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Appellants,

VS.

DESERT PALACE, INC.; PARIS LAS VEGAS OPERATING COMPANY, LLC; PHWLV, LLC; and BOARDWALK REGENCY CORPORATION,

Respondents.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Any time the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green seek to conduct discovery into relevant topics, Caesars quickly looks to deflect back onto them. To begin, Caesars asserts claims against Seibel and Green related to benefits (i.e. marketing fees) that were paid by vendors to non-parties, but then argues that Seibel and Green cannot conduct discovery related to Caesars' treatment of benefits (such as rebates or gifts) it may have received from vendors. Next, Caesars asserts that it is entitled to a second deposition of Green concerning Caesars' newly-asserted claims, but then claims that the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green should not be allowed to take another 30(b)(6) deposition of Caesars related to those same claims (unless Caesars is allowed to control the deposition in order to focus attention away from itself). Further, Caesars has declared that it is entitled to discovery showing that its treatment of Seibel's felony conviction was warranted; yet, Caesars refuses to permit discovery intended to show that its treatment of Seibel's felony conviction was pretextual, unwarranted, and arbitrary. Finally, while Caesars has claimed that it acted appropriately in terminating the Development Agreements, it has hidden from the Development Entities its communications with Ramsay showing that Caesars was chomping at the bit to terminate those agreements in order to increase its profitability at least twofold.

Discovery is not a one-sided endeavor. The Development Entities, Seibel, and Green have a right to conduct discovery concerning their claims *and defenses* to Caesars' newly-asserted claims. Indeed, Caesars seems to forget that discovery is not limited to matters supporting each side's claims—this is evident from their attempt to avoid providing information related to benefits by arguing that the Development Entities have not asserted claims related to benefits by Caesars (ignoring that a valid and compelling defense to such claims can be established through evidence that Caesars received benefits from vendors without accounting for such benefits to the Development Entities). The discovery sought through this Motion is both critical and targeted; it is not overbroad in scope. With the extensive amount of discovery conducted thus far by Caesars (sparing no expense in the process), it is dishonest for Caesars to suggest that the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green are seeking discovery that is disproportionate to their needs.

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Discovery cannot be used to give one side a broadsword while tying the other side's hand behind its back. The fight must be fair. The Court should grant this Motion in its entirety and deny Caesars' Countermotion for Protective Order.¹

II. **ARGUMENT**

A. Benefits Received by Caesars from Vendors are Plainly Relevant Given Caesars' Newly-Asserted Claims.

Despite accusing the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green of "play[ing] with words," the distinction that Caesars attempts to make between the benefits received by non-parties to this action and the benefits received by Caesars, which are the subject of the disputed discovery requests and deposition notices involved in this Motion, is nothing more than that: words.² (Opp. at 2:14-19.) The simple fact is that if Caesars was receiving benefits (such as rebates) from vendors that were not allocated to those restaurants in which the Development Entities were receiving a share of the profits, those "legitimate funds" operated no differently than those received by entities associated with Seibel. Such discovery would serve to establish an offset to any damages Caesars claims on account of its newly-asserted claims.³ It is telling that Caesars makes no attempt to deny that such a defense (among others) is available to the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green in their Opposition to this Motion.

Not only is the discovery sought regarding benefits entirely relevant, but the burden for Caesars, particularly if Caesars complied with its own protocols, should be minimal. Caesars' compliance plan requires that benefits over a threshold dollar amount be reported. (Ex. 50 to Mot., Excerpt of Caesars Entertainment Corporation Ethics & Compliance Program, at 0518.) The

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23 Caesars is correct that the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green only object to another deposition of Green if this Court limits the scope of the 30(b)(6) deposition of Caesars in the manner suggested by Caesars.

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Caesars assertion that it was "in the dark" or "out of the loop" regarding Seibel's relationships with vendors is disingenuous at best. (Ex. 59 to the Mot., Relevant Excerpts of the 30(b)(6) Deposition of FERG, LLC, Rowen Seibel (DRAFT), at 127:12-129:18; 133:4-20.) Further, Seibel gave an abundance of testimony regarding the marketing services that his companies provided to vendors. (*Id.* at 118:9-124:20; 131:11-133:3.)

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Caesars asserts that "the Seibel Parties have not and cannot at this state assert any claims related to Caesars receipt, if any, of 'Benefits'" and that "[t]he law is clear that discovery must be related to the issues in the case." (Opp. at 11:4-6.) This entirely ignores that the scope of discovery includes "any nonprivileged matter that is relevant to any party's claims or defenses." NRCP 26(b)(1) (emphasis added).

