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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 STEPHANIE CLIFFORD a.k.a.
12 STORMY DANIELS a.k.a. PEGGY
PETERSON, an individual,

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14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 DONALD J. TRUMP a.k.a. DAVID
17 DENNISON, an individual,
18 ESSENTIAL CONSULTANTS, LLC, a
19 Delaware Limited Liability Company,
and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

20 Defendants.
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Case No.

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF
ACTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b)
DIVERSITY BY DEFENDANT
ESSENTIAL CONSULTANTS, LLC**

[Filed concurrently with Civil Cover
Sheet, Notice of Interested Parties and
Corporate Disclosure Statement]

Complaint Filed: March 6, 2018

1 Agreement and Mutual Release; Assignment of Copyright and Non-Disparagement
2 Agreement” (the “Settlement Agreement”) dated October 28, 2016, by and between
3 EC and Clifford, and for which Clifford was paid \$130,000.00 pursuant to its terms,
4 supposedly is “void, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable.”

5 The Settlement Agreement contains a broad arbitration provision which
6 provides that “any and all claims or controversies which may arise between” Clifford
7 and “DD”—whom Plaintiff’s Complaint alleges is Defendant Trump—“shall be
8 resolved by binding confidential Arbitration to the greatest extent permitted by law”
9 (herein, the “Arbitration Agreement”).

10 On February 22, 2018, pursuant to the Arbitration Agreement, EC commenced
11 an arbitration proceeding regarding the controversy at issue in this lawsuit, before
12 ADR Services, Inc. in Los Angeles, Case No. 18-1118-JAC (the “Pending Arbitration
13 Proceeding”). In the Pending Arbitration Proceeding, EC seeks compensatory
14 damages, liquidated damages, and injunctive relief. The Settlement Agreement
15 provides for liquidated damages of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per instance of
16 breach by Clifford of the confidentiality provisions of the Settlement Agreement.
17 Clifford has breached the confidentiality provisions of the Settlement Agreement
18 numerous times.

19 Plaintiff Clifford and her counsel were aware of the Pending Arbitration
20 Proceeding at the time they filed the instant lawsuit on March 6, 2018 in the
21 California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles. *See* Complaint, ¶ 29.

22 Plaintiff refuses to comply with the Arbitration Agreement. Therefore, EC
23 intends to file a Petition to Compel Arbitration with this Court at the earliest possible
24 time permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules of this Court,
25 to compel this action to the Pending Arbitration Proceeding.

26 EC is informed that Defendant Trump will be filing a Joinder in Removal,
27 which will consent to the removal of this action to this Court, and also consent to the
28 arbitration of the claims in this action, pursuant to the Arbitration Agreement.

Nothing contained in this Notice of Removal or accompanying papers is intended to waive or relinquish any of the Defendants' rights to seek to compel this action to arbitration, all rights of which are expressly reserved.

GROUND FOR REMOVAL

As set forth more fully below, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, which confers original jurisdiction of "all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between ... citizens of different States and in which citizens or subjects of a foreign state are additional parties[.]"

I. The Amount-In-Controversy Requirement is Satisfied.

"In actions seeking declaratory or injunctive relief, it is well established that the amount in controversy is measured by the value of the object of the litigation." *Cohn v. Petsmart, Inc.*, 281 F.3d 837, 840 (9th Cir. 2002) (quoting *Hunt v. Wash. State Apple Advert. Comm'n*, 432 U.S. 333, 347 (1977)). The Ninth Circuit employs the "either viewpoint" test to determine the value of the object of the litigation. *Corral v. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.*, 878 F.3d 770, 775 (9th Cir. 2017). "Under the 'either viewpoint' rule, the test for determining the amount in controversy is the pecuniary result to either party which the judgment would directly produce." *In re Ford Motor Co./Citibank*, 264 F.3d 952, 959 (9th Cir. 2001).

Here, the Complaint states that the sum of \$130,000—the amount that was paid by EC to Plaintiff Clifford—is at issue. Exhibit 1, Complaint, pp. 4-5, ¶¶ 23, 25, 32. Plaintiff is seeking to invalidate the Settlement Agreement by way of this lawsuit, but has not returned to EC its payment to her of \$130,000. Thus, if Plaintiff prevails in her action for Declaratory Relief, the pecuniary result the judgment would directly produce is the return of \$130,000 received by Clifford under the Settlement Agreement.

