminate the Caesars Agreement. That motion was denied without prejudice on March 22,

 $<sup>^{32}</sup>$  See Countercl. ¶¶ 1–6 (describing the nature of the Counterclaims).

2017.<sup>33</sup> The Nevada court granted a partial motion to dismiss Seibel's claims without prejudice on May 17, 2017,<sup>34</sup> and Seibel filed an amended complaint in that action shortly after.<sup>35</sup> On June 20, 2017, the parties supplemented the record in connection with the motion *sub judice*, at the Court's request, by submitting orders and transcripts of certain court rulings in the Nevada litigation.

#### II. ANALYSIS

GRUS's motion for judgment on the pleadings requires the Court to determine whether the uncontested facts as admitted by Seibel in his Answer entitle GRUS to judicial dissolution of GRB as a matter of law. For the reasons that follow, I find that the deadlock between the parties, as evidenced by the undisputed facts, has rendered it no longer reasonably practicable for GRB to operate in accordance with its LLC Agreement. I also find no basis in equity to deny dissolution. I explain these findings below after addressing the standard of review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Ltr. from Paul D. Brown to Vice Chancellor Joseph R. Slights III in resp. to his ltr. dated June 19, 2017 regarding the Nevada action ("Supplemental Ltr.") (DI 37) Ex. A, B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Id.* at Ex. C, D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Resp. Rowen Seibel's Ltr. to Vice Chancellor Joseph R. Slights III Regarding Filing of Am. Compl. in Nevada State Ct. Action (DI 38).

#### A. Standard of Review for Judgment on the Pleadings

Under Court of Chancery Rule 12(c), the Court may grant a motion for judgment on the pleadings if, when viewing the claims in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party, there are no material issues of fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.<sup>36</sup> As the Motion was brought by Petitioner, facts admitted in the Answer are deemed true.<sup>37</sup>

#### B. Judicial Dissolution of an LLC Pursuant to 6 Del. C. § 18-802

GRB's LLC Agreement allows for dissolution of the Company pursuant to a judicial decree of dissolution under Section 18-802 which, in turn, provides that "[o]n application by or for a member or manager the Court of Chancery may decree dissolution of a limited liability company whenever it is not reasonably practicable to carry on the business in conformity with a limited liability company agreement."<sup>38</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Desert Equities, Inc. v. Morgan Stanley Leveraged Equity Fund, II, L.P., 624 A.2d 1199, 1205 (Del. 1993). Seibel contends that the present Motion is premature because GRUS filed a motion to dismiss the Counterclaims, leaving them unanswered. I note first that Seibel did not raise (or even preview) this argument during the teleconference on January 3, 2017, where I addressed GRUS's application to proceed with the motion for judgment on the pleadings in summary fashion before turning to the Counterclaims. But more importantly, the relevant pleadings—i.e., those relating to GRUS's dissolution claims—are closed, making it appropriate to rule on the Motion. Cf. Vale v. Atlantic Coast & Inland Corp., 99 A.2d 396, 397–400 (Del. Ch. 1953) (holding that a motion for judgment on the pleadings was premature because the pleadings were not closed where the defendant had moved to strike the complaint rather than answer it, a motion which the court subsequently treated as a motion to dismiss).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Warner Commc'ns Inc. v. Chris-Craft Indus., Inc., 583 A.2d 962, 965 (Del. Ch. 1989).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> 6 Del. C. § 18-802.

The "not reasonably practicable" standard does not require a petitioner to "show that the purpose of the limited liability company has been 'completely frustrated.'"<sup>39</sup> Rather, "[t]he standard is whether it is reasonably practicable for [the company] to continue to operate its business in conformity with its LLC Agreement."<sup>40</sup> Our law provides no blueprint for determining whether it is "not reasonably practicable" for an LLC to continue, but "several convincing factual circumstances have pervaded the case law: (1) the members' vote is deadlocked at the Board level; (2) the operating agreement gives no means of navigating around the deadlock; and (3) due to the financial condition of the company, there is effectively no business to operate."<sup>41</sup> None of these factors are "individually dispositive; nor must they all exist for a court to find it no longer reasonably practicable for a business to continue operating."<sup>42</sup> While judicial dissolution of an LLC is a "discretionary remedy" that is "granted sparingly," "it has been granted 'in situations where there was 'deadlock'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Fisk Ventures, LLC v. Segal, 2009 WL 73957, at \*4 (Del Ch. Jan. 13), aff'd, 984 A.2d 124 (Del. 2009). See also PC Tower Ctr., Inc. v. Tower Ctr. Dev. Assocs. Ltd. P'ship, 1989 WL 63901, at \*6 (Del. Ch. June 8, 1989) (noting that the "not reasonably practicable" standard "is one of reasonable practicality, not impossibility").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Fisk, 2009 WL 73957, at \*4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> *Id*.

that prevented the [entity] from operating and where the defined purpose of the entity was . . . impossible to carry out."<sup>43</sup>

In setting up his argument that dissolution should not be ordered in this case, Seibel relies on this court's opinion in *In re Arrow Investment Advisors, LLC*,<sup>44</sup> and argues that "[i]n applying only the undisputed facts to the law, the Court should also bear in mind that dissolution is an 'extreme' remedy of 'last resort' and that the Court's statutory power to order dissolution is 'limited.""<sup>45</sup> In doing so, he has only partially set the table because, while he quotes *Arrow Investment* correctly, he has not quoted it completely. After discussing the "limited" nature of the court's power to dissolve a Delaware entity, the court went on to explain the impact of management dysfunction and deadlock on the dissolution analysis:

The court will not dissolve an LLC merely because the LLC has not experienced a smooth glide to profitability or because events have not turned out exactly as the LLC's owners originally envisioned; such events are, of course, common in the risk-laden process of birthing new entities in the hope that they will become mature, profitable ventures. In part because a hair-trigger dissolution standard would ignore this market reality and thwart the expectations of reasonable investors that entities will not be judicially terminated simply because of some market turbulence, dissolution is reserved for situations in which the LLC's management has become so dysfunctional or its business purpose so

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Meyer Natural Foods LLC v. Duff, 2015 WL 3746283, at \*3 (Del. Ch. June 4, 2014) (quoting In re Seneca Invs. LLC, 970 A.2d 259, 262–63 (Del. Ch. 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> 2009 WL 1101682 (Del. Ch. Apr. 23, 2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Resp't's Answering Br. in Opp'n to Mot. for J. on the Pleadings ("Resp't's Answering Br.") 17 (quoting *Arrow Inv. Advisors*, 2009 WL 1101682, at \*2, 5).

thwarted that it is no longer practicable to operate the business, such as in the case of a voting deadlock or where the defined purpose of the entity has become impossible to fulfill.<sup>46</sup>

As discussed below, Seibel has failed to account for the fact that he and Ramsay no longer speak and no longer make decisions for GRB. This dysfunction and voting deadlock has left the Company in a petrified state with no means in the LLC Agreement to break free.

Seibel also argues that equity should step in to prevent the dissolution of GRB even if the Court finds that it is "not reasonably practicable" for the Company to carry on its business in conformity with the LLC Agreement because "where one LLC member pursues dissolution to usurp a business opportunity or where he seeks to disenfranchise other LLC members for his personal and sole benefit, the requested dissolution should be denied." Seibel's appeal to equity to prevent a dissolution of GRB rings hollow, however, because the circumstance that has created the deadlock and the resulting need for dissolution is of his own making.

#### C. Insurmountable Deadlock at GRB Justifies Judicial Dissolution

GRUS's "primary legal argument supporting [its] request for judicial dissolution of GRB . . . is that the two 50% owners of GRB—GRUS and Seibel—

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Arrow Inv. Advisors, 2009 WL 1101682, at \*2 (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Resp't's Answering Br. 19 (citing *Xpress Mgmt. v. Hot Wings Int'l, Inc.*, 2007 WL 1660741, at \*6 (Del. Ch. May 30, 2007)).

are deadlocked as to the management of the Company and the Company's LLC Agreement provides no means for resolving that deadlock." In the context of judicial dissolution, "[d]eadlock refers to the inability to make decisions and take action, such as when an LLC agreement requires an unattainable voting threshold."

Where there are two 50% owners of a company, an unbreakable deadlock can form a basis for dissolution even if the company is still engaged in marginal operations. In this regard, the decision in *Haley v. Talcott* is instructive. There, on a motion for summary judgment, the court ordered judicial dissolution of a LLC pursuant to Section 18-802 upon concluding that there was "deadlock between the parties about the business strategy and future of the LLC" with no reasonable exit mechanism, rendering the LLC unable to "function[] as provided for in the LLC Agreement." The company's only asset was a piece of real estate leased to a restaurant, and the parties could not agree about what to do with that land—one

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Pet'r's Reply Br. in Supp. of its Mot. for J. on the Pleadings ("Pet'r's Reply Br.") 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Meyer, 2015 WL 3746283, at \*3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> See Phillips v. Hove, 2011 WL 4404034 (Del. Ch. Sept. 22, 2011); Vila v. BVWebTies LLC, 2010 WL 3866098 (Del. Ch. Oct. 1, 2010); Haley v. Talcott, 864 A.2d 86 (Del. Ch. 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> 864 A.2d 86 (Del. Ch. 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> *Id.* at 95

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> *Id.* at 89.

wanted to continue the lease with the restaurant and the other wanted to end the lease and sell the property.<sup>54</sup> The two members had not interacted since a falling out and were engaged in other litigation relating to the LLC.<sup>55</sup>

In analyzing the dispute, the court drew parallels between Section 18-802 and 8 *Del. C.* § 273 ("Section 273"), which governs the dissolution of joint venture corporations with two 50% owners. Section 273 "sets forth three pre-requisites for a judicial order of dissolution: 1) the corporation must have two 50% stockholders, 2) those stockholders must be engaged in a joint venture, and 3) they must be unable to agree upon whether to discontinue the business or how to dispose of its assets." The court found, by analogy, that all three of these pre-requisites were met where

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> *Id.* at 95.

<sup>55</sup> Id. at 96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> *Id.* at 93–96. The court has, on other occasions, analogized the judicial dissolution of an LLC with two 50% owners under Section 18-802 to the 50/50 deadlock scenario addressed by Section 273, noting that "[t]he reason that the § 273 analysis is useful in the LLC context is obvious: when an LLC agreement requires that there be agreement between two managers for business decisions to be made, those two managers are deadlocked over serious issues, and the LLC agreement provides no alternative basis for resolving the deadlock, it is not 'reasonably practicable' to continue to carry on the LLC business '*in conformity* with [its] limited liability company agreement." *Vila*, 2010 WL 3866098, at \*7 (quoting 6 *Del. C.* § 18-802) (emphasis in original). *See also id.* at \*8 (ordering dissolution after a trial where the two 50% owners were deadlocked, noting that "a deadlock would not necessarily justify a dissolution if the LLC Agreement provided a means to resolve it equitably" but the LLC agreement did not contain means to break a deadlock and, instead, provided that the members could seek judicial dissolution).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Haley, 864 A.2d at 94 (citing *In re Coffee Assocs., Inc.*, 1993 WL 512505, at \*3 (Del. Ch. Dec. 3, 1993)).

the parties were 50% members of the LLC, the parties intended to be and were engaged in a joint venture and the parties were at an impasse regarding how best to manage the LLC's lone asset.<sup>58</sup> In so holding, the court noted that while the business was "technically functioning, this operation is purely a residual inertial status quo," and further noted that it was "not credible that the LLC could, if necessary, take any important action that required a vote of the members." Therefore, after determining that the exit provision in the LLC agreement was not an adequate remedy in lieu of judicial dissolution, the court granted dissolution pursuant to Section 18-802 because it was "not reasonably practicable for the LLC to continue to carry on business in conformity with the LLC Agreement." <sup>60</sup>

Here, GRUS and Seibel are both 50% owners of GRB,<sup>61</sup> each is entitled to appoint one manager,<sup>62</sup> all decisions of the managers must be unanimous besides those relating to the License Agreement,<sup>63</sup> and the LLC Agreement does not provide

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> *Id.* at 94–95.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> *Id.* at 95. Specifically, the court found that "[w]ith strident disagreement between the parties regarding the appropriate deployment of the asset of the LLC, and open hostility as evidenced by the related suit in this matter, it is not credible that the LLC could, if necessary, take any important action that required a vote of the members." *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> *Id.* at 98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> LLC Agreement, at § 7.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> *Id.* at § 8.1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Id. at §§ 8.1, 8.11. Seibel argues that the LLC Agreement gives him "exclusive authority" to make decisions "with respect to the License Agreement." Resp't's Answering

any mechanism to break a voting deadlock. The undisputed facts reveal that the relationship between GRUS and Seibel is, at best, acrimonious, as evidenced by the Counterclaims here, the Nevada Action and the litigation proceedings in New York stemming back to 2014.<sup>64</sup> While the working relationship between the parties arguably had broken down prior to Seibel's felony conviction in 2016, the facts as admitted in the pleadings show clearly that whatever deadlock may have arisen prior to Seibel's conviction solidified to igneous rock thereafter.

Seibel was convicted and sentenced for impeding the administration of the Internal Revenue Code. Then, Caesars declared Seibel an "Unsuitable Person" and ordered GRB and GRUS to disassociate from him. When GRUS sought to comply with Caesars's direction by having Seibel voluntarily separate from GRB, Seibel refused. When Seibel proposed, as a compromise, that he would transfer his interest

Br. 32 (quoting LLC Agreement, at § 8.11). His argument follows that "[d]eadlock most decidedly cannot exist where the LLC Agreement grants one managing member exclusive authority." *Id.* (citing *Meyer*, 2015 WL 3746283, at \*4). GRUS disputes Seibel's interpretation of the LLC Agreement and whether it gives him all the power over the License Agreement that Seibel claims it does. Pet'r's Reply Br. 9–10. It is unnecessary to resolve this dispute, however, because regardless of whether Seibel has the authority to make decisions regarding the License Agreement alone, there are myriad other decisions that would need to made in running the business that would require unanimity and, as discussed below, "it is not credible that [GRB] could, if necessary, take any important action that required a vote of the members." *Haley*, 864 A.2d at 96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> The New York proceedings center around another joint restaurant venture between Seibel and Ramsay in Los Angeles called Fat Cow. *See* Rogers Transmittal Aff. Ex. 2–6. There, both Seibel and Ramsay allege breach of contract and fiduciary duty on the part of the other, and Ramsay additionally alleges that Seibel has engaged in fraud. *Id.* 

in GRB to a family trust, GRUS and Caesars both indicated that this was inadequate to cure the "Unsuitable Person" problem. When Caesars learned that Seibel remained at GRB after its disassociation deadline passed, it terminated the Caesars Agreement. It is difficult to imagine how GRB could be any more dysfunctional or deadlocked.<sup>65</sup>

Given these undisputed facts, the notion that the deadlock might somehow be broken in the future is simply not reasonably conceivable. Ramsay, and his entity GRUS, no longer want to be associated with Seibel due to his felony tax-related conviction and the reputational damage that will flow from their continued connection with him. This circumstance will not change as future events unfold. It also distinguishes this case from the legion Delaware authority cited by Seibel to the effect that a party cannot seek dissolution simply to extricate himself from what he considers to a "bad deal." Here, GRUS and Seibel elected to do business together in the form of GRB, each presuming that the other was an honorable actor. This

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> See Haley, 864 A.2d at 96 (finding deadlock where there was "strident" disagreement over how to manage the asset of the LLC and open hostility between two 50% members of an LLC).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> See, e.g., Lola Cars Int'l Ltd. v. Krohn Racing, LLC, 2010 WL 3314484, at \*24 (Del. Ch. Aug. 2, 2010) (citing cases and holding that dissolution was not warranted where the petitioner's "frustration amounts to little more than disappointment with how [the company] is structured and managed" because "[u]nfortunately for [the petitioner], it agreed to this arrangement," and "emphasizing that a party to a limited liability company agreement may not seek judicial dissolution simply as a means of freeing itself from what it considers a bad deal").

presumption was shattered when Seibel was convicted of a felony, especially one involving dishonesty. Tax fraud is not a Las Vegas moment.<sup>67</sup> It should come as no surprise to Seibel that his conduct leading to that conviction will have consequences (here, as relates to GRB) that extend beyond his conviction and sentencing. This is especially so given that GRB's only revenue-generating business was in a casino, an enterprise that GRUS, Seibel and GRB knew was highly regulated.<sup>68</sup>

Whether right or wrong, Caesars has determined in its "sole judgment" that Seibel is an "Unsuitable Person," a consequence from GRUS and GRB's perspective that is entirely of Seibel's own doing. GRUS finds itself in a lifeless joint venture that does not resemble the one it bargained for.<sup>69</sup> The undisputed facts reveal that the parties will remain deadlocked without a mechanism in the LLC Agreement to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" (The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority 2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> See Caesars Agreement, at § 11.2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> In attempting to dissolve GRB, GRUS (and Ramsay) are not simply trying to walk away from a "bad deal"; they are attempting to disassociate from a person who has engaged in post-formation conduct that could bring them reputational and other harm. Trust between the joint venturers is shattered; they cannot agree on anything; and it is time for them to separate.

break through.<sup>70</sup> It is, therefore, "not reasonably practicable" for GRUS and Seibel to carry on GRB "in conformity with [the] limited liability company agreement."<sup>71</sup>

 $<sup>^{70}</sup>$  The facts relating to the parties' hopeless deadlock following Seibel's felony conviction are undisputed and admitted by Seibel in his Answer. Answer ¶¶ 10, 16–22. There is, therefore, no need for discovery relating to these facts and, of course, no need for a trial to resolve material factual disputes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> 6 Del. C. § 18-802. See Fisk, 2009 WL 73957, at \*4 (holding that dissolution under Section 18-802 was warranted on petitioner's motion for judgment on the pleadings where "deadlock prevents the limited liability company from operating or furthering its stated business purpose. [meaning that] it is not reasonably practicable for the company to carry on its business"). While I have found that the undisputed deadlock present at GRB justifies judicial dissolution of GRB as a matter of law, I note that GRUS also argues that dissolution is appropriate because the business is unable to continue. According to GRUS, GRB has ceased to do business because the only revenue-generating business it had, the Caesars Agreement, was terminated by Caesars. See Pet'r's Opening Br. 24. Seibel cites to several open issues that he argues preclude a judgment on the pleadings on this ground, including his allegation that the BURGR Restaurant in Planet Hollywood "continues to operate, under a virtually identical concept, with virtually identical menus and look, and thereby generates significant profit utilizing GRB's intellectual property, but without remitting any license fees or other profits to GRB," and that, under the Caesars Agreement, GRB should have the right to license fees from that new restaurant. Resp't's Answering Br. 29-30 (citing to the Counterclaims). Claims also remain in the Nevada Action for breach of the Caesars Agreement, including a prayer for specific performance of that contract. See Supplemental Ltr. Ex. A-D. I agree with Seibel that questions of fact remain regarding whether GRB might be able to engage in some form of business in the future that preclude a ruling at this stage that dissolution is appropriate because GRB is no longer in business. This, of course, does not preclude a judgment of dissolution on the alternative ground that it is no longer reasonably practicable to carry on the business of GRB given the intractable deadlock of its members. See Haley, 864 A.3d at 96 (holding that irreconcilable deadlock between two 50/50 members of an LLC was sufficient to warrant dissolution pursuant to Section 18-802 even where the LLC had remaining residual business operations).