Development Entities, Seibel, and Green offered to limit their requests to this same threshold to help eliminate any undue burden on Caesars, (Ex. 2 to Mot., Decl. of Joshua P. Gilmore, Esq., at ¶ 5); but Caesars still refused to produce this information altogether. That Caesars is pushing so hard to avoid revealing whether and the extent to which it received benefits (such as rebates) from vendors is indicative that Caesars has something to hide.

The discovery sought related to benefits is not part of a fishing expedition, but tailored to the scope of Caesars' newly-asserted claims. This Court should compel Caesars to respond to those Requests for Production and Interrogatories related to benefits and, further, grant leave to the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green to depose Caesars concerning benefits.

B. The Development Entities, Seibel, and Green Are Entitled to Take Another

Deposition of Caesars That Is Intended to Help Them Gather Facts in Support
of their Defenses to Caesars' Newly-Asserted Claims.

Caesars appears to concede that the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green are entitled to a subsequent 30(b)(6) deposition of Caesars regarding Caesars' newly-asserted claims. (Opp. at 8:24-25.) However, Caesars asserts—without further detail or explanation—that "nearly the entirety" of the topics in the Notices of Taking Videotaped Depositions of Caesars pursuant to NRCP 30(b)(6) (the "Notices") are irrelevant. (*Id.* at 10:26-28; 11:11-12.) In essence, Caesars wants to strip the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green of viable and persuasive defenses and from taking a deposition that would help them gather evidence to support those defenses at trial.⁴ At the same time, Caesars argues that it is entitled to a second deposition of Green in furtherance of gathering evidence related to its newly-asserted claims. (*Id.* at 16:1-9.) The double standard advocated by Caesars might make sense if Rule 26(b)(1) limited discovery to non-privileged matter related to a party's claims, but not a party's defenses. Of course, the rule is not so limited.

"As a general rule, courts will not grant protective orders that prohibit the taking of deposition testimony." *EEOC v. Caesars Entm't*, *Inc.*, 237 F.R.D. 428, 432 (D. Nev. 2006) (superseded by statute on other grounds) (citing various sources). To obtain a protective order, the

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Notably, Caesars does not argue that the individual topics are not stated with particularity; only that most of the topics are somehow off limits.

moving party must "point to specific facts that support the request" as opposed to "broad allegations of harm" that would allegedly be suffered without one." *Id.*

Caesars did not, and cannot, point to any specific topic contained within the Notices and elaborate why that topic will result in some harm to Caesars warranting a protective order.

Instead, Caesars makes a single, sweeping allegation that the majority of the topics involve nothing more than a "fishing expedition" into benefits received by Caesars. (Opp. at 10:26 - 11:11.) This is plainly insufficient to overcome the vast legal authority favoring discovery, and certainly is insufficient to carry the burden needed to obtain a protective order. See F.T.C. v. AMG Servs., Inc., 291 F.R.D. 544, 553 (D. Nev. 2013) (citations omitted) ("The party resisting discovery bears the burden of showing why a discovery request should be denied."); see also Painters Joint Comm. v. Emp. Painters Trust Health & Welfare Fund, 2011 WL 4573349, at *5 (D. Nev. Sept. 29, 2011) ("[T]he objecting party must specifically detail the reasons why each request is irrelevant."). If there is a reason that Caesars believes a particular topic would result in harm, so as to warrant a protective order, it was Caesars' burden to specifically detail the reasons why in its Opposition. It did not.

Caesars' Countermotion for leave to take another deposition of Green only further highlights why the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green are entitled to take the 30(b)(6) deposition of Caesars' involving all the topics listed in the Notices. Simply put, if Caesars is entitled to take a second deposition of Green "as to the new allegations against him," he—as well as Seibel and the Development Entities—should be permitted to do the same, which necessarily includes questions that would support myriad defenses to Caesars' newly-asserted claims.⁵

C. <u>Discovery Regarding Caesars' Gaming Employees is Relevant.</u>

Caesars tacitly acknowledges its inconsistent positions in discovery related to suitability in its Opposition. Specifically, Caesars admits that it previously "offered to provide TPOV 16 with unsuitability determination information for the past 10 years including the date of such

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Trying to play off of this Court's recent minute Order granting Caesars' Motion to Strike, Caesars argues that the Notices seek information stricken from the Development Entities' Amended Counterclaims. (Opp. at 11:6-7.) That is only partially true; this Court's ruling only impedes the Development Entities from asking about benefits associated with certain restaurants.

determinations, the category (i.e., whether it was a restaurant, retail, joint venture, etc.), and the reason why particular individuals/entities were found unsuitable." (Opp. at 12:20-23.) Caesars further admits that the U.S. Magistrate Judge concluded that Caesars' proposal was not enough; Caesars also needed to provide the contractual history of those unsuitability determinations, assignment of the contracts, and ownerships by trusts. (Ex. 3 to Mot., Order on Motion to Compel, June 21, 2018, at 5:5-9.) Yet, in the same proverbial breath, Caesars argues that suitability information of those held to an even *higher standard* than those previously determined relevant, is not relevant. (*See* Opp., at 13:3-5.)

Whether Caesars terminated employees subject to a *higher level* of suitability scrutiny than Seibel, based on mandatory gaming statutes, is relevant in determining whether Caesars applied a consistent bar of suitability to Seibel, or if Caesars terminated the Development Agreements in bad faith. In other words, if Caesars terminated the Development Agreements, claiming that it was compelled to do so under its own discretion (an arguably *lower* standard), but did *not* terminate gaming employees held to a higher standard under the Nevada gaming law, such evidence would demonstrate Caesars' arbitrary and unfair treatment of the Development Entities. Indeed, the *evidence thus far reveals that Caesars did not treat the Development Entities consistent with its own internal process for determining suitability*. (*See* Ex. 51 to Mot., Randy Sayre Expert Report).

Accordingly, requests related to inconsistent treatment of "unsuitable" individuals, is not a fishing expedition, but proportional to the needs of this case and well within the scope of discovery.

D. Anticipating Litigation for Purposes of the Common Interest Privilege Does Not Mean Anticipating Any Possible Litigation, but that There Be a Palpable Threat of Such Litigation.

As a preliminary matter, Caesars attempts to assign fault to undersigned counsel by suggesting that the parties did not sufficiently meet and confer related to Caesars' assertion of the common interest privilege. (Opp. at 13:17 - 14:2.) Not true; Caesars maintained, during the meet-

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As stated in the Motion, while this Court is not bound by the U.S. Magistrate Judge's ruling, the parties have agreed that discovery taken in this action may be used in the federal action (and vice versa). Accordingly, it is logical to require Caesars to disclose the same information in this action, particularly because the federal action involves TPOV 16, but not the remaining Development Entities.

and-confer process, that it would withhold communications, which pre-date September 16, 2016, that it exchanged with Ramsay based on the common interest privilege. That the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green may have omitted certain documents from the conversation is besides the point—the issue presented is whether the common interest privilege should apply to *any* communications that occurred prior to September 16, 2016.

Caesars is correct that parties must "anticipate litigation against a common adversary on the same issue or issues" for the common interest privilege to apply. (Opp. at 14:19-15:3.) What Caesars fails to recognize is that "anticipate litigation" does not mean anticipate any remote possibility of litigation. Instead, the threat of litigation (that is "anticipated") must be tangible, or palpable, as the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green indicated in their Motion, not simply conceivable. (Mot. at 29:8-19.) A palpable threat of litigation means more "than a mere awareness that one's questionable conduct might some day result in litigation" *In re Santa Fe Int'l Corp.*, 272 F.3d 705, 710 (5th Cir. 2001); *accord United States v. Duke Energy Corp.*, 214 F.R.D. 383, 388-89 (M.D.N.C. 2003) ("Contemplated litigation means a palpable threat of litigation. A palpable threat of litigation, in turn, would seem to be at least as stringent as the anticipation of litigation standard used for work product in Rule 26(b)(3).").8

At the time Caesars had these communications with Ramsay, the Development Entities were attempting to work with Caesars in good faith to cure any suitability issue associated with Seibel. (See Ex. 57 to Mot., Sept. 16, 2016 Letter from Brian K. Ziegler, Esq. to Mark A. Clayton, Esq.) The Development Entities had an expectation that Caesars, and Ramsay for that matter, would be working with them in good faith to resolve the problem in a way that mutually benefited all the parties. If Caesars and Ramsay claim that there was a "palpable threat of litigation" at the time they learned of Seibel's guilty plea, then—unbeknownst to the Development Entities—Caesars was

Caesars' reliance on *Cotter v. Eighth Judicial District Court*, 134 Nev. 247, 416 P.3d 228 (2018), is misplaced. (Opp. at 14:20 - 15:9.) In *Cotter*, the Nevada Supreme Court was not asked to address the *timing* for triggering application of the common interest privilege.