### D. Equitable Principles do not Override the fact that Judicial Dissolution is Warranted

Seibel argues that even if GRUS has satisfied the "not reasonably practicable" standard for dissolution, the Court should decline to order dissolution at this pleadings stage as a matter of equity. He correctly points out that Section 18-802 provides that the court "may" grant dissolution where it is no longer reasonably practicable for the company to continue to operate in accordance with its operating agreement; the General Assembly appears deliberately to have chosen not to mandate that result. According to Seibel, the Court should invoke equity to deny the Petition because the dissolution is "being exploited tactically for an ulterior and inequitable purpose . . . [because GRUS is] pursu[ing] dissolution to usurp a business opportunity . . . [and] seeks to disenfranchise [the] other LLC member[] for [Ramsay's] personal and sole benefit." Specifically, Seibel alleges that:

Ramsay's currently undisputed plan, which includes dissolution of GRB, is expressly designed to usurp GRB's entire BURGR Restaurant business by interfering with GRB's ability to pursue its business purpose. . . . Ramsay and Petitioner refused to consider additional corporate opportunities for GRB, or to meet with Seibel to discuss the potential opportunities, beginning in 2013. Ramsay then attempted to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> See 6 Del. C. § 18-802. See also In re Mobilactive Media, LLC, 2013 WL 297950, at \*33 (Del. Ch. Jan. 25, 2013) ("Yet, even in cases where the standard for dissolution has been met, the Court of Chancery, in the exercise of its equitable powers, may decide whether it should issue a decree of dissolution."); Lola Cars, 2010 WL 3314484, at \*22 ("[A]s the statute makes clear, even if the standard of 'not reasonably practicable' is met, the decision to enter a decree of dissolution nonetheless rests with the discretion of the Court.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> Resp't's Answering Br. 19 (citing *Xpress Mgmt.*, 2007 WL 1660741, at \*6).

solidify his ability to continue the burger restaurant concept for himself by attempting to register the 'BURGR' trademark in one of his other entities, despite the LLC Agreement and the License Agreement Petitioner signed acknowledging that the BURGR name was owned by GRB. Then, on April 7, 2016, Ramsay instructed [Caesars] to remit monies due under the [Caesars Agreement] directly to Petitioner, as opposed to the GRB, in contravention of the [Caesars Agreement] and the LLC Agreement.

Ramsay then colluded with [Caesars] to terminate the [Caesars Agreement], which then permitted Ramsay to terminate the License Agreement, thereby depriving GRB of two of its three principal assets: the [Caesars Agreement] under which the BURGR Restaurant operated in the Planet Hollywood hotel, and the License Agreement under which the BURGR Restaurant was marketed under the Gordon Ramsay name. Viewed in the light most favorable to Seibel, and prior to any discovery, the pleadings establish that Ramsay and [Caesars] decided to enable Ramsay to obtain the full profits of the BURGR Restaurant by contriving an unsubstantiated finding that Seibel was an 'unsuitable' person. Ramsay and [Caesars] then rejected all efforts by Seibel to ameliorate and cure any perceived basis for an unsuitable person And then based upon the contrived unsuitable person determination, the [Caesars Agreement] and, in turn, the License [Agreement] were terminated. GRB was deprived of these valuable assets without remuneration, but without depriving Ramsay or [Caesars] from continuing to market and operate the BURGR Restaurant in the Planet Hollywood hotel—which they have done and which has remained profitable.<sup>74</sup>

Given this history, Seibel maintains that "[e]quity 'should not stand idle' . . . where the purpose of the dissolution is to aid the Petitioner in exploiting GRB's entire

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Resp't's Answering Br. 22–23 (citations omitted). Notably, the citations that Seibel provides for these facts all lead to his Counterclaims, not the pleadings relevant to the Petition for dissolution. I will consider these facts, nevertheless, in order to address Seibel's equitable argument on the merits.

business for itself (or for its principal), and thus dissolution should be denied at this stage of the proceedings."<sup>75</sup>

Seibel relies primarily upon this court's decisions in *In re Mobilactive Media*, *LLC*<sup>76</sup> and *Xpress Management v. Hot Wings International, Inc.*<sup>77</sup> as support for the proposition that "equity" should step in to prevent the dissolution of GRB. In *Mobilactive Media*, the court rendered a post-trial decision finding the defendant liable for breach of fiduciary duties. The court then addressed defendant's petition for dissolution and summarily denied it upon concluding that the defendant was proffering the consequences of its own breach of fiduciary duty (the usurpation of corporate opportunities) as the primary basis for its argument that the business could no longer fulfill its designated purpose.<sup>78</sup> Specifically, the court held that the defendant "should not be permitted to use its inequitable conduct to extricate itself from what it has long considered to be a bad deal with [plaintiff] and [the company] and simultaneously hinder [plaintiff] from recovering the damages he is due."<sup>79</sup> Importantly, the court was concerned that the defendant was seeking to dissolve the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> *Id.* at 24

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> 2013 WL 297950 (Del. Ch. Jan. 25, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> 2007 WL 1660741 (Del. Ch. May 30, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> *Mobilactive Media*, 2013 WL 297950, at \*33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> *Id*.

entity before the defendant had paid the damages to the entity that the court had just ordered the defendant to pay for breaching his fiduciary duty.<sup>80</sup> Needless to say, no such concern exists here.

In *Xpress Management*, the court granted a motion to stay a dissolution proceeding brought under 8 *Del. C.* § 273 in favor of prior-filed litigation between the parties. While the court acknowledged that pre-existing litigation between parties generally will not prevent a member of a joint venture from seeking dissolution under Section 273, "when the other party can point to uncontested facts which raise a specter of bad faith conduct by the party seeking dissolution, the Court of Chancery's inherent equitable discretion should not stand idle." In this regard, the court found the uncontested facts—that the petitioner repeatedly sought to break up the subject company via litigation in various other fora for improper and self-interested reasons—raised an inference that the petitioner was seeking to exploit future business opportunities rightfully belonging to the venture it was seeking to dissolve. As the court explained, "a court should be wary when section 273 is invoked as a statutory panacea by a purported joint venture who, having failed before

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> *Id*.

<sup>81 2007</sup> WL 1660741, at \*7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> *Id.* at \*6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> *Id*.

in its effort to break up the company and having eschewed the power of this court for so long, suddenly maintains that a rapid and summary dissolution is the appropriate method through which the corporation's best interests will be served."84

Seibel has pointed to nothing that would suggest that GRUS sought to dissolve or walk away from GRB prior to Seibel's conviction for tax fraud and Caesar's subsequent termination of the Caesar's Agreement. Unlike the petition at issue in *Xpress Management*, the Petition at issue here is not the latest act in a long-playing drama where one member of a joint venture gins up any excuse imaginable to separate from the other. The deadlock here is temporally related to a series of events, caused by Seibel, that have rendered GRB no longer able to function.

A case not cited by Seibel, *In re Data Processing Consultants, Ltd.*, <sup>85</sup> is especially informative in its discussion of the scope and utility of the court's equitable powers in the dissolution context. There, the court acknowledged that Section 273 allows the court to decline to order dissolution on equitable grounds even when the petitioner satisfies the statutory criteria for dissolution, but only in "narrow" circumstances where the petitioner has engaged in demonstrable "bad faith in the seeking of [] dissolution." The court emphasized that "such [equitable]

<sup>84</sup> *Id.* at \*7.

<sup>85 1987</sup> WL 25360 (Del. Ch. Nov. 25, 1987) (Allen, C.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> *Id.* at \*4 (providing, as an example, that "this court might deny such a petition upon a showing that one joint-venturing shareholder seeks dissolution at a particular time in order

power should be sparingly exercised."<sup>87</sup> Citing *Data Processing*, this court has since illustrated the limited reach of the bad faith exception, ordering dissolution and the appointment of a receiver under Section 273 even in the face of allegations that the petitioner had engaged in past instances of usurpation of corporate opportunities because such instances did not adequately portend "specific future" harm that would justify perpetuating a dysfunctional joint venture.<sup>88</sup>

to free himself to exploit a specific future business opportunity personally that would rightfully belong to the company if it should happen to continue to exist as a going concern at that future time").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> *Id.* See also id. (holding that "while proof of prior breach of fiduciary duty would justify the court's requiring a fiduciary to account, proof of such a breach would not, standing alone, ordinarily permit the court to require that a 50% shareholder remain in a corporate joint venture against his will"). Indeed, this court has noted that dissolution is often accompanied by various other litigation, including breach of fiduciary duty claims, due to its very nature. See In re Magnolia Clinical Research, Inc., 2000 WL 128850, at \*2 (Del. Ch. Jan. 3, 2000) ("Section 273 exists to enable deadlocked shareholders to bring closure to what has become an inefficient and unworkable relationship. As dissolution will not generally be sought if all is well with a joint venture, it follows oft-times that the relationship will be rather strained when a shareholder seeks dissolution under § 273. There may well be related litigation—often involving allegations of breach of fiduciary duty—contemporaneous to a § 273 proceeding. It makes little sense to deny dissolution pending resolution of these other actions unless, for instance, special circumstances such as those mentioned in *Data Processing* are involved.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> See Magnolia Clinical Research, 2000 WL 128850, at \*1 ("Respondent also fails to allege sufficiently an attempt by petitioner to exploit personally 'specific future' business opportunities. She does allege that petitioner 'commenced a competing business and began to divert business of [the company] to such competing business,' and 'hired and attempted to hire [the company's] consultants.' These allegations, even if taken as true, do not, in my opinion, constitute the 'specific future' harm mentioned by the Data Processing court. Furthermore, these allegations, which are similarly asserted in the federal action [brought by the respondent asserting breach of fiduciary duties and tortious interference with

Here, Seibel has failed to point to any "specific future" business opportunity that GRUS or Ramsay are seeking to exploit or any specific harm that will arise from the dissolution. This is unsurprising since Seibel has admitted that the only revenuegenerating business that GRB has ever engaged in—the Caesars Agreement—was initiated in late 2012 when the Company was founded. Beyond referencing an opportunity that has now been terminated by the other party, Seibel has not identified any "specific future business opportunity" that rightfully belongs to GRB that GRUS is attempting to take for itself through the use of this dissolution proceeding. It is not enough for Seibel merely to state that Ramsay may, at some point in the future, engage in some other burger venture that uses his name and likeness to capitalize on the celebrity and status Ramsay has spent his career building. Seibel cannot reasonably expect that this court would indefinitely lock Ramsay in a failed joint venture and thereby preclude him from ever engaging in a business that bears resemblance to GRB—a restaurant business that exploits Ramsay's celebrity to sell one of the most popular and beloved food preparations in all of history. Any such result would be the antithesis of equitable.

contract] can be addressed adequately by the federal court, without interfering with the dissolution action in this Court.").

<sup>89</sup> Data Processing, 1987 WL 25360, at \*4.

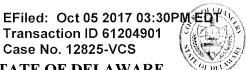
Even if GRUS, Ramsay and Caesars have engaged in a scheme to usurp corporate opportunities from GRB and Seibel, as Seibel alleges, the scheme has already run its course—Caesars has terminated the Caesars Agreement and GRUS has terminated the License Agreement. Claims relating to these alleged harms can be prosecuted either individually by Seibel or derivatively by a receiver on behalf of GRB as appropriate. Given that this court will allow a dissolution to proceed even when there are first-filed derivative claims pending, there is no principled basis upon which to conclude that *later-filed* derivative claims alleging past harms should stand in the way of an otherwise properly supported petition for dissolution. Unlike in *Mobilactive*, Seibel has not alleged any facts that would allow a reasonable inference that he would not be able to recover fully any damages he is owed if dissolution is granted. Therefore, because Seibel has failed to allege bad faith in the bringing of the dissolution, but rather points only to prior bad acts that predate the Petition and were allegedly undertaken separate and apart from the Petition, equity will not preclude the entry of an otherwise justified decree of dissolution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> See In re Silver Leaf, L.L.C., 2005 WL 2045641, at \*11 (Del. Ch. Aug. 18, 2005) (noting that what remained of the subject business was "possible choses in action" and that "[t]he ability to prosecute those claims does not depend on the continued existence of the LLC, but could, at least in theory, be managed by a court appointed receiver"); *Magnolia Clinical Research*, 2000 WL 128850, at \*2 (after ordering dissolution, noting that "[c]ounsel should try to agree upon a proper receiver who will, of course, assess the claims and counterclaims asserted [derivatively] in the federal action in determining how to proceed with the dissolution").

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings is GRANTED and judicial dissolution is ordered pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 18-802. Petitioner shall submit a form of implementing order, on notice to Respondent, within twenty (20) days. In connection with this order, counsel should endeavor to agree upon a proposed liquidating trustee who will, in addition to those powers granted under 6 *Del. C.* § 18-803(b), assess the Counterclaims pending here and the claims in the Nevada Action in determining whether any action should be taken on behalf of GRB in connection with such claims.

## **EXHIBIT 2**



#### IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

In re: GR Burgr, LLC	)
ROWEN SEIBEL,	)
Respondent and Counterclaim Plaintiff,	) ) )
v.	) C.A. No. 12825-VCS
GR US LICENSING, LP,	)
Petitioner and Counterclaim Defendant,	) ) )
and	)
GR BURGR, LLC,	)
Nominal Defendant.	)
	,

## ORDER DISSOLVING GR BURGR, LLC AND APPOINTING LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2016, GR US Licensing, LP ("GRUS" or "Petitioner") filed a Verified Petition for Judicial Dissolution of GR Burgr, LLC (the "Petition"), in which Petitioner sought an order of judicial dissolution of GR Burgr, LLC ("GRB") pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 18-802, as well as the appointment of a liquidating trustee for the winding up of GRB pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 18-803;

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2016. Rowen Seibel filed an Answer to the Petition, in which he opposed the dissolution of GRB, and Verified Counterclaims Against GRUS on behalf of GRB (the "Delaware Counterclaims");

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, Petitioner moved for judgment on the pleadings on its Petition (the "Motion"), and also moved to dismiss the Delaware Counterclaims and stay the Delaware Counterclaims pending resolution of the Motion;

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, the Court ruled that it would decide the Motion before addressing GRUS's motion to dismiss the Delaware Counterclaims and stayed all other aspects of the case;

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, Seibel filed derivative claims on behalf of GRB in Nevada (the "Nevada Claims"); and

WHEREAS, the Court, having considered the merits of the Motion and, for the reasons set forth in its August 25, 2017 memorandum opinion (the "Memorandum Opinion"), and finding good cause for GRB to be dissolved and wound up under the supervision and authority of a liquidating trustee appointed by the Court who shall possess the broadest authority, consistent with the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "Act") to oversee the dissolution and winding up of GRB.

NOW, THEREFORE, this \_5<sup>th</sup> day of \_October \_, 2017, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

- 1. <u>The Motion</u>. Having found good cause therefore, the Petitioner's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings Concerning the Petition is hereby GRANTED.
- 2. <u>Dissolution and Winding Up.</u> Pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 18-802, the Court, having concluded that it is no longer reasonably practicable to carry on the business of GRB, hereby orders that GRB shall be deemed dissolved as of the date of this Order, and GRB's affairs shall be promptly wound up by a liquidating trustee under the direction of this Court and in accordance with the Act and the limited liability company agreement of GRB (the "LLC Agreement").
- 3. Appointment Of Liquidating Trustee. Pursuant to 6 Del. C. § 18-803(a), Kurt Heyman, Esq. is hereby appointed as the liquidating trustee of GRB (the "Liquidating Trustee") with the powers and duties specified in this Order.
- 4. <u>Acceptance And Term of Appointment Of Liquidating Trustee</u>. The Liquidating Trustee shall file in this Court a written acceptance of the appointment. The Liquidating Trustee shall serve at the pleasure of the Court, and the provisions of this Order shall remain in effect pending further Order of the Court.
- 5. <u>General Powers Of Liquidating Trustee</u>. The Liquidating Trustee shall have all the powers generally available to a trustee, custodian, or receiver

appointed pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 18-803, unless the exercise of any said power would be inconsistent with any specific provision of this Order or any other Order entered by the Court in this action. Upon appointment, the Liquidating Trustee shall have full control and dominion over the dissolution and liquidation of GRB and shall have access to all books and records of GRB.

- 6. Authority To Act. The Liquidating Trustee is authorized and empowered with the sole and exclusive authority to act through and in the name of GRB as necessary (a) to carry out all duties hereunder; (b) to identify and marshal the assets of GRB and liquidate those assets, including the Delaware Counterclaims (to the extent such claims are derivative) and Nevada Claims, in the manner the Liquidating Trustee determines is in the best interests of GRB; (c) to prosecute and defend any litigation by or on behalf of GRB; (d) to wind up the affairs of GRB in accordance with the terms of the Act and the LLC Agreement; and (e) to execute and/or deliver, or cause to be executed and/or delivered, all assignments, instruments, pleadings, and documents necessary to carry out the Liquidating Trustee's duties as outlined in this Order. The Liquidating Trustee also shall have authority, but shall not be required, to petition this Court for instructions at any time from time to time.
- 7. <u>Waiver Of Duties</u>. The provisions of Court of Chancery Rules 149-168, which apply to the duties of a receiver and/or liquidating trustee of limited

liability companies, are hereby waived and the Liquidating Trustee shall not be required to post a bond. In lieu of these provisions, the Liquidating Trustee shall provide interim summary reports to the Court every three months following the date of this Order, until the winding up is complete. The Liquidating Trustee will provide these interim reports to the Court via U.S. Mail, with copies to counsel of record for the parties in this action/and the Court will file a copy of each report on the docket upon receipt.

Reports To And Consultation With Members. The Liquidating Trustee may, to the extent deemed practical or necessary, consult with the members of GRB ("Members") and/or their representatives with respect to the Liquidating Trustee's performance of his various duties under this Order, but shall not be subject to their direction or control, and shall not be required to take any course of action the Members otherwise would or would not take. The Liquidating Trustee may periodically confer with the Members and/or their representatives by teleconference or in person, and, at the Liquidating Trustee's sole discretion, may meet with the Members and/or their representatives individually or together. At any time, either Member may request assistance or action from the Liquidating Trustee. Such conferences shall occur at such intervals as the Liquidating Trustee deems appropriate, with the agenda for such conferences determined in advance to the extent reasonably possible. The Members, GRB, and their employees and

agents shall cooperate with the Liquidating Trustee and each other to wind up GRB and distribute GRB's assets as required by the LLC Agreement.