Caesars' attempt to distinguish *In re Santa Fe Int'l Corp*. by pointing to the timeline therein makes no difference to the rationale underlying the decision. (Opp. at 14 n.8.) The 17 days Caesars refers to was a crucial time-period to this case, as it is the time-period during which Caesars determined it would refuse to offer the Development Entities an opportunity to cure any potential suitability issue, terminate the Development Agreements, and continue to operate the restaurants while pocketing the money previously paid to the Development Entities.

already gearing up for litigation (e.g., Caesars knew it was going to force the Development Entities out of the restaurants, continue to operate them and retain the profits, and not repay any capital reserves to the Development Entities) without intending to work in good faith with the Development Entities (who, unlike Seibel, were never deemed to be unsuitable). This goes straight to the heart of the Development Entities' claims against Caesars. Alternatively, if Caesars was not so proceeding in late August and early September 2016, then Caesars cannot claim the common interest privilege, as Caesars simply being aware that there was a remote possibility of litigation at some point down the road based on Seibel's guilty plea is not a "palpable threat" of litigation allowing it to conceal relevant communications with its co-conspirator.

Caesars' self-servingly denies being involved in any scheme with Ramsay to deprive the Development Entities of their contractual rights. (Opp. at 15:21.) Caesars makes no effort to respond to the wealth of evidence proving otherwise presented with this Motion. Apparently, when the facts are against Caesars, Caesars simply chooses to ignore them. Regardless, Caesars may not assert the common interest privilege to communications that it had with Ramsay prior to September 16, 2016, and any such communications withheld by Caesars should be immediately produced.

E. <u>Deposition of Craig Green.</u>

Assuming this Court finds that discovery into *defenses to* Caesars' newly-asserted claims should be allowed to proceed (as it should), the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green have no objection to an additional deposition of Green related to Caesars' newly-asserted claims. However, if this Court believes that the 30(b)(6) depositions of Caesars, as noticed, should not proceed, then it should not compel Green to attend an additional deposition—especially considering that he has already been asked numerous questions concerning the marketing fees received by the two non-parties in multiple prior depositions, most recently in his capacity as a 30(b)(6) designee for FERG 16, LLC. To be clear, Caesars has deposed Green a whopping seven times so far in this case: in his individual capacity (spanning over three days), in his capacity as a 30(b)(6) designee for LLTQ, in

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Caesars' reference to a single document marked as work product on the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green's privilege log before there was a palpable threat of litigation is nothing more than a red herring. (Opp. at 15:10-20.) If Caesars takes issue with certain entries on the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green's privilege log, they may bring those issues to their attention.

his capacity as a 30(b)(6) designee for LLTQ 16, in his capacity as a 30(b)(6) designee for MOTI, in his capacity as a 30(b)(6) designee for TPOV, in his capacity as a 30(b) designee for TPOV 16, and in his capacity as a 30(b)(6) designee for FERG 16. Doing so again will subject him to unnecessary burden.

III. CONCLUSION

Caesars sought to add new claims and a new defendant; with that comes additional discovery. Caesars cannot claim that discovery is only allowed when it is sought by Caesars but subsequently refuse to permit comparable discovery when it is sought by the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green. They are entitled to conduct discovery into matters relevant to defenses that they have to Caesars' newly-asserted claims, which includes information about benefits received by Caesars from vendors. Similarly, Caesars does not get to pursue claims under the guise of suitability, yet refuse to produce documents regarding suitability.

Caesars has consistently employed a double standard in this case: from the time it terminated the Development Agreements to its most recent depositions. This Court should grant leave to the Development Entities, Seibel, and Green to take the 30(b)(6) depositions of Caesars, as noticed, 10 and compel Caesars to comply with the Disputed Discovery Requests.

DATED this 7th day of December, 2020

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The Development Entities, Seibel, and Green acknowledge that information related to benefits associated with Gordon Ramsay Steak in Atlantic City and Gordon Ramsay Steak in Kansas City should not occur in light of this Court's recent ruling. (Opp. at 9:1-3.) However, information related to benefits associated with Gordon Ramsay Steak in Baltimore should occur (contra id.), because that restaurant is discussed in the LLTQ/FERG Defendants' Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiffs' Complaint and Counterclaims, filed July 6, 2018.

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