- 9. Presumptions; Good Faith Reliance. All actions taken by the Liquidating Trustee pursuant to this Order in the right of GRB to cause GRB to take action shall be presumed to be taken on an informed basis, in good faith, and in the honest belief that such actions taken were in the best interests of GRB. In causing GRB to take action, the Liquidating Trustee shall be fully protected to the fullest extent permitted by 6 *Del. C.* § 18–406 in relying in good faith upon the records of GRB and upon information, opinions, reports or statements presented by the Members, an officer or employee of GRB, or by any other person as to matters the Liquidating Trustee reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to contracts, agreements or other undertakings that would be sufficient to pay claims and obligations of GRB or to make reasonable provision to pay such claims and obligations, or any other facts pertinent to the winding up of GRB.
- 10. <u>Indemnification/Advancement And Exculpation</u>. The appointment of the Liquidating Trustee hereunder shall be binding upon the officers, managers, employees, directors and Members of GRB. The Liquidating Trustee shall have no liability to GRB, its Members, or any other person for acts taken in good faith

pursuant to this Order, and none of the Members, nor any other person purporting to act as a director, manager, officer, employee, advisor or Member of GRB shall institute any legal proceeding other than in this Court challenging any action, recommendation, or decision by the Liquidating Trustee in performing the duties hereunder. The Liquidating Trustee shall be entitled to all protection, limitation from liability, and immunity available at law or in equity to a Court-appointed Liquidating Trustee including, without limitation, all protection, limitation from liability, and immunity provided by the indemnification provisions of applicable law. Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Liquidating Trustee in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding arising by reason of or in connection with the Liquidating Trustee's designation as Liquidating Trustee for GRB, or in the performance of the duties hereunder, shall be paid by GRB, in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding subject to the repayment of such amount if it shall be ultimately determined by this Court that the Liquidating Trustee is not entitled to be indemnified under applicable Delaware law.

11. <u>Cancellation</u>. Upon completion of the winding up of GRB and the distribution of the proceeds of dissolution pursuant to the LLC Agreement, the Liquidating Trustee shall execute and file a certificate of cancellation in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

- 12. <u>Compensation Of The Liquidating Trustee</u>. The Liquidating Trustee shall be compensated by GRB at his usual hourly rate from the assets of GRB as determined by the Liquidating Trustee. Reasonable travel and other expenses incurred by the Liquidating Trustee shall be paid directly to the Liquidating Trustee by GRB from the assets of GRB. The Liquidating Trustee shall petition the Court quarterly, or at such other interval as the Court may direct, for approval of fees and expenses. Any fees and expenses approved by the Court shall be paid promptly by GRB from the assets of GRB.
- 13. Authority To Retain Advisors. If necessary, the Liquidating Trustee may retain counsel or other advisors to advise the Liquidating Trustee with respect to his or her duties under this Order, the Act, and the LLC Agreement. If the Liquidating Trustee is an attorney, the counsel retained by the Liquidating Trustee may be the law firm of which the Liquidating Trustee is a partner. The fees and expenses of any advisors retained by the Liquidating Trustee shall be paid by GRB from the assets of GRB.
- 14. <u>Reservation of Jurisdiction</u>. The Court reserves jurisdiction over this matter, including jurisdiction to consider any applications that the Liquidating Trustee may make for the Court's assistance in addressing any problems encountered by the Liquidating Trustee in performing his or her duties hereunder

and any applications by any party arising out of or related to any action or decision		
of the Liquidating Trustee or any of his or her agents.		
SO ORDERED this day of October, 2017.		
/s/ Joseph R. Slights III Vice Chancellor		

## **EXHIBIT B**

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12	New York, derivatively on behalf of Real Party in Interest GR BURGR LLC, a Delaware limited	Dept No.: XV	
13	liability company;		
14	Plaintiff,		
15	VS.	DECLARATION OF DAVID KERR IN	
16	70	SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT GORDON RAMSAY'S OPPOSITION	
17	PHWLV, LLC a Nevada limited liability company; GORDON RAMSAY, an individual;	TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR	
18	DOES I through X; ROE CORPORATIONS I	PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT	
	through X,	CONCERNING (1) THE PAYMENT OF THE LICENSE FEE THROUGH	
19	Defendant,	MARCH 31, 2017, AND (2) THE	
20	GR BURGR LLC, a Delaware limited liability	BREACH OF § 14.21 OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT	
21	company,		
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25	I, David Kerr, declare and say as follows:		
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I make this declaration in support of Gordon Ramsay's Opposition to Plaintiff's 2. Motion for Partial Summary Judgment Concerning (1) the Payment of the License Fee Through March 31, 2017, and (2) the Breach of § 14.21 of the Development Agreement.

- Prior to March 8, 2016, and covering the period through termination of the Development Agreement on September 21, 2016, all payments of the License Fee were made to GR BURGR, LLC and divided equally between Rowen Seibel and GRUS. After March 8, 2016 and through termination of the Development Agreement, those payments were made 50% to GRUS and 50% to GR BURGR for benefit of Rowen Seibel.
- GRUS has received no payments of the License Fee for the period following 4. termination of the Development Agreement, except for an erroneous payment in January, 2017, which was immediately returned.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Dated: 9/29/2017

DAVID KERR

## **EXHIBIT C**

1	DECL		
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13	Interest GR BURGR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company;		
14	Plaintiff,		
15	vs.	SECOND DECLARATION OF DAVID KERR IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT	
16	PHWLV, LLC a Nevada limited liability	GORDON RAMSAY'S OPPOSITION	
17	company; GORDON RAMSAY, an individual; DOES I through X; ROE CORPORATIONS I	TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT	
18	through X,	CONCERNING (1) THE PAYMENT OF THE LICENSE FEE THROUGH	
19	Defendant,	MARCH 31, 2017, AND (2) THE	
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2. 1 make this second declaration in support of Gordon Ramsay's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment Concerning (1) the Payment of the License Fee Through March 31, 2017, and (2) the Breach of § 14.21 of the Development Agreement.

- The License Agreement that governs the restaurant Gordon Ramsay Burger is between RB Restaurant Ventures, LLC and PHWLV, LLC. That agreement recites generally the same terms and conditions as the development agreement between GR BURGR LLC and PHWLV, LLC.
- RB Restaurant Ventures, LLC is a Nevada LLC, which is indirectly controlled by 4. Gordon Ramsay. Gordon Ramsay owns a majority interest in Kavalake Ltd., which owns 100% of GR US Topco LLC, which owns 100% of RB Restaurant Ventures LLC. Kavalake also owns a controlling majority interest in GR US Licensing LP, which owns 50% of GR BURGR LLC. RB Restaurant Ventures LLC is therefore an affiliate of GR BURGR LLC through the common control of both Gordon Ramsay and Kavalake Ltd.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct, except as to those matters stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Dated: 10/5/2017

DAVID KERR

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Plaintiff.

v.

PHWLV, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; GORDON RAMSAY, an individual; DOES I through X; ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,

Defendants.

and

GR BURGR LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,

Nominal Plaintiff.

#### AND ALL RELATED MATTERS

Dept. No.: 15

REPLY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY **JUDGMENT CONCERNING (1) THE** PAYMENT OF THE LICENSE FEE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017, AND (2) THE BREACH OF § 14.21 OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

> **Hearing Date: 10/24/17** Hearing Time: 9:00 a.m.

On September 18, 2017, Plaintiff Rowen Seibel, a member and manager of "GRB," 1 appearing derivatively on its behalf, filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment Concerning (1) the Payment of the License Fee through March 31, 2017, and (2) the Breach of § 14.21 of the Development Agreement (the "Motion"). On October 5, 2017, PH and Ramsay separately opposed the Motion. Plaintiff respectfully submits this Reply in support of the Motion.

All capitalized terms and phrases bear the same meaning herein as in the Motion.

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#### I. Introduction.

A maxim of jurisprudence is that parties must live with their contracts.<sup>2</sup> If a party is dissatisfied with its contractual obligations, then "the time to say so is at the bargaining table." This case involves a party – PH – that simply refuses to comply with its obligations under the plain, clear, and unambiguous contract freely negotiated and entered by the parties.

In plain, clear, and unambiguous terms, the Development Agreement obligates PH to pay the License Fee to GRB for as long as it operates the Restaurant or uses the General GR Materials. The Development Agreement states that this express obligation survives termination. In a declaration it executed earlier this year, PH admitted that it intended to operate the Restaurant and use the General GR Materials until at least March 31, 2017. (Ex. 3 to Mot., T. Bowen March 17, 2017 Decl. ¶¶ 2-5) (admitting that as of mid-March 2017, PH was still operating the Restaurant and using the General GR Materials as it allegedly was attempting to rebrand the Restaurant, and it intended to continue doing so until March 31, 2017.) It is uncontroverted that PH has not paid the License Fee to GRB up to March 31, 2017. Furthermore, § 14.21 of the Development Agreement prohibits PH and Ramsay from pursuing another burger-themed restaurant without entering a separate agreement with GRB or an affiliate. The Rebranded Restaurant is burger-themed. It has the word "burger" in its name and, in fact, has more burger options on its menu than the Restaurant. PH and Ramsay never entered a separate agreement with GRB or an affiliate for the Rebranded Restaurant.

Based upon these undisputed facts and the plain, clear, and unambiguous language of the Development Agreement, GRB is entitled to summary judgment on its allegations that (1) PH breached the Development Agreement by failing to pay the License Fee up to March 31, 2017; and (2) PH and Ramsay breached § 14.21 by pursuing a burger-themed restaurant without entering a

See, e.g., Stanaland v. Jamison, 268 S.E.2d 578, 579 (S.C. 1980) (when a contract is unambiguous, "the parties must live with the agreement which was made."); see also Krauss v. M. L. Claster & Sons, Inc., 254 A.2d 1, 3 (Pa. 1969) (refusing to relieve the plaintiff from a "harsh" noncompete clause and stating the plaintiff "must now live with the bargain which he struck . . . .")

U.S. Bank, Nat'l Ass'n v. UBS Real Estate Sec. Inc., 205 F. Supp. 3d 386, 412 (S.D.N.Y. 2016) (quoting Eujoy Realty Corp. v. Van Wagner Commc'ns, LLC, 4 N.E.3d 336, 343 (N.Y. 2013)); see also Upper Lakes Towing Co. v. ZF Padova SpA, 2009 WL 4730762, at \*5 (W.D. Mich. Dec. 4, 2009) (denying the defendant's motion to compel arbitration because the defendant freely chose to draft the arbitration clause to exclude the type of dispute at issue).

separate agreement with GRB or an affiliate.4

#### II. LEGAL ARGUMENTS.

#### A. PH's Evidentiary Objections Are Meritless.

On October 5, 2017, PH filed an objection to exhibits #2 and 4-7. The objection is meritless. As for authenticity, the Motion includes a declaration from Seibel.<sup>5</sup> It is based upon personal knowledge and states the exhibits are true and correct copies of the matters presented.<sup>6</sup> This declaration is sufficient to authenticate the exhibits.<sup>7</sup> Moreover, exhibit #2 is a pre-litigation letter purportedly terminating the Development Agreement. The letter was produced by PH,<sup>8</sup> and documents are considered authentic when offered against the producing party.<sup>9</sup> Exhibit #4 features two photographs of the Rebranded Restaurant's tradename. These photographs are self-authenticating.<sup>10</sup>

As for PH's hearsay objection, exhibit #2 is not being offered for its truth; rather, it is being offered for its legal significance -i.e., PH's alleged termination the Development Agreement.<sup>11</sup>

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In the Motion, Plaintiff also requests an order compelling PH to specifically perform its contractual obligation to pay the License Fee. (Mot. 1:22-24; *see also* Compl. ¶ 97.) Plaintiff hereby voluntarily withdraws that request in the Motion without prejudice because the granting of summary judgment on Plaintiff's breach of contract allegations will provide Plaintiff with the remedy it seeks in the Motion -i.e., the payment of the License Fee through March 31, 2017.

Ex. 8 to Mot., Seibel Sept. 15, 2017 Decl.

NEV. REV. STAT. § 52.012(1) (authentication is accomplished by evidence "that the matter in question is what its proponent claims."); see also NEV. REV. STAT. § 52.025 (testimony is sufficient for authentication "if the witness has personal knowledge that a matter is what it is claimed to be.")

Ex. 1, PHWLV0000045-46.

See, e.g., Prime Ins. Syndicate, Inc. v. Damaso, 471 F. Supp. 2d 1087, 1093 (D. Nev. 2007) ("[D]ocuments produced by a party in discovery are considered authentic when a party-opponent offers them."); see also Orr v. Bank of Am., NT & SA, 285 F.3d 764, 777 n.20 (9th Cir. 2002); In re Homestore.com, Inc. Sec. Litig., 347 F. Supp. 2d 769, 781 (C.D. Cal. 2004).

NEV. REV. STAT. § 52.155 ("Inscriptions, signs, tags or labels purporting to have been affixed in the course of business and indicating ownership, control or origin are presumed to be authentic."); see also Shapiro v. Hasbro, Inc., 2016 WL 9176559, at \*7 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 23, 2016) (toys with commercial inscriptions are self-authenticating).

Out-of-court statements that have legal significance independent of their truth – including contracts and statements related to contracts – are not hearsay. See, e.g., Kepner-Tregoe, Inc. v. Leadership Software, Inc., 12 F.3d 527, 540 (5th Cir. 1994) (quoting Thomas A. Mauet, Fundamentals of Trial Techniques 180 (1988)) (legal documents "that have independent legal significance" are not hearsay); see also Stuart v. UNUM Life Ins. Co. of Am., 217 F.3d 1145, 1154 (9th Cir. 2000) (an insurance policy is not hearsay); Lorraine v. Markel Am. Ins. Co., 241 F.R.D. 534, 566 (D. Md. 2007) (statements "that define the terms of a contract, or prove its content, are not

Additionally, in its April 7, 2017 motion to dismiss, PH claimed that the letter was sent on its behalf.<sup>12</sup> Statements made on behalf of a party are not hearsay.<sup>13</sup>

Exhibit #4 – the two photographs from Facebook of the Rebranded Restaurant's tradename – are not hearsay because photographs are not statements. One of the photographs is accompanied by a statement from "Jana C," the person who posted the photograph to Facebook, that "burGR [is] now just Burger." That statement is not hearsay because it is being offered to show the author's then-existing state of mind – specifically, that the author thought the Rebranded Restaurant is the same as the Restaurant. In *Conversive, Inc. v. Conversagent, Inc.*, the Central District of California noted that an overwhelming majority of federal circuit courts have admitted statements concerning consumer confusion under the "then-existing state of mind" hearsay exception.

Exhibit #5 is the menu for the Restaurant, and Exhibits #6 and 7 are the menus for the Rebranded Restaurant. These documents are not hearsay because they are not being offered for their truth; rather, they are being offered to show their similarity, which has legal significance under § 14.21 of the Development Agreement. "When the evidence offered has legal significance independent of the truth of any statement contained in it, it is not hearsay." These documents also

hearsay . . . ."); New Era Publications Int'l, ApS v. Henry Holt & Co., 873 F.2d 576, 592 (2d Cir. 1989) ("[W]ords of independent legal significance" are not hearsay); Creaghe v. Iowa Home Mut. Cas. Co., 323 F.2d 981, 984 (10th Cir. 1963); Crompton Greaves, Ltd. v. Shippers Stevedoring Co., 776 F. Supp. 2d 375, 386 (S.D. Tex. 2011); Baker's Carpet Gallery, Inc. v. Mohawk Indus., Inc., 942 F. Supp. 1464, 1474 (N.D. Ga. 1996).

Ex. 2 to PH's April 7, 2017 Mot. to Dismiss; see also Mot. to Dismiss at 6:22 – 7:1 (claiming this letter was sent on behalf of PH).

NEV. REV. STAT. § 51.035(3)(a)-(d) (when offered against a party, a statement is not hearsay if it was made by the party or its agent or representative, has been adopted by the party, or was made by the party's agent or servant concerning a matter within the scope of the agency or employment and before the termination of the relationship).

NEV. REV. STAT. § 51.035 (hearsay means "a statement" offered for its truth); see also United States v. Moskowitz, 581 F.2d 14, 21 (2d Cir. 1978) (a sketch is not hearsay because it is not a statement); Crowd In A Box Co. v. Inflatable Crowd Co., 2007 WL 4911286, at \*6 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 9, 2007) (photographs are not hearsay).

NEV. REV. STAT. § 51.105(1) (exempting from the hearsay rule "[a] statement of the declarant's then existing state of mind...')

<sup>433</sup> F. Supp. 2d 1079, 1091 (C.D. Cal. 2006) (citing supporting cases from the second, third, fourth, and fifth circuits).

Padilla v. United States, 58 Fed. Cl. 585, 593 (2003); see also Schwartz v. Ryan, 2010 WL 3244916, at \*24 (D. Ariz. Apr. 28, 2010), report and recommendation adopted, 2010 WL 3239125 (D. Ariz. Aug. 16, 2010), aff'd, 455 F. App'x 736 (9th Cir. 2011) (out-of-court statements were not

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Ex. D to the PH Opp'n at Pg. 3,  $\P$  3-4.

*Id.* at Pg. 4, ¶ 6; see also Pg. 2 (defining this action as the "Nevada Claims").

are PH and Ramsay's own menus, and a party's statements are not hearsay. 18 Accordingly, this Court should overrule PH's evidentiary objections to the exhibits.

#### В. Defendants' Standing Arguments Are Premature.

On October 5, 2017, the Delaware Chancery Court entered an order dissolving GRB and recommending the appointment of a liquidating trustee (the "Dissolution Order"). (See Ex. D to the PH Opp'n.) It requires the proposed liquidating trustee to accept the appointment in writing. 19 Presently, he has not accepted the appointment. The Dissolution Order gives the liquidating trustee the "sole and exclusive authority to act through and in the name of GRB as necessary" to, inter alia, "prosecute and defend any litigation by or on behalf of GRB . . . . "20"

In their Oppositions, PH and Ramsay claim that the Dissolution Order deprives Seibel of standing to prosecute this action derivatively on behalf of GRB. That argument is premature because the proposed liquidating trustee has not yet accepted the appointment. Furthermore, even if he were to accept the appointment, liquidating trustee might elect to continue prosecuting this action on behalf of GRB, as he would be permitted to do under ¶ 6 of the Dissolution Order. Alternatively, the liquidating trustee may elect to have Seibel continue to prosecute this matter derivatively. Accordingly, Defendants' standing arguments are premature at this time.

#### C. This Court Should Enter Summary Judgment on the Allegation in ¶ 68(d) of Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claim.

In ¶ 68(d) of its Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that GRB breached the Development Agreement by "[f]ailing and refusing to pay the License Fee and other monies to GRB for the period of time it has operated the Restaurant and used the Intellectual Property . . . " Plaintiff seeks summary judgment on this allegation based upon three simple, uncontested facts:

Fact #1: PH is obligated to pay the License Fee to GRB for as long as it operates the <u>1.</u> Restaurant or uses the General GR Materials. (Mot. 3:17 – 4:5.) The Development

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hearsay when offered for their similarities to prove they were made by the same speaker); Ferring Pharm., Inc. v. Braintree Labs., Inc., 215 F. Supp. 3d 114, 122 (D. Mass. 2016) (instructions were not hearsay when offered to show they "were given, not for the truth of the matter asserted.")

NEV. REV. STAT. § 51.035(3)(a) (a statement is not hearsay if it is offered against a party and is the party's own statement).

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Agreement states that "during the applicable post-termination period during which PH is operating the Restaurant, PH shall continue to be obligated to pay GRB all amounts due GRB hereunder that accrue during such period in accordance with the terms of this Agreement as if this Agreement had not been terminated[.]"<sup>21</sup>

- **2.** Fact #2: PH operated the Restaurant and used the General GR Materials until at least March 31, 2017. (Mot. 4:5-11.) PH admitted this fact in the declaration of its representative, Tim Bowen.<sup>22</sup> In his declaration, Bowen said that as of mid-March 2017, PH was still attempting to rebrand the Restaurant, meaning it was still operating the Restaurant and using the General GR Materials.<sup>23</sup> He further said PH intended to complete the rebranding by March 31, 2017.<sup>24</sup>
- 3. Fact #3: PH has not paid the License Fee through March 31, 2017. (Mot. 5:1-6.) In its Opposition, PH does not directly address or dispute these facts. Instead, its sole argument in opposition to Plaintiff's request for summary judgment is that Plaintiff allegedly breached the Development Agreement, thereby allegedly excusing PH from any obligation to pay the License Fee. This argument is inapposite and even if it were assumed that Plaintiff breached this obligation (which it did not) that breach does not excuse PH from paying the License Fee.

Specifically, PH claims that GRB breached the Development Agreement by failing to supplement its disclosures. (PH Opp'n 8:5-10:3.) Its argument is predicated upon § 11.2, which reads as follows, in relevant part:

Prior to the execution of this Agreement and, in any event, prior to the payment of any monies by PH to Gordon Ramsay and/or GRB hereunder, and thereafter on each anniversary of the Opening Date during the Term, (a) each of Gordon Ramsay and GRB shall provide or cause to be provided to PH written disclosure regarding its GR Associates and (b) the Compliance Committee shall have issued approvals of all of the GR Associates. Additionally, during the Term, on ten (10) calendar days written request by PH to Gordon Ramsay and GRB, Gordon Ramsay and GRB shall disclose to PH all GR Associates. To the extent that any prior disclosure becomes inaccurate, Gordon Ramsay and GRB shall, within ten (10) calendar days from that event, update the prior

Mot. 4, n.7 (quoting Ex. 1 to Mot., Development Agreement § 4.3.2(a), App. Pg. 18-19).

Ex. 3 to Mot., T. Bowen March 17, 2017 Decl. *Id.* ¶ 2-4.

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disclosure without PH making any further request.<sup>25</sup>

PH claims that GRB's alleged breach of § 11.2 excuses it from performing its contractual obligations under the Development Agreement. (*Id.* 8:15-24.) PH's argument fails as a matter of law for two reasons.

First, PH does not – and cannot – identify a single disclosure by GRB that was inaccurate or should have been updated under § 11.2. Indeed, PH conspicuously fails to attach to its Opposition a single disclosure by GRB (obviously, if PH possessed an inaccurate or incomplete disclosure, it would have attached the same to its Opposition). Instead, PH relies upon the declaration of Richard Casto to argue that GRB failed to make or update a disclosure under § 11.2. (PH Opp'n 4:2-20.) The best evidence rule prohibits a party from relying upon testimony to prove the contents of a writing. Having failed to produce the specific disclosure by GRB that it contends is inaccurate or should have been updated, PH is prohibited from relying upon a declaration to contest the contents of GRB's disclosures.

**Second**, the Development Agreement expressly precludes PH from attempting to evade its obligation to pay the License Fee due to an alleged breach of the agreement. Specifically, the Development Agreement states that termination is PH's remedy for a material breach.<sup>27</sup> It further states that upon termination, PH is still bound to its obligations under § 4.3:

Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, there shall be no liability or obligation on the part of any party with respect to this Agreement, other than that such termination or expiration shall not (a) relieve any party of any liabilities resulting from any breach hereof by such party on or prior to the date of such termination or expiration, (b) relieve any party of any payment obligation arising prior to the date of such termination or expiration, or (c) affect any rights arising as a result of such breach or termination or expiration. The provisions of this Section 4.3 and Sections 2.3.2, 6.2, 6.6, the last sentence of Section 12.2.2 and Articles 13 and 14 (other than Section 14.16) shall survive any termination or expiration of this Agreement.<sup>28</sup>

Ex. 1 to Mot., Development Agreement § 11.2, App. Pg. 30-31.

NEV. REV. STAT. § 52.235; see also Young v. Nevada Title Co., 103 Nev. 436, 440, 744 P.2d 902, 904 (1987) ("The best evidence rule requires production of an original document where the actual contents of that document are at issue and sought to be proved."); Stephans v. State, 127 Nev. 712, 719, 262 P.3d 727, 733 (2011) (in a grand larceny case, the rule prohibited the State from relying upon testimony to establish the price of the stolen goods. The rule required the State to admit the price tags.)

Ex. 1 to Mot., Development Agreement § 4.2.7(a), App. Pg. 17.

Ex. 1 to Mot., Development Agreement § 4.3.1, App. Pg. 18 (emphasis added).

as it operates the Restaurant.<sup>29</sup> PH's excuse for maintaining the accrued License Fee "in escrow" out of a "concern" that payment to GRB could "jeopardize[e] its license" fails for the same reason.<sup>30</sup> The Development Agreement expressly requires payment of the License Fee *even after termination for unsuitability reasons*.<sup>31</sup> If PH, an experienced gaming licensee, was genuinely "concerned" about making post-termination payments to allegedly unsuitable persons, it should have bargained for the right to avoid such payments instead of entering into a contract that expressly required such payments. Accordingly, per the plain, clear, and unambiguous terms of the Development Agreement, a material breach by GRB would not excuse PH from its contractual obligations under § 4.3; rather, PH would still remain obligated to pay the License Fee. Hence, this Court should enter summary judgment on Plaintiff's allegation in ¶ 68(d) of the Complaint.

Section 4.3.2(a)(ii) obligates PH to continue paying the License Fee following termination for as long

### D. This Court Should Enter Summary Judgment on the Allegations in ¶¶ 62(d), 68(h), and 69(f) of Plaintiff's Breach of Contract Claims.

Section 14.21 states, in relevant part, that "[i]f PH elects to pursue any venture similar to the Restaurant (*i.e.*, any venture generally in the nature of a burger centric or burger themed restaurant), GRB shall, or shall cause an Affiliate to, execute a development, operation and license agreement generally on the same terms and conditions as this Agreement . . . ."<sup>32</sup>

In ¶¶ 62(d), 68(h), and 69(f) of the Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that GRB and Ramsay breached § 14.21 by failing to enter a separate agreement with GRB for the Rebranded Restaurant. Plaintiff is entitled to summary judgment based upon three uncontested facts: (1) § 14.21 obligated PH and Ramsay to enter a separate agreement with GRB for any burger centric or burger themed restaurant (Mot. 5:16 - 6:5); (2) PH and Ramsay are presently operating a burger centric or burger themed restaurant (*i.e.*, the Rebranded Restaurant) without having entered a separate agreement with GRB (*Id.* 6:5 - 7:4); and (3) § 14.21 survives termination of the Development Agreement (*Id.* 7:4-

Ex. 1 to Mot., Development Agreement § 4.3.2(a)(ii), App. Pg. 19 ("[D]uring the applicable post-termination period during which PH is operating the Restaurant, PH shall continue to be obligated to pay GRB all amounts due GRB hereunder that accrue during such period in accordance with the terms of this Agreement as if this Agreement had not been terminated . . . .")

Ex. F to the PH Opp'n at P. 1,  $\P$  2-4.

Ex. 1 to Mot., Development Agreement § 4.3.1, 4.3.2(a).

Ex. 1 to Mot., Development Agreement § 14.21, App. Pg. 39.

11). In their Oppositions, PH and Ramsay do not contest that § 14.21 survives termination.

PH argues that the phrase "If PH elects" in § 14.21 makes a separate agreement discretionary, not mandatory. (PH Opp'n 12:26 – 13:1.) That argument is frivolous because the word "elects" applies to a similar venture, not to a separate agreement. That argument also fails because it is an undisputed fact that PH is operating a burger restaurant. PH also argues that "Seibel presents no admissible evidence to demonstrate that Planet Hollywood is using the 'Restaurant's food and beverage menus or recipes' or 'any of the GRB Marks." (PH Opp'n 13:10-12.) That argument intentionally misconstrues the question at hand. The precise question under § 14.21 is whether the Rebranded Restaurant is burger centric or burger themed. The Motion presents overwhelming evidence that it is, in fact, burger centric or burger themed. (Mot. 6:6 - 7:4.) It has the word "burger" in its name and has more burger options on its menu than the Restaurant. (*Id.* 6:12-17.) PH cannot credibly argue that it is not burger-themed.

PH also claims that § 14.21 is an unenforceable covenant not to compete. (PH Opp'n 13:16-26.) Black's Law Dictionary defines a "covenant not to compete" as a promise "not to engage in the same type of business for a stated time in the same market as the buyer, partner, or employer." Section 14.21 neither prohibits PH from competing with anyone nor forbids it from engaging in a particular profession or trade for a stated time. Rather, Section 14.21 merely requires PH to include GRB in the future endeavors for which GRB's General Materials are necessary to operate a new restaurant. Accordingly, § 14.21 is not a covenant not to compete.

PH also argues that GRB's alleged breach of § 11.2 excuses PH from its obligations under § 14.21. (PH Opp'n 14:1-3.) In addition to the fact that PH has presented no competent, admissible evidence that GRB breached § 11.2, this argument fails because § 14.21 expressly survives termination. PH also argues that § 14.21 cannot be enforced because it allegedly is "legally prohibited" from entering another agreement with GRB. (PH Opp'n 12:24-25.) PH does not identify any codes, regulations, or statutes prohibiting it from entering an agreement with GRB. PH has no ruling from the Nevada Gaming Control Board or Gaming Commission that supports their position.

Covenant, Black's Law Dictionary (10th ed. 2014).

In fact, PH has never sought any type of regulatory review regarding its unilateral actions to terminate the property rights of GRB. PH also argues that the Dissolution Order prevents it from entering a separate agreement with GRB. (*Id.* 12:16-21.) This argument is premature for the same reasons as Defendants' standing arguments. At this time, it is unknown if the proposed liquidating trustee will accept the appointment and, if so, whether he will elect to continue prosecuting this action.

Relying upon the phrase that "GRB shall, or shall cause an Affiliate to, execute" a separate contract, PH and Ramsay both argue that § 14.21 does not impose any contractual obligations upon them. (PH Opp'n 12:25 – 13:5; *see also* Ramsay Opp'n 6:22 - 7:18.) It is clear that in imposing an obligation upon GRB to enter a separate agreement, § 14.21 simultaneously imposes a reciprocal obligation upon PH and Ramsay to enter the same agreement. The Nevada Supreme Court has said "[a] court should not interpret a contract so as to make meaningless its provisions."<sup>34</sup> Accepting PH and Ramsay's interpretation of § 14.21 would render that section meaningless.

Finally, Ramsay argues that § 14.21 has been satisfied because PH allegedly entered a separate agreement for the Rebranded Restaurant with an affiliate of GRB. (Ramsay Opp'n 8:6 – 9:19.) This argument is incorrect. The Development Agreement defines the parties' "affiliates" as a nonparty "who or which is directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the [party to the Development Agreement], or any member, stockholder or comparable principal of, [the party to the Development Agreement] or such other [nonparty]." PH supposedly entered a separate agreement with RB Restaurant Ventures, LLC ("RBR"). (Ramsay Opp'n 8:10-12.) RBR is not an affiliate of GRB. It neither controls nor is controlled by GRB. It also is not under common control with GRB because Seibel is an owner of GRB but does not own RBR. Accordingly, PH has not entered a separate agreement for the Rebranded Restaurant with an affiliate of GRB.

In summation, it is uncontroverted that the Rebranded Restaurant is a burger-themed restaurant, § 14.21 obligated PH and Ramsay to enter a separate agreement with GRB for any other burger-themed restaurants, and no such agreement was entered. Based upon those facts, Plaintiff is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Phillips v. Mercer, 94 Nev. 279, 282, 579 P.2d 174, 176 (1978); see also Musser v. Bank of Am., 114 Nev. 945, 949, 964 P.2d 51, 54 (1998).

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entitled to summary judgment on the allegations in  $\P$  62(d), 68(h), and 69(f) of the Complaint.

### E. Plaintiff is Entitled to Partial Summary Judgment on His Prayer for Declaratory Relief.

In the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks a declaration "[t]hat PH must pay the License Fee and other monies to GRB for the period of time it has operated the Restaurant and used the Intellectual Property . . . . " (Compl. ¶ 110(d).) In the Motion, he requests summary judgment on this allegation. (Mot. 1:22-24.) For the aforementioned reasons, Plaintiff is entitled to summary judgment on this allegation.

In its Opposition, PH claims that GRB is not entitled to declaratory relief because Seibel allegedly has unclean hands. (PH Opp'n 11:14-15) ("Plaintiff cannot obtain specific performance or declaratory relief because of his own conduct.") As PH acknowledges, "[t]he unclean hands doctrine generally bars a party from receiving equitable relief . . . ." (*Id.* 11:17-18) (quoting *Ahern*, 182 P.3d 764 (Nev. 2008)) (emphasis added.) PH's "unclean hands" argument is inapplicable as a matter of law because Plaintiff's request for a declaratory judgment seeks legal, not equitable, relief.

In *Transamerica Occidental Life Ins. Co. v. DiGregorio, the* Ninth Circuit explained that "[a] declaratory judgment does not necessarily constitute a form of 'equitable' relief. A particular declaratory judgment draws its equitable or legal substance from the nature of the underlying controversy." It concluded a request for a declaration concerning a life insurance policy that arose from a "contractual claim to benefits . . . is clearly a legal" claim. Because Plaintiff is seeking a contractual benefit (*i.e.*, the payment of the License Fee through March 31, 2017, under the Development Agreement), his declaratory relief claim seeks legal, not equitable, relief. For that simple reason, PH's "unclean hands" argument is inapplicable as a matter of law. Accordingly, this Court should grant partial summary judgment on Plaintiff's declaratory relief claim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> 811 F.2d 1249, 1251 (9th Cir. 1987) (internal citations omitted).

Id.; see also Connecticut Gen. Life Ins. Co. of New York v. Cole, 821 F. Supp. 193, 197 (S.D.N.Y. 1993) ("Since a contractual claim to benefits is a legal claim, the declaratory judgment plaintiffs seek is a form of legal relief, and therefore, plaintiffs' action is not to obtain equitable relief."); KLLM, Inc. Employee Health Prot. Plan v. Ontario Cmty. Hosp., 947 F. Supp. 262, 266 (S.D. Miss. 1996) (when a "claim to benefits is based on [a] contractual relationship," a related declaratory relief claim seeks legal, not equitable, relief.)

#### III. CONCLUSION.

Wherefore, this Court should enter partial summary judgment on Plaintiff's allegations that (i)

PH breached the Agreement by failing to pay the License Fee to GRB through March 31, 2017; and

(ii) PH and Ramsay breached § 14.21 of the Agreement by operating a "burger themed" or "burger-centric" restaurant without entering a separate agreement with GRB.

DATED October 17, 2017.

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/s/ Dan McNutt

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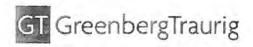
#### 1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to Nev. R. Civ. P. 5(b) and EDCR 8.05 on October 17, 3 2017 I caused service of the foregoing REPLY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR 4 PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT CONCERNING (1) THE PAYMENT OF THE 5 LICENSE FEE THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017, AND (2) THE BREACH OF § 14.21 OF THE **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT** to be made by depositing a true and correct copy of same in the 6 7 United States Mail, postage fully prepaid, addressed to the following and/or via electronic mail 8 through the Eighth Judicial District Court's E-Filing system to the following at the e-mail address 9 provided in the e-service list: 10 James Pisanelli, Esq. (SBN 4027) Debra Spinelli, Esq. (SBN 9695) Allen Wilt, Esq. (SBN 4798) 11 Brittnie Watkins, Esq. (SBN 13612) John Tennert, Esq. (SBN 11728) FENNEMORE CRÀIG, P.C. PISANELLI BICE PLLC 12 400 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 300 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 1510 Reno, NV 89501 Las Vegas, NV 89101 13 awilt@fclaw.com jjp@pisanellibice.com dls@pisanellibice.com jtennert@fclaw.com 14 btw@pisanellibice.com Attorneys for Defendant Attorneys for Defendant Gordon Ramsay 15 PHWLŸ. LLC 16 17 /s/ Lisa A. Heller Employee of MCNUTT LAW FIRM, P.C. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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## Exhibit 1



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September 21, 2016

#### VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT COURIER

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Re: Development, Operation and License Agreement by and among PHW Las Vegas, LLC dba Planet Hollywood by its manager, PHW Manager LLC ("Caesars"), GR BURGR, LLC ("GRB"), and Gordon Ramsay, an individual dated December 13, 2012 ("Agreement")

#### Gentlemen:

Reference is made to my correspondence, dated September 2, 2016, regarding the Agreement. For purposes of this letter, capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning set forth in the Agreement.

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STRAITSAG STRAIT As of 11:59 p.m. on September 20, 2016, Caesars had not received any evidence that GRB had disassociated with Rowen Seibel, an individual who is an Unsuitable Person, pursuant to the Agreement.

Because GRB failed to disassociate with an Unsuitable Person, Caesars hereby terminates the Agreement pursuant to Section 4.2.5 of the Agreement, effective immediately.

Lastly, Caesars reserves and retains all other rights and remedies available under the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Clayton

Shareholder

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# **TAB 35**

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

A-17-751759-B Rowen Seibel, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
PHWLV LLC, Defendant(s)

November 07, 2017 9:00 AM Motion for Partial Summary Judgment

HEARD BY: Hardy, Joe COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03H

**COURT CLERK:** Kristin Duncan

**RECORDER:** Matt Yarbrough

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES** 

**PRESENT:** Pisanelli, James J Attorney for Defendant / Counter Claimant

PHWLV, LLC

Sweeney, Paul B. Attorney for Plaintiff / Other Plaintiff GR BURGR,

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Watkins, Brittinee T Attorney for Defendant / Counter Claimant

PHWLV, LLC

Wilt, Allen J. Attorney for Defendant Gordon Ramsay

Wolf, Matthew C., ESQ Attorney for Plaintiff / Counter Defendant Rowen

Seibel and Plaintiff / Other Plaintiff GR BURGR,

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#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

- The Court noted that it had reviewed the Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, as well as the Opposition and Reply, and requested that the parties address whether the best course of action would be to wait and see what actions the liquidating trustee took. Mr. Sweeney argued in support of the Motion, stating that Plaintiff was seeking the enforcement of section 14.21 of the development agreement. Regarding the Court's concerns pertaining to the liquidating trustee, Mr. Sweeney represented that the liquidating trustee had not yet accepted the appointment, and was hesitant to do so due to the lack of money in the entity. Mr. Wilt stated that it was Defendant's position that the PRINT DATE: 11/22/2017 Page 1 of 2 Minutes Date: November 07, 2017

#### A-17-751759-B

ruling on the instant Motion be deferred, as the initial order of dissolution expressly provided that the trustee shall have exclusive authority to prosecute or defend. COURT ORDERED the instant Motion was hereby VACATED, FINDING the following: (1) there were concerns regarding Rowan Seibel's ability to prosecute the claims on behalf of GR BURGR, LLC; (2) although the liquidating trustee had been appointed, the trustee had not yet accepted the appointment; and (3) the Court's reading of the Delaware Court's Order was that the trustee was given the authority and ability to review such issues as those raised in the instant Motion, and then had the ability and authority to determine whether to prosecute them or not. Mr. Pisanelli suggested that a status check be set in approximately thirty (30) days, to determine the course of the case. Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Wilt indicated there was no opposition to Pisanelli's suggestion. COURT ORDERED a status check was hereby SET.

12/5/17 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: STATUS OF CASE / DELAWARE PROCEEDINGS

PRINT DATE: 11/22/2017 Page 2 of 2 Minutes Date: November 07, 2017

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Business Court Matters COURT MINUTES December 05, 2017

A-17-751759-B Rowen Seibel, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

PHWLV LLC, Defendant(s)

December 05, 2017 09:00 AM Status Check: Status of Case / Delaware Proceedings

HEARD BY: Hardy, Joe COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03H

COURT CLERK: Duncan, Kristin RECORDER: Yarbrough, Matt

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES PRESENT:** 

Brittinee T Watkins Attorney for Counter Claimant, Defendant
Daniel R. McNutt Attorney for Counter Defendant, Other

Plaintiff, Plaintiff

Maria Magali Mercera Attorney for Counter Claimant, Defendant

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Present via CourtCall: Paul B. Sweeney, Esq. on behalf of Plaintiff / Other Plaintiff GR BURGR, LLC and Defendant / Counter Claimant PHWLV, LLC; Allen J. Wilt, Esq. on behalf of Gordon Ramsay.

The Court noted that the instant hearing had been set to determine what was taking place in Delaware. Mr. McNutt advised that a liquidating trustee had not yet been appointed, and requested that the status check be continued approximately thirty (30) days. Mr. Wilt represented that the trustee candidate, Mr. Hammond, was hesitant to accept the appointment due to concerns that there were no funds in the GR BURGR, LLC entity with which to compensate him; however, Delaware counsel had recently proposed that both parties contribute funds to the GR BURGR, LLC entity, so that the trustee could accept appointment. Due to the funds being advanced to GR BURGR, LLC, Mr. Hammond had agreed to accept the appointment, and a proposed Order would be signed and circulated within one to two weeks. COURT ORDERED the instant matter was hereby CONTINUED.

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Printed Date: 12/8/2017 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: December 05, 2017

Prepared by: Kristin Duncan

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Business Court Matters COURT MINUTES January 09, 2018

A-17-751759-B Rowen Seibel, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

PHWLV LLC, Defendant(s)

January 09, 2018 09:00 AM Status Check: Status of Case / Delaware Proceedings

HEARD BY: Hardy, Joe COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 03H

COURT CLERK: Duncan, Kristin RECORDER: Yarbrough, Matt

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES PRESENT:** 

Brittinee T Watkins Attorney for Counter Claimant, Counter

Defendant, Defendant, Other Plaintiff,

Plaintiff

Daniel R. McNutt Attorney for Counter Defendant, Other

Plaintiff, Plaintiff

Maria Magali Mercera Attorney for Counter Claimant, Defendant

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Present via CourtCall: Paul B. Sweeney, Esq. on behalf of Plaintiff / Other Plaintiff GRBURGR, LLC and Defendant / Counter Claimant PHWLV, LLC; Allen J. Wilt, Esq. on behalf of Defendant Gordon Ramsay.

The Court noted that the Trustee attempted to appear via CourtCall, but did not set up the service in a timely manner. The COURT DIRECTED counsel to inform the Trustee that he would be permitted to appear via CourtCall, but would need to set that up at least a day prior to whichever hearing he would be appearing for. Mr. McNutt stated that the Liquidating Trustee had been appointed and had accepted the appointment. Mr. McNutt requested a continuance of thirty (30) days to allow the Trustee to review all pertinent information, and to determine whether he wished to move forward with litigation. Ms. Mercera and Mr. Wilt affirmed Mr. McNutt's statements. Mr. Wilt represented that Defendant Siebel's Motion to Certify the Dissolution Order as a Certified Final Judgment had recently been denied by the Delaware Court. COURT ORDERED the instant matter was hereby CONTINUED, noting that the parties could submit a Stipulation and Order if the Trustee required more than thirty (30) days.

Colloquy regarding the consolidation of the instant case with related omnibus case. Ms. Mercera noted that the parties were preparing a Stipulation and Order regarding the consolidation, but would need the approval of the Trustee before it could be submitted to the Court. Mr. McNutt requested that the Court approve the consolidation without the Stipulation and Order. The COURT DIRECTED the parties to submit the Stipulation and Order to the Court, and to file the appropriate Motion if the parties could not reach an agreement.

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Printed Date: 1/10/2018 Page 1 of 1 Minutes Date: January 09, 2018

### DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Business Court Matters COURT MINUTES February 06, 2018

A-17-751759-B Rowen Seibel, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

PHWLV LLC, Defendant(s)

February 06, 2018 09:00 AM Status Check: Status of Case / Delaware Proceedings

**HEARD BY:** Hardy, Joe **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03H

COURT CLERK: Duncan, Kristin RECORDER: Yarbrough, Matt

**REPORTER:** 

**PARTIES PRESENT:** 

Brittinee T Watkins Attorney for Counter Claimant, Counter

Defendant, Defendant, Other Plaintiff,

Plaintiff

Daniel R. McNutt Attorney for Counter Defendant, Other

Plaintiff, Plaintiff

Maria Magali Mercera Attorney for Counter Claimant, Defendant

#### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Present via CourtCall: Paul B. Sweeney, Esq. on behalf of Plaintiff / Counter Defendant Rowen Seibel; James Wilt, Esq. on behalf of Defendant Gordon Ramsay; and Kurt Heyman, Liquidating Trustee for GR BURGR, LLC.

Ms. Mercera stated that the parties were attempting to consolidate another case with the instant case; however, one half of a party had not agreed to sign the Stipulation and Order to Consolidate, which the other parties had already signed. Upon Court's inquiry, Ms. Mercera advised that the half of the entity refusing to sign, had not yet filed an Answer, and had only retained New York counsel as of the instant hearing. Upon Court's inquiry, counsel indicated there was no objection to the consolidation. COURT ORDERED the parties to provide it with the Stipulation and Order, including the signatures of all parties who had appeared in the case thus far.

Regarding moving forward with the case, Mr. Heyman represented that he had initial discussions with Caesar's regarding a potential resolution of the case, and would be having similar discussions with counsel for Defendant Ramsay and Plaintiff Seibel. Additionally, Mr. Heyman stated that he had been given an informal extension to February 15, 2018, for the filing of the Report and Recommendations, and to report back to the Delaware Court of Chancery; however, additional time may be required to complete those tasks. Colloquy regarding whether an additional status check should be set. Mr. McNutt advised that Motions to Dismiss would be filed subsequent to the consolidation of the cases, and the scheduling issues could be addressed during those Motion hearings. The Court noted that it appeared, given the circumstances of the case, that the current trial and discovery schedule would not work; however, it would leave the issue to counsel to work through. COURT ORDERED the status check was hereby CONTINUED.

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ENTERPRISES. LLC; **TPOV** ENTERPRISES, LLC; DNT ACQUISITION, LLC; GR BURGR, LLC; and J. JEFFREY FREDERICK,

#### Defendants.

Parties Rowen Seibel, PHWLV, LLC, Gordon Ramsay, GR Burgr LLC, Desert Palace, Inc., Paris Las Vegas Operating Company, LLC, Boardwalk Regency Corporation d/b/a Caesars Atlantic City, LLTO Enterprises, LLC, LLTO Enterprises 16, LLC, FERG LLC, FERG 16, LLC, MOTI Partners, LLC, MOTI Partners 16, LLC, TPOV Enterprises, LLC, TPOV 16 Enterprises, LLC, and J. Jeffrey Frederick, by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE, as follows:

- Rowen Seibel ("Seibel") commenced Case No. A-17-751759-B by filing a complaint 1. on February 28, 2017 (the "First Action"). The First Action is pending in Department XV of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.
- Desert Palace, Inc., Paris Las Vegas Operating Company, LLC, PHWLV, LLC and 2. Boardwalk Regency Corporation d/b/a Caesars Atlantic City (collectively "Caesars") commenced Case No. A-17-760537-B by filing a complaint on August 25, 2017 (the "Second Action"). The Second Action is pending in Department XXVII of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. The First Action and the Second Action involve some common questions of fact and law. Accordingly, pursuant to NRCP 42(1), the Second Action should be consolidated with and into the First Action. 1

Caesars provided DNT Acquisition, LLC until February 15, 2018 to respond to the Complaint in the Second Action. As a result, DNT Acquisition, LLC has not yet appeared in the Second Action. One member of DNT Acquisition, LLC is willing to enter into this Stipulation; one member is not. Pursuant to this Court's direction at the status check on February 6, 2018, the undersigned parties hereby submit this stipulation for consolidation.

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Case No. A-17-760537-B is hereby consolidated with and into Case No. A-17-751759-B.

ath of

THE HONORABLE JOE HARDY EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Respectfully submitted by:

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Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Stipulation and Order to Consolidate Case No. A-17-760537-B with and into Case No. A-17-751759-B was entered in the above-captioned matters on February 12, 2018, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 13th day of February 2018

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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LLC; GR BURGR, LLC; and J. JEFFREY FREDERICK,

Defendants.

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ENTERPRISES.

Parties Rowen Seibel, PHWLV, LLC, Gordon Ramsay, GR Burgr LLC, Desert Palace, Inc., Paris Las Vegas Operating Company, LLC, Boardwalk Regency Corporation d/b/a Caesars Atlantic City, LLTQ Enterprises, LLC, LLTQ Enterprises 16, LLC, FERG LLC, FERG 16, LLC, MOTI Partners, LLC, MOTI Partners 16, LLC, TPOV Enterprises, LLC, TPOV 16 Enterprises, LLC, and J. Jeffrey Frederick, by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE, as follows:

- 1. Rowen Seibel ("Seibel") commenced Case No. A-17-751759-B by filing a complaint on February 28, 2017 (the "First Action"). The First Action is pending in Department XV of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.
- 2. Desert Palace, Inc., Paris Las Vegas Operating Company, LLC, PHWLV, LLC and Boardwalk Regency Corporation d/b/a Caesars Atlantic City (collectively "Caesars") commenced Case No. A-17-760537-B by filing a complaint on August 25, 2017 (the "Second Action"). The Second Action is pending in Department XXVII of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada.
- 3. The First Action and the Second Action involve some common questions of fact and law. Accordingly, pursuant to NRCP 42(1), the Second Action should be consolidated with and into the First Action. <sup>1</sup>

Caesars provided DNT Acquisition, LLC until February 15, 2018 to respond to the Complaint in the Second Action. As a result, DNT Acquisition, LLC has not yet appeared in the Second Action. One member of DNT Acquisition, LLC is willing to enter into this Stipulation; one member is not. Pursuant to this Court's direction at the status check on February 6, 2018, the undersigned parties hereby submit this stipulation for consolidation.

### PISANELLI BICE PLLC 400 South 7th Street, Suite 300 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Case No. A-17-760537-B is hereby consolidated with and into Case No. A-17-751759-B.

DATED this At day of February, 2018.

THE HONORABLE JOE HARDY EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Respectfully submitted by:

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At the December 5, 2017 status check hearing, M. Magali Mercera, Esq. and Brittnie T. Watkins, Esq., of PISANELLI BICE PLLC, appeared on behalf of Planet Hollywood. Allen J. Wilt, Esq. of Fennemore Craig, PC, appeared telephonically on behalf of Ramsay. Dan McNutt, Esq., of McNutt Law Firm, PC appeared on behalf of Seibel. Paul B. Sweeney, Esq. of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, Llp, appeared telephonically on behalf of Seibel.

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1	THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDER	RED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Seibel's
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4		THE HONORABLE JOSEPH HARDY
5		EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
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7	Respectfully submitted by:	Approved as to form by:
8	DATED: March 6, 2018	DATED March 6, 2018
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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER **VACATING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR** PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an *Order Vacating Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment* was entered in the above-captioned matter on March 7, 2018, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this aday of March 2018.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of PISANELLI BICE PLLC and that, on this
3	g day of March 2018, I caused to be served via the Court's e-filing/e-service system a true and
4	correct copy of the above and foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER VACATING
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8	liability company,	) DEPT. NO.: XVI	
9	Plaintiff,	) Hearing Date: September 11, 2018	
10	v.	) Hearing Time: 10:30 am	
11	PHWLV, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company;	)	
12	GORDON RAMSAY, an individual; DOES I	) Consolidated With	
13	through X; ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,	) Case No.: A-17-760537-B	
14	Defendants		
15	AND ALL RELATED MATTERS.	)	
16	BUSINESS COUR	AT ORDER	
17	This Business Court Order ("Order") is ent	ered to reduce the costs of litigation, to assist	
18	the parties in resolving their disputes if possible an	d, if not, to reduce the costs and difficulties of	
19	discovery and trial. This case is deemed complex and is automatically exempt from arbitration.		
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21	This Order may be amended or modified by the Court upon good cause shown, and is made		
22	subject to any Orders that have heretofore been entered herein.		
23	ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORI	DERED:	
24	I. Mandatory Rule 16 Conference		
25	A. Pursuant to NRCP 16, a mandatory ca	ase management conference with the Court	
26	and counsel/parties in proper person will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 10:30		
27 28	a.m. in Courtroom 3H of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Department XVI, 200 Lewis		

TIMOTHY C. WILLIAMS
DISTRICT JUDGE
DEPARTMENT SIXTEEN
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Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155, unless before then the record shows that this case is in the Court-Annexed Arbitration Program.

- B. If the parties hold an Early Case Conference and prepare a Joint Case Conference Report prior to the date and time set for the mandatory case management conference, a courtesy copy of the parties' Joint Case Conference Report shall be submitted directly to the District Court Judge in lieu of the Discovery Commissioner.
- C. The purpose of this case management conference is to expedite settlement or other appropriate disposition of the case. Counsel/parties in proper person must be prepared to discuss the following:
  - (1) Status of settlement discussions and a review of possible court assistance;
  - (2) Alternative dispute resolution, if any, appropriate to this case;
  - (3) Simplification of issues;
- (4) A summary of discovery conducted to date and the nature and timing of all remaining discovery;
- (5) Whether the parties believe an Electronic Filing and Service Order should be entered;
- (6) An estimate of the volume of documents and/or electronic information likely to be the subject of discovery in the case from parties and nonparties and whether there are technological means, including, but not limited to, production of electronic images rather than paper documents and any associated protocol, that may render document discovery more manageable at an acceptable cost;
- (7) Identification of any and all document retention/destruction policies including electronic data, and whether a demand for presentation of electronic data has been made;
  - (8) The extent to which electronic discovery may be relevant to the case, to

include scope, presentation, collection, review, format, search procedures and privilege;

- (9) Whether the appointment of a special master or receiver is necessary and/or may aid in the prompt disposition of this action;
  - (10) Any special case management procedures appropriate to this case;
  - (11) Trial setting; and
  - (12) Other matters as may aid in the prompt disposition of this action.
- D. Trial or lead counsel for all parties are required to attend the case management conference unless excused by the Court.
  - E. Parties desiring a settlement conference shall so notify the Court at the setting.
- F. Plaintiff is responsible for serving a copy of this Order upon counsel for all parties who have not formally appeared in this case as of the date of the filing of this order.

#### II. Pretrial Motions

- A. Any requests for injunctive relief must be made with notice to the opposing party unless extraordinary circumstances exist. All parties shall advise the Court in writing if there is an agreement to consolidate the trial on the merits with the preliminary injunction hearing pursuant to NRCP 65(a)(2).
- B. With the exception of motions in limine (see below), any motions which should be addressed prior to trial including, without limitation, motions for summary judgment shall be served, filed and scheduled for hearing as set forth in the applicable Trial Order. Except upon a showing of unforeseen extraordinary circumstances, the Court will not shorten time for the hearing of any such motions.
- C. Motions in limine shall be served, filed and scheduled as set forth in the Trial

  Order. Except upon a showing of unforeseen extraordinary circumstances, the Court will not

shorten time for the hearing of any such motions.

#### III. Discovery

- A. Discovery disputes in this matter shall be handled by the District Court Judge rather than the Discovery Commissioner.
- B. A continuance of trial does not extend the deadline for completing discovery. A request for an extension of the discovery deadline, if needed, must be presented in compliance with EDCR 2.35.
- C. A party objecting to a written discovery request must, in the original objection, specifically detail the reasons that support the objection, and include affidavits or other evidence for any factual assertions upon which an objection is based.
- D. Documents produced in compliance with NRCP 16.1 or in a response to a written discovery request, must be consecutively Bates stamped or numbered and accompanied by an index with a reasonably specific description of the documents.
- E. Any party, whether in compliance with NRCP 16.1 or in a response to a written discovery request not producing all documents in its possession, custody or control, shall:
- (1) identify any documents withheld with sufficient particularity to support a Motion to Compel; and
  - (2) state the basis for refusing to produce the documents(s).
- F. If photographs are produced in compliance with NRCP 16.1 or in a response to a written discovery request, the parties are instructed to include one (1) set of color prints (Color laser copies of sufficient clarity are acceptable), accompanied by a front page index, location depicted in the photograph (with reasonable specificity) and the date the photograph was taken. If color laser copies are deposited, any party wishing to view the original photographs shall make a request to do so with the other party.

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When a case is settled, counsel for the plaintiff and each unrepresented plaintiff of record shall notify the District Court Judge in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the settlement and shall advise the Court of the identity of the party or parties who will prepare and present the judgment, dismissal, or stipulation of dismissal, which shall be presented within twenty (20) days of the notification of settlement.

Failure to comply with any provision of this Order may result in the imposition of sanctions.

DATED: August 16, 2018.

TIMOTHY J. WILLIAMS
District Court Judge

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on or about the date filed, a copy of the foregoing **BUSINESS COURT ORDER** was E-Served to the following parties registered with Odyssey File &

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# **TAB 44**

10/31/2018 2:16 PM Steven D. Grierson CLERK OF THE COURT 1 **OSCJC** 2 3 DISTRICT COURT 4 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 5 ROWEN SEIBEL, an individual and citizen 6 of New York, derivatively on behalf of Real Case No. A-17-751759-B Party in Interest GR BURGR LLC, LLC, a Dept No. XVI Delaware limited liability company, 8 Plaintiff, CONSOLIDATED WITH: 9 v. 10 Case No.: A-17-760537-B PHWLV, LLC, a Nevada limited liability 11 company; GORDON RAMSAY, an ENTERED individual; DOES I through X; ROE 12 CORPORATOINS I through X, 13 Defendants. 14 and 15 GR BURGER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, 16 Nominal Plaintiff 17 AND ALL RELATED CLAIMS 18 19 **BUSINESS COURT SCHEDULING ORDER SETTING** 20 CIVIL JURY TRIAL AND PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE/CALENDAR CALL 21 22 This BUSINESS COURT SCHEDULING ORDER SETTING TRIAL ("Scheduling 23 Order") is entered following the Rule 16 conference conducted on October 23, 2018. 24

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Pursuant to NRCP 16.1(f) this case has been deemed complex and all discovery disputes will

be resolved by this Court. Based upon the information presented at the conference and the

agreement of the parties, EDCR Rule 2.55 is superseded by this Scheduling Order. This

summary judgment previously made, a summary of any anticipated legal issues remaining, a brief summary of the opinions to be offered by any witness to be called to offer opinion testimony as well as any objections to the opinion testimony.

- D. All motions in limine must be in writing and filed no later than June 3, 2019.

  Orders shortening time will not be signed except in extreme emergencies.
- E. All original depositions anticipated to be used in any manner during the trial must be delivered to the clerk prior to the final Pre-Trial Conference. If deposition testimony is anticipated to be used in lieu of live testimony, a designation (by page/line citation) of the portions of the testimony to be offered must be filed and served by facsimile or hand, two (2) judicial days prior to the final Pre-Trial Conference. Any objections or counter-designations (by page/line citation) of testimony must be filed and served by facsimile or hand, one (1) judicial day prior to the final Pre-Trial Conference commencement. Counsel shall advise the clerk prior to publication.
- F. In accordance with EDCR 2.67, counsel shall meet, review, and discuss exhibits. All exhibits must comply with EDCR 2.27. Two (2) sets must be three-hole punched and placed in three ring binders along with the exhibit list. The sets must be delivered to the clerk prior to the final Pre-Trial Conference. Any demonstrative exhibits including exemplars anticipated to be used must be disclosed prior to the calendar call. Pursuant to EDCR 2.68, at the final Pre-Trial Conference, counsel shall be prepared to stipulate or make specific objections to individual proposed exhibits. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, demonstrative exhibits are marked for identification but not admitted into evidence.
- G. In accordance with EDCR 2.67, counsel shall meet, review, and discuss items to be included in the Jury Notebook. Pursuant to EDCR 2.68, at the final Pre-Trial Conference, counsel shall be prepared to stipulate or make specific objections to items to be included in the Jury Notebook.

H. In accordance with EDCR 2.67, counsel shall meet and discuss preinstructions to the jury, jury instructions, special interrogatories, if requested, and verdict forms. Each side shall provide the Court, at the final Pre-Trial Conference, an agreed set of jury instructions and proposed form of verdict along with any additional proposed jury instructions with an electronic copy in Word format.

I. In accordance with EDCR 7.70, counsel shall file and serve by facsimile or hand, two (2) judicial days prior to the final Pre-Trial Conference voir dire proposed to be conducted pursuant to conducted pursuant to EDCR 2.68.

Failure of the designated trial attorney or any party appearing in proper person to appear for any court appearances or to comply with this Order shall result in any of the following: (1) dismissal of the action (2) default judgment; (3) monetary sanctions; (4) vacation of trial date; and/or any other appropriate remedy or sanction.

Counsel is asked to notify the Court Reporter at least two (2) weeks in advance if they are going to require daily copies of the transcripts of this trial or real time court reporting. Failure to do so may result in a delay in the production of the transcripts or the availability of real time court reporting.

Counsel is required to advise the Court immediately when the case settles or is otherwise resolved prior to trial. A stipulation which terminates a case by dismissal shall also indicate whether a Scheduling Order has been filed and, if a trial date has been set, the date of that trial. A copy should be given to Chambers.

DATED: October 31, 2018.

District Court Judge

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COME NOW, PHWLV, LLC ("Planet Hollywood"), Desert Palace, Inc. ("Caesars Palace"), Paris Las Vegas Operating Company, LLC ("Paris") and Boardwalk Regency Corporation, d/b/a Caesars Atlantic City ("CAC" and collectively with Caesars Palace, Paris and Planet Hollywood, "Caesars"); Rowen Seibel ("Seibel"), LLTQ Enterprises, LLC ("LLTQ"), LLTQ Enterprises 16, LLC ("LLTQ 16"), FERG LLC ("FERG"), FERG 16, LLC ("FERG 16"), MOTI Partners, LLC ("MOTI"), MOTI Partners 16, LLC ("MOTI 16"), TPOV Enterprises, LLC ("TPOV"), TPOV 16 Enterprises, LLC ("TPOV" 16") and DNT Acquisition, LLC ("DNT") (collectively the "Seibel Entities"); Gordon Ramsay ("Ramsay"), GR Burgr LLC ("GR Burgr"), Jeffrey Frederick ("Frederick") and Old Homestead Restaurant, Inc. ("OHR"); by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby enter into this Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order pursuant to NRCP 26(c) and NRCP 29. Planet Hollywood, Caesars Palace, Paris, CAC, Seibel, LLTQ, LLTQ 16, FERG, FERG 16, MOTI, MOTI 16, TPOV, TPOV 16, DNT, GR Burgr, Frederick, and OHR are collectively referred to as the "Parties" in this Stipulation and individually as "Party."

Whereas, the Parties desire to produce certain documents or other material which may contain proprietary and/or confidential information, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between the Parties hereto, through their respective counsel of record, that:

1. Applicability of this Protective Order: Subject to Section 2 below, this Protective Order does not and will not govern any trial proceedings in this action, but will otherwise be applicable to and govern the handling and production of documents, depositions, deposition exhibits, interrogatory responses, responses to requests for admissions, responses to requests for production of documents, and all other discovery obtained pursuant to Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure or other legal process by or from, or produced on behalf of, a Party or witness in connection with this action. Such information hereinafter shall be referred to as "Discovery Material." Additionally, as used herein, "Producing Party" or "Disclosing Party" shall refer to the Parties and non-parties that give testimony or produce documents or other information in connection with this action; "Receiving Party" shall refer to the Parties in this action that receive such information; and "Authorized Recipient" shall refer to any person or entity authorized by Sections 12 and 13 of this Protective Order to obtain access to Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or the contents

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of such Discovery Material. Discovery Material produced in accordance with this Stipulation may be used in other actions as permitted by the Global Agreement for the Utilization of Discovery Across Cases entered into between the Parties (the "Global Utilization Agreement").

- No Waiver. This Protective Order is entered solely for the purpose of facilitating the 2. exchange of documents and information among the Parties to this action without involving the Court unnecessarily in the process. Nothing in this Protective Order, nor the production of any information or document under the terms of this Protective Order, nor any proceedings pursuant to this Protective Order, shall be deemed to be a waiver of any rights or objections to challenge the authenticity or admissibility of any document, testimony, or other evidence at trial. Additionally, this Protective Order will not prejudice the right of any party or non-party to oppose production of any information on the ground of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, or any other privilege or protection provided under the law.
- Designation of Information: Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material that is in its possession, custody, or control produced to a Receiving Party as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" under the terms of this Protective Order, but only if the Producing Party in good faith reasonably believes that such Discovery Material contains non-public, confidential information as defined in Sections 5 and 6 below.
- Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection: Each 4. Producing Party that designates information or items for protection under this Protective Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. Indiscriminate designations are prohibited.
- Confidential Information: For purposes of this Protective Order, "Confidential 5. Information" means all information that constitutes, reflects, or discloses non-public information, trade secrets, know-how, or other financial, proprietary, commercially sensitive, confidential business, marketing, regulatory, or strategic information (regarding business plans or strategies, technical data, and non-public designs), the disclosure of which the Producing Party believes in good faith might reasonably result in economic, competitive or business injury to the Producing Party (or its affiliates, personnel, or clients) and which is not publicly known and cannot be ascertained from

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an inspection of publicly available sources, documents, material, or devices. "Confidential Information" shall also include sensitive personal information that is not otherwise publicly available, such as home addresses; social security numbers; dates of birth; employment personnel files; medical information; home telephone records/numbers; employee disciplinary records; court documents sealed by another court or designated Confidential by agreement of the Parties in another matter; wage statements or earnings statements; employee benefits data; tax records; and other similar personal financial information. A Party may also designate as "CONFIDENTIAL" compilations of publicly available discovery materials, which would not be known publicly in a compiled form and the disclosure of which the Producing Party believes in good faith might reasonably result in economic, competitive or business injury to the Producing Party.

- Highly Confidential Information: For purposes of this Protective Order, "Highly 6. Confidential Information" is any Confidential Information as defined in Section 5 above that also includes (a) extremely sensitive, highly confidential, non-public information, consisting either of trade secrets or proprietary or other highly confidential business, financial, regulatory, private, or strategic information (including information regarding business plans, technical data, and non-public designs), the disclosure of which would create a substantial risk of competitive, business, or personal injury to the Producing Party, and/or (b) non-public documents or information reflecting the substance of conduct or communications that are the subject of then ongoing state, federal, or foreign government investigations. Certain Confidential Information may compel alternative or additional protections beyond those afforded Highly Confidential Information, in which event the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith, and, if unsuccessful, the Party seeking any greater protection shall A Party may re-designate material originally move the Court for appropriate relief. "CONFIDENTIAL" as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" by giving notice of such a re-designation to all Parties.
- 7. **Designating Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.** If any Party in this action determines in good faith that any information, documents, things, or responses produced in the course of discovery in this action should be designated as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information (the "Designating Party"), it shall advise any Party

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receiving such material of this fact, and all copies of such documents, things, or responses, or portions thereof deemed to be confidential shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" (whether produced in hard copy or electronic form) at the expense of the Designating Party and treated as such by all Parties. A Designating Party may inform another Party that a document is Confidential or Highly Confidential by providing the Bates number of the document in writing. If Confidential or Highly Confidential Information is produced via an electronic form on a computer readable medium (e.g., CD-ROM), other digital storage medium, or via Internet transmission, the Producing Party or Designating Party shall affix in a prominent place on the storage medium or container file on which the information is stored, and on any container(s) for such medium, the legend "Includes CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" or "Includes HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." Nothing in this section shall extend confidentiality or the protections associated therewith to any information that does not otherwise constitute "Confidential Information" or "Highly Confidential Information" as defined in Sections 5 and 6 herein.

- Redaction Allowed: Any Producing Party may redact from the documents or things it produces matter that the Producing Party reasonably claims in good faith is subject to the attorneyclient privilege, the work product doctrine, a legal prohibition against disclosure, or any other privilege from disclosure. Any Producing Party also may redact information that is both personal and non-responsive, such as a social security number. A Producing Party may not withhold nonprivileged, responsive information solely on the grounds that such information is contained in a document that includes privileged information. The Producing Party shall mark each redaction with a legend stating "REDACTED," and include an annotation indicating the specific reason for the redaction (e.g., "REDACTED—Work Product"). All documents redacted based on attorney client privilege or work product immunity shall be listed in an appropriate log in conformity with Nevada law and Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5). Where a document consists of more than one page, the page on which information has been redacted shall so be marked. The Producing Party shall preserve an unredacted version of such document.
- Use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Except as 9. provided herein, Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information designated or

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marked shall be maintained in confidence, used solely for the purposes of this action (except as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), and to the extent not otherwise prohibited by an Order of the Court, shall be disclosed to no one except those persons identified herein in Sections 12 and 13, and shall be handled in such manner until such designation is removed by the Designating Party, or by Order of the Court. Confidential or Highly Confidential information produced by another Party shall not be used by any Receiving Party for any commercial, competitive or personal purpose. Nothing in this Protective Order shall govern or restrict a Producing Party's use of its own Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in any way.

- 10. Once the Court enters this Protective Order, a Party shall have forty-five (45) calendar days to designate as Confidential or Highly Confidential any documents previously produced in this action, which it can do by stamping "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" on the document, or informing the other Parties of the Bates numbers of the documents so designated.
- Use of Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information in 11. Counsel for any Party shall have the right to disclose Confidential or Highly Depositions. Confidential Information at depositions, provided that such disclosure is consistent with this Protective Order, including Sections 12 and 13 hereof. Any counsel of record may request that all persons not entitled under Sections 12 or 13 of this Protective Order to have access to Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, leave the deposition room during the confidential portion of the deposition. Failure of such persons to comply with a request to leave the deposition room shall constitute substantial justification for counsel to advise the witness that the witness need not answer the question where the answer would disclose Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Additionally, at any deposition session: (1) upon inquiry with regard to the content of any discovery material(s) designated or marked as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL;" (2) whenever counsel for a party deems that the answer to a question may result in the disclosure or revelation of Confidential or Highly Confidential Information; and/or (3) whenever counsel for a Party deems that the answer to any question has resulted in the disclosure or revelation of Confidential or Highly Confidential Information, counsel to any Party may designate those portions of a deposition transcript and/or video of any deposition (or any other testimony) as

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containing Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in accordance with this Order, either by placing a statement on the record during the deposition, or by notifying all other Parties in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the transcript or video that it contains Confidential or Highly Confidential Information and designating the specific pages, lines, and/or counter numbers as containing Confidential or Highly Confidential Information. If a designation is made via a statement on the record during a deposition, counsel must follow-up in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the transcript or video, identifying the specific pages, lines, and/or counter numbers containing the Confidential or Highly Confidential Information. If no confidentiality designations are made within said thirty (30) day period, the entire transcript shall be considered non-confidential. During the thirty (30) day period, the entire transcript and video shall be treated as Highly Confidential Information. All originals and copies of deposition transcripts that contain Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall be prominently marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" on the cover thereof and, if and when filed with the Court, the portions of such transcript so designated shall be filed under seal. Counsel must designate portions of a deposition transcript as "HIGHLY "CONFIDENTIAL" CONFIDENTIAL" within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the transcript. Any DVD or other digital storage medium containing Confidential or Highly Confidential deposition testimony shall be labeled in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.

- Persons Authorized to Receive Confidential Information. Confidential 12. Information produced pursuant to this Protective Order may be disclosed or made available only to the Court, its employees, other court personnel, any discovery referee, mediator or other official who may be appointed by the Court, and to the persons below:
  - (a) A Party, or officers, directors, employees, and agents of a Party deemed necessary by counsel to aid in the prosecution, defense, or settlement of this action;
  - (b) Counsel for a Party (including in-house attorneys, outside attorneys associated with a law firm(s) of record, and paralegal, clerical, and secretarial staff employed by such counsel);

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- (c) Persons retained by a Party to provide litigation support services (photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, organizing, storing, retrieving data in any form or medium, etc.);
- (d) Consultants or expert witnesses (together with their support staff) retained by a Party or its counsel for the prosecution or defense of this litigation, provided that such an expert or consultant is not a current employee of a direct competitor of a Party named in this action;<sup>1</sup>
- (e) Court reporter(s) and videographers(s) employed in this action;
- (f) Any authors or recipients of the Confidential Information;
- (g) A witness at any deposition or other proceeding in this action, who shall sign the Confidentiality Agreement attached as "Exhibit A" to this Protective Order before being shown a confidential document; and
- (h) Any other person as to whom the Parties in writing agree, or that the Court in these proceedings so designates.

Any person to whom Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to subparts (a) through (h) hereinabove shall be advised that the Confidential Information is being disclosed pursuant to an Order of the Court; that the information may not be disclosed by such person to any person not permitted to have access to the Confidential Information pursuant to this Protective Order; and that any violation of this Protective Order may result in the imposition of such sanctions as the Court deems proper. Any person to whom Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to subpart (c), (d), (g), or (h) of this section shall also be required to execute a copy of the form Exhibit A. The persons shall agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order by executing a copy of Exhibit A (which shall be maintained by the counsel of record for the Party seeking to reveal the Confidential Information) in advance of being shown the Confidential Information. No Party (or its counsel) shall discourage any persons from signing a copy of Exhibit A. If a person refuses to execute a copy of Exhibit A, the Party seeking to reveal the Confidential Information shall seek an

A party may seek leave of court to provide information to a consultant employed by a competitor.

Order from the Court directing that the person be bound by this Protective Order. In the event of the filing of such a motion, Confidential Information may not be disclosed to such person until the Court resolves the issue. Proof of each written agreement provided for under this Section shall be maintained by each of the Parties while this action is pending and disclosed to the other Parties upon good cause shown and upon Order of the Court.

- 13. Persons Authorized to Receive Highly Confidential Information. "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" documents and information may be used only in connection with this case (except as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), and may be disclosed only to the Court and the persons listed in subsections (b) to (e) and (g) to (h) of Section 12 above, but shall not be disclosed to a Party, or an employee of a Party unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties or ordered by the Court. With respect to sub-section (f), the parties will consider disclosure of Highly Confidential Information to an author or recipient on a case by case basis. Any person to whom Highly Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to sub-sections (c), (d), (g) or (h) of Section 12 above shall also be required to execute a copy of the form Exhibit A.
- 14. Filing of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information With Court. Any Party seeking to file or disclose materials designated as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information with the Court in this action (or with the court in another action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement) must seek to file such Confidential or Highly Confidential Information under seal pursuant to Rule 3 of the Nevada Rules for Sealing and Redacting Court Records (or, if in another action permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement, in accordance with the rules and procedures of that court). The Designating Party will have the burden to provide the Court with any information necessary to support the designation as Confidential or Highly Confidential Information.
- Notice to Nonparties. Any Party issuing a subpoena to a non-party shall enclose a copy of this Protective Order and advise the non-party that it may designate any Discovery Material it produces pursuant to the terms of this Protective Order as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, should the non-party wish to do so. This Order shall be binding in favor

of non-parties to the maximum extent permitted by law. Any non-party invoking the Protective Order shall comply with, and be subject to, all applicable sections of the Protective Order.

- Information or Highly Confidential Information learns of any possession, knowledge, use or disclosure of any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information in violation of the terms of this Protective Order, the Receiving Party shall immediately notify in writing the Party that produced the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. The Receiving Party shall promptly furnish the Producing Party with the full details of such possession, knowledge, use or disclosure. With respect to such unauthorized possession, knowledge, use or disclosure, the Receiving Party shall assist the Producing Party in remedying the disclosure (e.g., by retrieving the Confidential Information from an unauthorized recipient), and/or by preventing its recurrence.
- duplications of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL," and shall be considered Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information subject to the terms and conditions of this Protective Order. Attorney-client communications and attorney-work product regarding Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, as permitted by this Protective Order, shall not be subject to this section, regardless of whether they summarize, abstract, paraphrase, or otherwise reflect Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.
- 18. **Information Not Confidential.** The restrictions set forth in this Protective Order shall not be construed to apply to any information or materials that:
  - (a) Were lawfully in the Receiving Party's possession prior to such information being designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in this action, and that the Receiving Party is not otherwise obligated to treat as confidential;
  - (b) Were obtained without any benefit or use of Confidential or Highly Confidential Information from a third party having the right to disclose such information to the Receiving Party without restriction or obligation of confidentiality;

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- (c) Were independently developed after the time of disclosure by persons who did not have access to the Producing Party's Confidential or Highly Confidential Information;
- (d) Have been or become part of the public domain by publication or otherwise and not due to any unauthorized act or omission on the part of a Receiving Party; or
- (e) Under law, have been declared to be in the public domain.
- Any Party may object to the designation of 19. Challenges to Designations. Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information on the ground that such information does not constitute Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, by serving written notice upon counsel for the Producing Party within ninety (90) calendar days of the date the item(s) was designated, specifying the item(s) in question and the ground(s) for the objection. Producing Party shall have thirty (30) calendar days to respond to the challenge of designation. If a Party objects to the designation of any materials as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, the Party challenging the designation shall arrange for a meet and confer to be held within ten (10) court days of service of the response to the designation challenge by the Producing Party, to attempt to informally resolve the dispute. If the Parties cannot resolve the matter, the Party challenging the designation may file a motion with the Court to resolve the dispute. Such motions must be filed within ten (10) court days following the meet and confer. This Protective Order shall not affect the burden of proof on any such motion, or impose any burdens upon any Party that would not exist had the Protective Order not been entered; as a general matter, the burden shall be on the person making the designation to establish the propriety of the designation. Any contested information shall continue to be treated as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information and subject to this Protective Order until such time as such motion has been ruled upon.
- 20. **Use in Court.** If any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information is used in any pretrial Court proceeding in this action (or used in another action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), it shall not necessarily lose its confidential status through such use, and the party using such information shall take all reasonable steps consistent with the Nevada Supreme Court Rules Governing Sealing and Redacting Court Records (or, if used in another action

as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement, in accordance with the rules and procedures of that court governing sealing and redacting), to maintain its confidentiality during such use.

- 21. **Reservation of Rights**. The Parties each reserve the right to seek or oppose additional or different protection for particular information, documents, materials, items or things, including but not limited to, items which they consider to be attorney's eyes only in nature. This Stipulation shall neither enlarge, nor affect, the proper scope of discovery in this Action. In addition, this Stipulation shall not limit or circumscribe in any manner any rights the Parties (or their respective counsel) may have under common law or pursuant to any state, federal, or foreign statute or regulation, and/or ethical rule.
- 22. Inadvertent Failure to Designate. The inadvertent failure to designate information produced in discovery as Confidential or Highly Confidential shall not be deemed, by itself, to be a waiver of the right to so designate such Discovery Materials as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Within a reasonable time of learning of any such inadvertent failure, the Producing Party shall notify all Receiving Parties of such inadvertent failure and shall take such other steps as necessary to correct such failure after becoming aware of it. Disclosure of such Discovery Materials to any other person prior to later designation of the Discovery Materials in accordance with this section shall not violate the terms of this Protective Order. However, immediately upon being notified of an inadvertent failure to designate, all Parties shall treat such information as though properly designated, and shall take any actions necessary to prevent any future unauthorized disclosure, use, or possession.
- 23. **No Waiver of Privilege**: Disclosure (including production) of information after the Parties' entry of this Protective Order that a Party or non-party later claims was inadvertent and should not have been disclosed because of a privilege, including, but not limited to, the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine ("Privileged Information"), shall not constitute a waiver of, or estoppel as to, any claim of attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, or other ground for withholding production as to which the Disclosing or Producing Party would be entitled in this action.

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Effect of disclosure of Privileged Information: The Receiving Party hereby agrees 24. to promptly return, sequester, or destroy any Privileged Information disclosed or produced by a Disclosing or Producing Party upon request by the Disclosing or Producing Party, regardless of whether the Receiving Party disputes the designation of Privileged Information. The Receiving Party may sequester (rather than return or destroy) such Privileged Information only if it contends that the information itself is not privileged or otherwise protected, and it challenges the privilege designation, in which case it may only sequester the information until the claim of privilege or other protection is resolved. If any Party disputes the privilege claim ("Objecting Party"), that Objecting Party shall object in writing by notifying the Producing Party of the dispute and the basis therefore. The Parties thereafter shall meet and confer in good faith regarding the disputed claim within fourteen (14) business days after service of the written objection. In the event that the Parties do not resolve their dispute, the Objecting Party may bring a motion for a determination of whether a privilege applies within fourteen (14) business days following the meet and confer session, but may only contest the asserted privileges on grounds other than the inadvertent production of such document(s). In making such a motion, the Objecting Party shall not disclose the content of the document(s) at issue, but may refer to the information contained on the privilege log. Nothing herein shall relieve counsel from abiding by applicable ethical rules regarding inadvertent disclosure and discovery of inadvertently disclosed privileged or otherwise protected material. The failure of any Party to provide notice or instructions under this section shall not constitute a waiver of, or estoppel as to, any claim of attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, or other ground for withholding production as to which the Disclosing or Producing Party would be entitled in this action.

25. Inadvertent Production of Non-Discoverable Documents. If a Producing Party inadvertently produces a document that contains no discoverable information, the Producing Party may request in writing that the Receiving Party return the document, and the Receiving Party shall return the document. A Producing Party may not request the return of a document pursuant to this section if the document contains any discoverable information. If a Producing Party inadvertently fails to redact personal information (e.g., a social security number), the Producing Party may provide the Receiving Party a substitute version of the document that redacts the personal information, and

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the Receiving Party shall return the original, unredacted document to the Producing Party.

- Return of Information. Within thirty (30) days after the final disposition of this 26. action (or the final disposition of any other action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), all Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information produced by an opposing Party or non-party (including, without limitation, any copies, extracts or summaries thereof) as part of discovery in this action shall be destroyed by the Parties to whom the Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information was produced, and each counsel shall, by declaration delivered to all counsel for the Producing Party, affirm that all such Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information (including, without limitation, any copies, extracts or summaries thereof) has been destroyed; provided, however, that each counsel shall be entitled to retain pleadings, motions and memoranda in support thereof, declarations or affidavits, deposition transcripts and videotapes, or documents reflecting attorney work product or consultant or expert work product, even if such material contains or refers to Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information, but only to the extent necessary to preserve a litigation file with respect to this action (or another action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement). Counsel are not required to destroy or certify destruction of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information replicated on automatic archival or data backup systems maintained by Counsel.
- 27. **Attorney's Fees.** Nothing in this Protective Order is intended to either expand or limit a prevailing party's right under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure or other applicable state or federal law to pursue costs and attorney's fees incurred related to confidentiality designations or the abuse of the process described herein.
- 28. Injunctive Relief and Sanctions Available for Unauthorized Disclosure or Use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. The Parties and/or non-parties shall not utilize any Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information for their own personal and/or business advantage or gain, aside from purpose(s) solely related to the instant litigation (or to other litigations as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement). The Parties and

non-parties acknowledge and agree that the unauthorized use and/or disclosure of Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information beyond this litigation (or beyond other litigations as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement) shall subject the offending Party or non-party to sanctions contemplated in NRCP 37(b)(2)(A)-(D) (or pursuant to the rules and procedures of the courts in litigations governed by the Global Utilization Agreement), up to and including entry of judgment against the offending Party or non-party in circumstances involving willful disobedience with this Order. Further, the Parties and/or non-parties receiving or being given access to Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information acknowledge that monetary remedies would be inadequate to protect each Party in the case of unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information that the Receiving Party only received through discovery in this action (or in other actions governed by the Global Utilization Agreement), and that injunctive relief would be necessary and appropriate to protect each Party's rights in the event there is any such unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. The availability of injunctive relief to protect against the unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall not be exclusive.

Other Actions and Proceedings. If a Receiving Party (a) is subpoenaed in another action, investigation, or proceeding, (b) is served with a demand in another action, investigation, or proceeding, or (c) is served with any legal process by one not a Party to this Protective Order, seeking materials which were produced or designated as Confidential of Highly Confidential pursuant to this Protective Order, the Receiving Party shall give prompt actual written notice by electronic transmission to counsel of record for such Producing Party within five (5) business days of receipt of such subpoena, demand or legal process, or such shorter notice as may be required to provide other Parties with the opportunity to object to the immediate production of the requested Discovery Materials to the extent permitted by law. The burden of opposing enforcement of the subpoena shall fall upon the Party or non-party who produced or designated the Discovery Material as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Unless the Party or non-party who produced or designated the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information obtains an Order

1	directing that the subpoena not be complied with	, and serves such Order upon the Receiving Party
2	prior to production pursuant to the subpoena, the	ne Receiving Party shall be permitted to produce
3	documents responsive to the subpoena on the subp	poena response date. Compliance by the Receiving
4	Party with any Order directing production pursua	ant to a subpoena of any Confidential Information
5	or Highly Confidential Information shall not cons	stitute a violation of this Protective Order. Nothing
6	in this Protective Order shall be construed as auth	orizing a Party to disobey a lawful subpoena issued
7	in another action.	
8	30. Execution in Counterparts. Th	is Protective Order may be signed in counterparts,
9	and a fax or "PDF" signature shall have the same	force and effect as an original ink signature.
10	31. Order Survives Termination.	This Protective Order shall survive the termination
11	of this action (or of the other actions governed by	y the Global Utilization Agreement), and the Court
12		cerning the use of information disclosed hereunder.
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27	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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## EXHIBIT "A"

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

4	<u>CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT</u>
3	I, do hereby acknowledge and agree, under penalty of
4	perjury, as follows:
5	1. I have read the Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order ("the
6	Protective Order") entered in Rowen Seibel v. PHWLV, LLC, A-17-751759-B, consolidated with
7	Case No. A-17-760537-B on, and I fully understand its contents.
8	2. I hereby agree and consent to be bound by the terms of the Protective Order and to comply
9	with it in all respects, and to that end, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily submit and subject myself to the
10	personal jurisdiction of the Eighth Judicial District Court, State of Nevada so that the said court shal
11	have the power and authority to enforce the Protective Order and to impose appropriate sanctions upon me
12	for knowingly violating the Protective Order, including punishment for contempt of court for a knowing
13	violation of the Protective Order.
14	3. I understand that by signing this instrument, I will be eligible to receive "Confidentia
15	Information" and/or "Highly Confidential Information" under the terms and conditions of the
16	Protective Order. I further understand and agree that I must treat any "Confidential Information"
17	and/or "Highly Confidential Information" in accordance with the terms and conditions of the
18	Protective Order, and that, if I should knowingly make a disclosure of any such information in
19	manner unauthorized by the Protective Order, I will have violated a court order, will be in contemp
20	of court, and will be subject to punishment by the court for such conduct.
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22	DATED: (Signature)
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# **TAB 46**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order was entered in the above-captioned matter on March 12, 2019, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this day of March 2019.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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2	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an en	ployee of PISANELLI BICE PLLC and that, on this
3	12 day of March 2019, I caused to be served	l via the Court's e-filing/e-service system a true and
4	correct copy of the above and foregoin	g NOTICE OF ENTRY OF STIPULATED
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COME NOW, PHWLV, LLC ("Planet Hollywood"), Desert Palace, Inc. ("Caesars Palace"), Paris Las Vegas Operating Company, LLC ("Paris") and Boardwalk Regency Corporation, d/b/a Caesars Atlantic City ("CAC" and collectively with Caesars Palace, Paris and Planet Hollywood, "Caesars"); Rowen Seibel ("Seibel"), LLTQ Enterprises, LLC ("LLTQ"), LLTQ Enterprises 16, LLC ("LLTQ 16"), FERG LLC ("FERG"), FERG 16, LLC ("FERG 16"), MOTI Partners, LLC ("MOTI"), MOTI Partners 16, LLC ("MOTI 16"), TPOV Enterprises, LLC ("TPOV"), TPOV 16 Enterprises, LLC ("TPOV" 16") and DNT Acquisition, LLC ("DNT") (collectively the "Seibel Entities"); Gordon Ramsay ("Ramsay"), GR Burgr LLC ("GR Burgr"), Jeffrey Frederick ("Frederick") and Old Homestead Restaurant, Inc. ("OHR"); by and through their undersigned counsel of record, hereby enter into this Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order pursuant to NRCP 26(c) and NRCP 29. Planet Hollywood, Caesars Palace, Paris, CAC, Seibel, LLTQ, LLTQ 16, FERG, FERG 16, MOTI, MOTI 16, TPOV, TPOV 16, DNT, GR Burgr, Frederick, and OHR are collectively referred to as the "Parties" in this Stipulation and individually as "Party."

Whereas, the Parties desire to produce certain documents or other material which may contain proprietary and/or confidential information, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between the Parties hereto, through their respective counsel of record, that:

1. Applicability of this Protective Order: Subject to Section 2 below, this Protective Order does not and will not govern any trial proceedings in this action, but will otherwise be applicable to and govern the handling and production of documents, depositions, deposition exhibits, interrogatory responses, responses to requests for admissions, responses to requests for production of documents, and all other discovery obtained pursuant to Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure or other legal process by or from, or produced on behalf of, a Party or witness in connection with this action. Such information hereinafter shall be referred to as "Discovery Material." Additionally, as used herein, "Producing Party" or "Disclosing Party" shall refer to the Parties and non-parties that give testimony or produce documents or other information in connection with this action; "Receiving Party" shall refer to the Parties in this action that receive such information; and "Authorized Recipient" shall refer to any person or entity authorized by Sections 12 and 13 of this Protective Order to obtain access to Confidential Information, Highly Confidential Information, or the contents

of such Discovery Material. Discovery Material produced in accordance with this Stipulation may be used in other actions as permitted by the Global Agreement for the Utilization of Discovery Across Cases entered into between the Parties (the "Global Utilization Agreement").

- 2. **No Waiver.** This Protective Order is entered solely for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of documents and information among the Parties to this action without involving the Court unnecessarily in the process. Nothing in this Protective Order, nor the production of any information or document under the terms of this Protective Order, nor any proceedings pursuant to this Protective Order, shall be deemed to be a waiver of any rights or objections to challenge the authenticity or admissibility of any document, testimony, or other evidence at trial. Additionally, this Protective Order will not prejudice the right of any party or non-party to oppose production of any information on the ground of attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, or any other privilege or protection provided under the law.
- 3. **Designation of Information**: Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material that is in its possession, custody, or control produced to a Receiving Party as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" under the terms of this Protective Order, but only if the Producing Party in good faith reasonably believes that such Discovery Material contains non-public, confidential information as defined in Sections 5 and 6 below.
- 4. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection: Each Producing Party that designates information or items for protection under this Protective Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. Indiscriminate designations are prohibited.
- 5. **Confidential Information:** For purposes of this Protective Order, "Confidential Information" means all information that constitutes, reflects, or discloses non-public information, trade secrets, know-how, or other financial, proprietary, commercially sensitive, confidential business, marketing, regulatory, or strategic information (regarding business plans or strategies, technical data, and non-public designs), the disclosure of which the Producing Party believes in good faith might reasonably result in economic, competitive or business injury to the Producing Party (or its affiliates, personnel, or clients) and which is not publicly known and cannot be ascertained from

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an inspection of publicly available sources, documents, material, or devices. "Confidential Information" shall also include sensitive personal information that is not otherwise publicly available, such as home addresses; social security numbers; dates of birth; employment personnel files; medical information; home telephone records/numbers; employee disciplinary records; court documents sealed by another court or designated Confidential by agreement of the Parties in another matter; wage statements or earnings statements; employee benefits data; tax records; and other similar personal financial information. A Party may also designate as "CONFIDENTIAL" compilations of publicly available discovery materials, which would not be known publicly in a compiled form and the disclosure of which the Producing Party believes in good faith might reasonably result in economic, competitive or business injury to the Producing Party.

- Highly Confidential Information: For purposes of this Protective Order, "Highly 6. Confidential Information" is any Confidential Information as defined in Section 5 above that also includes (a) extremely sensitive, highly confidential, non-public information, consisting either of trade secrets or proprietary or other highly confidential business, financial, regulatory, private, or strategic information (including information regarding business plans, technical data, and non-public designs), the disclosure of which would create a substantial risk of competitive, business, or personal injury to the Producing Party, and/or (b) non-public documents or information reflecting the substance of conduct or communications that are the subject of then ongoing state, federal, or foreign government investigations. Certain Confidential Information may compel alternative or additional protections beyond those afforded Highly Confidential Information, in which event the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith, and, if unsuccessful, the Party seeking any greater protection shall A Party may re-designate material originally move the Court for appropriate relief. "CONFIDENTIAL" as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" by giving notice of such a re-designation to all Parties.
- 7. **Designating Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.** If any Party in this action determines in good faith that any information, documents, things, or responses produced in the course of discovery in this action should be designated as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information (the "Designating Party"), it shall advise any Party

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receiving such material of this fact, and all copies of such documents, things, or responses, or portions thereof deemed to be confidential shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" (whether produced in hard copy or electronic form) at the expense of the Designating Party and treated as such by all Parties. A Designating Party may inform another Party that a document is Confidential or Highly Confidential by providing the Bates number of the document in writing. If Confidential or Highly Confidential Information is produced via an electronic form on a computer readable medium (e.g., CD-ROM), other digital storage medium, or via Internet transmission, the Producing Party or Designating Party shall affix in a prominent place on the storage medium or container file on which the information is stored, and on any container(s) for such medium, the legend "Includes CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" or "Includes HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." Nothing in this section shall extend confidentiality or the protections associated therewith to any information that does not otherwise constitute "Confidential Information" or "Highly Confidential Information" as defined in Sections 5 and 6 herein.

- Redaction Allowed: Any Producing Party may redact from the documents or things it produces matter that the Producing Party reasonably claims in good faith is subject to the attorneyclient privilege, the work product doctrine, a legal prohibition against disclosure, or any other privilege from disclosure. Any Producing Party also may redact information that is both personal and non-responsive, such as a social security number. A Producing Party may not withhold nonprivileged, responsive information solely on the grounds that such information is contained in a document that includes privileged information. The Producing Party shall mark each redaction with a legend stating "REDACTED," and include an annotation indicating the specific reason for the redaction (e.g., "REDACTED—Work Product"). All documents redacted based on attorney client privilege or work product immunity shall be listed in an appropriate log in conformity with Nevada law and Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5). Where a document consists of more than one page, the page on which information has been redacted shall so be marked. The Producing Party shall preserve an unredacted version of such document.
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marked shall be maintained in confidence, used solely for the purposes of this action (except as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), and to the extent not otherwise prohibited by an Order of the Court, shall be disclosed to no one except those persons identified herein in Sections 12 and 13, and shall be handled in such manner until such designation is removed by the Designating Party, or by Order of the Court. Confidential or Highly Confidential information produced by another Party shall not be used by any Receiving Party for any commercial, competitive or personal purpose. Nothing in this Protective Order shall govern or restrict a Producing Party's use of its own Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in any way.

- 10. Once the Court enters this Protective Order, a Party shall have forty-five (45) calendar days to designate as Confidential or Highly Confidential any documents previously produced in this action, which it can do by stamping "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" on the document, or informing the other Parties of the Bates numbers of the documents so designated.
- Use of Confidential Information and Highly Confidential Information in 11. Counsel for any Party shall have the right to disclose Confidential or Highly Depositions. Confidential Information at depositions, provided that such disclosure is consistent with this Protective Order, including Sections 12 and 13 hereof. Any counsel of record may request that all persons not entitled under Sections 12 or 13 of this Protective Order to have access to Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, leave the deposition room during the confidential portion of the deposition. Failure of such persons to comply with a request to leave the deposition room shall constitute substantial justification for counsel to advise the witness that the witness need not answer the question where the answer would disclose Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Additionally, at any deposition session: (1) upon inquiry with regard to the content of any discovery material(s) designated or marked as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL;" (2) whenever counsel for a party deems that the answer to a question may result in the disclosure or revelation of Confidential or Highly Confidential Information; and/or (3) whenever counsel for a Party deems that the answer to any question has resulted in the disclosure or revelation of Confidential or Highly Confidential Information, counsel to any Party may designate those portions of a deposition transcript and/or video of any deposition (or any other testimony) as

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containing Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in accordance with this Order, either by placing a statement on the record during the deposition, or by notifying all other Parties in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the transcript or video that it contains Confidential or Highly Confidential Information and designating the specific pages, lines, and/or counter numbers as containing Confidential or Highly Confidential Information. If a designation is made via a statement on the record during a deposition, counsel must follow-up in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the transcript or video, identifying the specific pages, lines, and/or counter numbers containing the Confidential or Highly Confidential Information. If no confidentiality designations are made within said thirty (30) day period, the entire transcript shall be considered non-confidential. During the thirty (30) day period, the entire transcript and video shall be treated as Highly Confidential Information. All originals and copies of deposition transcripts that contain Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall be prominently marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" on the cover thereof and, if and when filed with the Court, the portions of such transcript so designated shall be filed under seal. Counsel must designate portions of a deposition transcript as "HIGHLY "CONFIDENTIAL" CONFIDENTIAL" within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the transcript. Any DVD or other digital storage medium containing Confidential or Highly Confidential deposition testimony shall be labeled in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.

- Persons Authorized to Receive Confidential Information. Confidential 12. Information produced pursuant to this Protective Order may be disclosed or made available only to the Court, its employees, other court personnel, any discovery referee, mediator or other official who may be appointed by the Court, and to the persons below:
  - (a) A Party, or officers, directors, employees, and agents of a Party deemed necessary by counsel to aid in the prosecution, defense, or settlement of this action;
  - (b) Counsel for a Party (including in-house attorneys, outside attorneys associated with a law firm(s) of record, and paralegal, clerical, and secretarial staff employed by such counsel);

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- (c) Persons retained by a Party to provide litigation support services (photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, organizing, storing, retrieving data in any form or medium, etc.);
- (d) Consultants or expert witnesses (together with their support staff) retained by a Party or its counsel for the prosecution or defense of this litigation, provided that such an expert or consultant is not a current employee of a direct competitor of a Party named in this action;<sup>1</sup>
- (e) Court reporter(s) and videographers(s) employed in this action;
- (f) Any authors or recipients of the Confidential Information;
- (g) A witness at any deposition or other proceeding in this action, who shall sign the Confidentiality Agreement attached as "Exhibit A" to this Protective Order before being shown a confidential document; and
- (h) Any other person as to whom the Parties in writing agree, or that the Court in these proceedings so designates.

Any person to whom Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to subparts (a) through (h) hereinabove shall be advised that the Confidential Information is being disclosed pursuant to an Order of the Court; that the information may not be disclosed by such person to any person not permitted to have access to the Confidential Information pursuant to this Protective Order; and that any violation of this Protective Order may result in the imposition of such sanctions as the Court deems proper. Any person to whom Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to subpart (c), (d), (g), or (h) of this section shall also be required to execute a copy of the form Exhibit A. The persons shall agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order by executing a copy of Exhibit A (which shall be maintained by the counsel of record for the Party seeking to reveal the Confidential Information) in advance of being shown the Confidential Information. No Party (or its counsel) shall discourage any persons from signing a copy of Exhibit A. If a person refuses to execute a copy of Exhibit A, the Party seeking to reveal the Confidential Information shall seek an

A party may seek leave of court to provide information to a consultant employed by a competitor.

- 13. **Persons Authorized to Receive Highly Confidential Information.** "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" documents and information may be used only in connection with this case (except as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), and may be disclosed only to the Court and the persons listed in subsections (b) to (e) and (g) to (h) of Section 12 above, but shall not be disclosed to a Party, or an employee of a Party unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties or ordered by the Court. With respect to sub-section (f), the parties will consider disclosure of Highly Confidential Information to an author or recipient on a case by case basis. Any person to whom Highly Confidential Information is disclosed pursuant to sub-sections (c), (d), (g) or (h) of Section 12 above shall also be required to execute a copy of the form Exhibit A.
- 14. Filing of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information With Court. Any Party seeking to file or disclose materials designated as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information with the Court in this action (or with the court in another action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement) must seek to file such Confidential or Highly Confidential Information under seal pursuant to Rule 3 of the Nevada Rules for Sealing and Redacting Court Records (or, if in another action permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement, in accordance with the rules and procedures of that court). The Designating Party will have the burden to provide the Court with any information necessary to support the designation as Confidential or Highly Confidential Information.
- Notice to Nonparties. Any Party issuing a subpoena to a non-party shall enclose a copy of this Protective Order and advise the non-party that it may designate any Discovery Material it produces pursuant to the terms of this Protective Order as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, should the non-party wish to do so. This Order shall be binding in favor

- Information or Highly Confidential Information learns of any possession, knowledge, use or disclosure of any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information in violation of the terms of this Protective Order, the Receiving Party shall immediately notify in writing the Party that produced the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. The Receiving Party shall promptly furnish the Producing Party with the full details of such possession, knowledge, use or disclosure. With respect to such unauthorized possession, knowledge, use or disclosure, the Receiving Party shall assist the Producing Party in remedying the disclosure (e.g., by retrieving the Confidential Information from an unauthorized recipient), and/or by preventing its recurrence.
- duplications of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL," and shall be considered Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information subject to the terms and conditions of this Protective Order. Attorney-client communications and attorney-work product regarding Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, as permitted by this Protective Order, shall not be subject to this section, regardless of whether they summarize, abstract, paraphrase, or otherwise reflect Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information.
- 18. **Information Not Confidential.** The restrictions set forth in this Protective Order shall not be construed to apply to any information or materials that:
  - (a) Were lawfully in the Receiving Party's possession prior to such information being designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential Information in this action, and that the Receiving Party is not otherwise obligated to treat as confidential;
  - (b) Were obtained without any benefit or use of Confidential or Highly Confidential Information from a third party having the right to disclose such information to the Receiving Party without restriction or obligation of confidentiality;

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- (c) Were independently developed after the time of disclosure by persons who did not have access to the Producing Party's Confidential or Highly Confidential Information;
- (d) Have been or become part of the public domain by publication or otherwise and not due to any unauthorized act or omission on the part of a Receiving Party; or
- (e) Under law, have been declared to be in the public domain.
- Any Party may object to the designation of 19. Challenges to Designations. Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information on the ground that such information does not constitute Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, by serving written notice upon counsel for the Producing Party within ninety (90) calendar days of the date the item(s) was designated, specifying the item(s) in question and the ground(s) for the objection. Producing Party shall have thirty (30) calendar days to respond to the challenge of designation. If a Party objects to the designation of any materials as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information, the Party challenging the designation shall arrange for a meet and confer to be held within ten (10) court days of service of the response to the designation challenge by the Producing Party, to attempt to informally resolve the dispute. If the Parties cannot resolve the matter, the Party challenging the designation may file a motion with the Court to resolve the dispute. Such motions must be filed within ten (10) court days following the meet and confer. This Protective Order shall not affect the burden of proof on any such motion, or impose any burdens upon any Party that would not exist had the Protective Order not been entered; as a general matter, the burden shall be on the person making the designation to establish the propriety of the designation. Any contested information shall continue to be treated as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information and subject to this Protective Order until such time as such motion has been ruled upon.
- 20. **Use in Court.** If any Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information is used in any pretrial Court proceeding in this action (or used in another action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), it shall not necessarily lose its confidential status through such use, and the party using such information shall take all reasonable steps consistent with the Nevada Supreme Court Rules Governing Sealing and Redacting Court Records (or, if used in another action

as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement, in accordance with the rules and procedures of that court governing sealing and redacting), to maintain its confidentiality during such use.

- 21. **Reservation of Rights**. The Parties each reserve the right to seek or oppose additional or different protection for particular information, documents, materials, items or things, including but not limited to, items which they consider to be attorney's eyes only in nature. This Stipulation shall neither enlarge, nor affect, the proper scope of discovery in this Action. In addition, this Stipulation shall not limit or circumscribe in any manner any rights the Parties (or their respective counsel) may have under common law or pursuant to any state, federal, or foreign statute or regulation, and/or ethical rule.
- 22. Inadvertent Failure to Designate. The inadvertent failure to designate information produced in discovery as Confidential or Highly Confidential shall not be deemed, by itself, to be a waiver of the right to so designate such Discovery Materials as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Within a reasonable time of learning of any such inadvertent failure, the Producing Party shall notify all Receiving Parties of such inadvertent failure and shall take such other steps as necessary to correct such failure after becoming aware of it. Disclosure of such Discovery Materials to any other person prior to later designation of the Discovery Materials in accordance with this section shall not violate the terms of this Protective Order. However, immediately upon being notified of an inadvertent failure to designate, all Parties shall treat such information as though properly designated, and shall take any actions necessary to prevent any future unauthorized disclosure, use, or possession.
- 23. **No Waiver of Privilege**: Disclosure (including production) of information after the Parties' entry of this Protective Order that a Party or non-party later claims was inadvertent and should not have been disclosed because of a privilege, including, but not limited to, the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine ("Privileged Information"), shall not constitute a waiver of, or estoppel as to, any claim of attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, or other ground for withholding production as to which the Disclosing or Producing Party would be entitled in this action.

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Effect of disclosure of Privileged Information: The Receiving Party hereby agrees 24. to promptly return, sequester, or destroy any Privileged Information disclosed or produced by a Disclosing or Producing Party upon request by the Disclosing or Producing Party, regardless of whether the Receiving Party disputes the designation of Privileged Information. The Receiving Party may sequester (rather than return or destroy) such Privileged Information only if it contends that the information itself is not privileged or otherwise protected, and it challenges the privilege designation, in which case it may only sequester the information until the claim of privilege or other protection is resolved. If any Party disputes the privilege claim ("Objecting Party"), that Objecting Party shall object in writing by notifying the Producing Party of the dispute and the basis therefore. The Parties thereafter shall meet and confer in good faith regarding the disputed claim within fourteen (14) business days after service of the written objection. In the event that the Parties do not resolve their dispute, the Objecting Party may bring a motion for a determination of whether a privilege applies within fourteen (14) business days following the meet and confer session, but may only contest the asserted privileges on grounds other than the inadvertent production of such document(s). In making such a motion, the Objecting Party shall not disclose the content of the document(s) at issue, but may refer to the information contained on the privilege log. Nothing herein shall relieve counsel from abiding by applicable ethical rules regarding inadvertent disclosure and discovery of inadvertently disclosed privileged or otherwise protected material. The failure of any Party to provide notice or instructions under this section shall not constitute a waiver of, or estoppel as to, any claim of attorney-client privilege, attorney work product, or other ground for withholding production as to which the Disclosing or Producing Party would be entitled in this action.

25. Inadvertent Production of Non-Discoverable Documents. If a Producing Party inadvertently produces a document that contains no discoverable information, the Producing Party may request in writing that the Receiving Party return the document, and the Receiving Party shall return the document. A Producing Party may not request the return of a document pursuant to this section if the document contains any discoverable information. If a Producing Party inadvertently fails to redact personal information (e.g., a social security number), the Producing Party may provide the Receiving Party a substitute version of the document that redacts the personal information, and

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the Receiving Party shall return the original, unredacted document to the Producing Party.

- Return of Information. Within thirty (30) days after the final disposition of this 26. action (or the final disposition of any other action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement), all Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information produced by an opposing Party or non-party (including, without limitation, any copies, extracts or summaries thereof) as part of discovery in this action shall be destroyed by the Parties to whom the Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information was produced, and each counsel shall, by declaration delivered to all counsel for the Producing Party, affirm that all such Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information (including, without limitation, any copies, extracts or summaries thereof) has been destroyed; provided, however, that each counsel shall be entitled to retain pleadings, motions and memoranda in support thereof, declarations or affidavits, deposition transcripts and videotapes, or documents reflecting attorney work product or consultant or expert work product, even if such material contains or refers to Discovery Materials containing Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information, but only to the extent necessary to preserve a litigation file with respect to this action (or another action as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement). Counsel are not required to destroy or certify destruction of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information replicated on automatic archival or data backup systems maintained by Counsel.
- 27. **Attorney's Fees.** Nothing in this Protective Order is intended to either expand or limit a prevailing party's right under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure or other applicable state or federal law to pursue costs and attorney's fees incurred related to confidentiality designations or the abuse of the process described herein.
- 28. Injunctive Relief and Sanctions Available for Unauthorized Disclosure or Use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. The Parties and/or non-parties shall not utilize any Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information for their own personal and/or business advantage or gain, aside from purpose(s) solely related to the instant litigation (or to other litigations as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement). The Parties and

non-parties acknowledge and agree that the unauthorized use and/or disclosure of Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information beyond this litigation (or beyond other litigations as permitted by the Global Utilization Agreement) shall subject the offending Party or non-party to sanctions contemplated in NRCP 37(b)(2)(A)-(D) (or pursuant to the rules and procedures of the courts in litigations governed by the Global Utilization Agreement), up to and including entry of judgment against the offending Party or non-party in circumstances involving willful disobedience with this Order. Further, the Parties and/or non-parties receiving or being given access to Confidential Information and/or Highly Confidential Information acknowledge that monetary remedies would be inadequate to protect each Party in the case of unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information that the Receiving Party only received through discovery in this action (or in other actions governed by the Global Utilization Agreement), and that injunctive relief would be necessary and appropriate to protect each Party's rights in the event there is any such unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. The availability of injunctive relief to protect against the unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information shall not be exclusive.

29. Other Actions and Proceedings. If a Receiving Party (a) is subpoenaed in another action, investigation, or proceeding, (b) is served with a demand in another action, investigation, or proceeding, or (c) is served with any legal process by one not a Party to this Protective Order, seeking materials which were produced or designated as Confidential of Highly Confidential pursuant to this Protective Order, the Receiving Party shall give prompt actual written notice by electronic transmission to counsel of record for such Producing Party within five (5) business days of receipt of such subpoena, demand or legal process, or such shorter notice as may be required to provide other Parties with the opportunity to object to the immediate production of the requested Discovery Materials to the extent permitted by law. The burden of opposing enforcement of the subpoena shall fall upon the Party or non-party who produced or designated the Discovery Material as Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information. Unless the Party or non-party who produced or designated the Confidential Information or Highly Confidential Information obtains an Order

directing that the subpoena not be complied with, and serves such Order upon the Receiving Party
prior to production pursuant to the subpoena, the Receiving Party shall be permitted to produce
documents responsive to the subpoena on the subpoena response date. Compliance by the Receiving
Party with any Order directing production pursuant to a subpoena of any Confidential Information
or Highly Confidential Information shall not constitute a violation of this Protective Order. Nothing
in this Protective Order shall be construed as authorizing a Party to disobey a lawful subpoena issued
in another action.
30. Execution in Counterparts. This Protective Order may be signed in counterparts.

and a fax or "PDF" signature shall have the same force and effect as an original ink signature.

Order Survives Termination. This Protective Order shall survive the termination of this action (or of the other actions governed by the Global Utilization Agreement), and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve any dispute concerning the use of information disclosed hereunder.

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	28	IT IS SO ORDERED.	

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### EXHIBIT "A"

### CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

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3	I, do hereby acknowledge and agree, under penalty of		
4	perjury, as follows:		
5	1. I have read the Stipulated Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order ("the		
6	Protective Order") entered in Rowen Seibel v. PHWLV, LLC, A-17-751759-B, consolidated with		
7	Case No. A-17-760537-B on, and I fully understand its contents.		
8	2. I hereby agree and consent to be bound by the terms of the Protective Order and to comply		
9	with it in all respects, and to that end, I hereby knowingly and voluntarily submit and subject myself to the		
10	personal jurisdiction of the Eighth Judicial District Court, State of Nevada so that the said court shal		
11	have the power and authority to enforce the Protective Order and to impose appropriate sanctions upon me		
12	for knowingly violating the Protective Order, including punishment for contempt of court for a knowing		
13	violation of the Protective Order.		
14	3. I understand that by signing this instrument, I will be eligible to receive "Confidentia"		
15	Information" and/or "Highly Confidential Information" under the terms and conditions of the		
16	Protective Order. I further understand and agree that I must treat any "Confidential Information"		
17	and/or "Highly Confidential Information" in accordance with the terms and conditions of the		
18	Protective Order, and that, if I should knowingly make a disclosure of any such information in a		
19	manner unauthorized by the Protective Order, I will have violated a court order, will be in contemp		
20	of court, and will be subject to punishment by the court for such conduct.		
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- C. Parties are to appear on **September 25, 2019 at 9:00a.m.,** for a Status Check re Trial Readiness.
- D. The Pre-Trial Memorandum must be filed no later than **January 8, 2020**, with a courtesy copy delivered to Department XI. All parties, (Attorneys and parties in proper person) **MUST** comply with **All REQUIREMENTS** of E.D.C.R. 2.67, 2.68 and 2.69. Counsel should include the Memorandum an identification of orders on all motions in limine or motions for partial summary judgment previously made, a summary of any anticipated legal issues remaining, a brief summary of the opinions to be offered by any witness to be called to offer opinion testimony as well as any objections to the opinion testimony.
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  - F. All dispositive motions must be filed no later than October 4, 2019.
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- M. In accordance with EDCR 7.70, counsel shall file and serve by facsimile or hand, two (2) judicial days prior to the firm trial date given at Calendar Call, voir dire proposed to be conducted pursuant to conducted pursuant to EDCR 2.68.

Failure of the designated trial attorney or any party appearing in proper person to appear for any court appearances or to comply with this Order shall result in any of the

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DATED: March 13, 2019

William E Arnault

Timothy C. Williams, District Court Judge

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I hereby certify that on the date filed, a copy of the foregoing Amended Order Setting Civil Jury Trial, Pre-Trial/Calendar Call was electronically served, pursuant to N.E.F.C.R. Rule 9, to all registered parties in the Eighth Judicial District Court Electronic Filing Program as follows:

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DATED: August 19,2019

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Designation of experts pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(2)	February 14, 2020
Designation of rebuttal experts pursuant to NRCP 16.1(a)(2)	March 16, 2020
Discovery Cut Off	April 15, 2020
Dispositive Motions	May 15, 2020
Motions in Limine	June 12, 2020

# IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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  - B. Pre-Trial Conference/Calendar Call will be held on July 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
- C. Parties are to appear on May 6, 2020 at 9:00a.m., for a Status Check re Trial Readiness.
- D. The Pre-Trial Memorandum must be filed no later than **July 10, 2020,** with a courtesy copy delivered to Department XVI. All parties, (Attorneys and parties in proper person) **MUST** comply with **All REQUIREMENTS** of EDCR 2.67, 2.68 and 2.69. Counsel should include in the Memorandum an identification of orders on all motions in limine or motions for partial summary judgment previously made, a summary of any anticipated legal issues remaining, a brief summary of the opinions to be offered by any witness to be called to offer opinion testimony as well as any objections to the opinion testimony.
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DATED: October 8, 2019.

Timothy C Williams, District Court Judge

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# TAB 52

# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Business Court Matters COURT MINUTES April 29, 2020

A-17-751759-B Rowen Seibel, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

PHWLV LLC, Defendant(s)

April 29, 2020 09:00 AM Status Check: Status of Case

**HEARD BY:** Williams, Timothy C. **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03H

**COURT CLERK:** Darling, Christopher

RECORDER:

**REPORTER:** Isom, Peggy

PARTIES PRESENT:

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**Counter Claimant, Defendant** 

John D. Tennert Attorney for Defendant

John R Bailey Attorney for Counter Claimant, Counter

Defendant, Defendant, Plaintiff

Joshua P, Gilmore, ESQ Attorney for Counter Claimant, Counter

Defendant, Defendant, Plaintiff

Maria Magali Mercera Attorney for Consolidated Case Party,

**Counter Claimant, Defendant** 

### **JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Counsel present telephonically. Colloquy regarding stipulated stay expiring 5/22/20 with respect to both written discovery and deposition issues and whether derivative claims issue as to GRB party impacted by 6/26/20 Delaware Court hearing. Court noted complaint in this case filed 2/28/17 and without agreed extension as to 5-year rule, case to proceed timely. COURT ORDERED, status check SET at time of 5/20/20 Motion to Dismiss to consider outstanding discovery other than depositions, as discussed; parties afforded last meet and confer opportunity and Court may direct motion filing and briefing schedule if not resolved. Court stated Mr. Pisanelli not precluded from filing motion on the GRB issue. Court further stated Delaware action and Trustee report will have no impact on proceeding; however, parties may include exhibit and explanation regarding same action.

5/20/20 9:30 AM STATUS CHECK: OUTSTANDING DISCOVERY (OTHER THAN DEPOSITIONS)...MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTS IV, V, VI, VII, AND VIII OF CAESARS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

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