Further, Plaintiff's counsel sent a written settlement proposal to EC dated March 12, 2018, wherein Plaintiff offered to pay \$130,000 in exchange for, among

1 other things, an agreement that the Settlement Agreement is “null and void.”
2 (Plaintiff’s counsel spoke about this settlement proposal in news interviews, thus
3 waiving any confidentiality. A copy of the letter can be furnished to the Court upon
4 request.) This settlement letter constitutes evidence that Plaintiff values the object of
5 the litigation at \$130,000. *See e.g. Cohn v. Petsmart, Inc., supra*, 281 F.3d at 840 (“A
6 settlement letter is relevant evidence of the amount in controversy if it appears to
7 reflect a reasonable estimate of the plaintiff’s claim.”)

8 Moreover, EC is aware of at least twenty (20) violations by Clifford of the
9 confidentiality provisions of the Settlement Agreement. Clifford expressly agreed in
10 the Settlement Agreement to liquidated damages in the amount of “One-Million
11 Dollars (\$1,000,000)” for “each breach” of the confidentiality provisions of the
12 Settlement Agreement. (Emphasis in original.) Therefore, EC and/or Defendant
13 Trump have the right to seek liquidated damages against Clifford for her numerous
14 breaches in an amount to be proven with certainty at the Pending Arbitration
15 Proceeding, but which is approximated to already be in excess of twenty million
16 dollars (\$20,000,000). Clifford was aware that EC is seeking liquidated damages
17 against her in the Pending Arbitration Proceeding prior to the filing of the Complaint.
18 Exhibit 1, Complaint, ¶ 29.

19 Accordingly, the amount in controversy in this action well exceeds \$75,000,
20 exclusive of interest and costs.

21 Because the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, removal on the basis of
22 diversity should be allowed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b).

23 **II. Complete Diversity of Citizenship Exists Between Plaintiffs**
24 **and All Defendants.**

25 Plaintiff Clifford alleges at Paragraph 1 of the Complaint that she “is a resident
26 of the State of Texas.” EC alleges herein that she is also a citizen and domiciliary of
27 the State of Texas. Nothing in the Complaint or other pleadings suggests otherwise.
28 EC, following a diligent search of public records, is not aware of any residency,

1 citizenship or domiciliary by Plaintiff Clifford in either New York, Delaware or the
2 District of Columbia.

3 Plaintiff alleges at Paragraph 2 of the Complaint that Defendant Trump “is a
4 resident of the District of Columbia (among other places).” Defendant Trump’s
5 Joinder in Removal to be filed herein, confirms that he is currently a resident of the
6 District of Columbia, but is a permanent resident, citizen and domiciliary of the State
7 of New York.

8 Plaintiff alleges at Paragraph 3 of the Complaint that EC is a “Delaware limited
9 liability company.” EC admits that it was incorporated in the State of Delaware.
10 Moreover, the citizenship of an LLC is the citizenship of its members. *Johnson v.*
11 *Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006) (“[L]ike a
12 partnership, an LLC is a citizen of every state of which its owners/members are
13 citizens.”); *Marseilles Hydro Power, LLC v. Marseilles Land & Water Co.*, 299 F.3d
14 643, 652 (7th Cir. 2002) (“the relevant citizenship [of an LLC] for diversity purposes
15 is that of the members, not of the company”); *Handelsman v. Bedford Vill. Assocs.,*
16 *Ltd. P’ship*, 213 F.3d 48, 51-52 (2d Cir. 2000) (“a limited liability company has the
17 citizenship of its membership”); *Cosgrove v. Bartolotta*, 150 F.3d 729, 731 (7th Cir.
18 1998); *TPS Utilicom Servs., Inc. v. AT&T Corp.*, 223 F. Supp. 2d 1089, 1101 (C.D.
19 Cal. 2002) (“A limited liability company ... is treated like a partnership for the
20 purpose of establishing citizenship under diversity jurisdiction.”).

21 EC is a single member LLC. Its sole member is Michael D. Cohen, who is a
22 resident, citizen and domiciliary of the State of New York. Accordingly, EC is a
23 resident, citizen and domiciliary of the State of New York.

24 As stated above, Mr. Trump will file a joinder in this removal. Title 28, U.S.C.
25 § 1446(b)(2)(A) provides that all served defendants who properly may be joined in
26 the removal notice must join. Here, none of the defendants have been served with the
27 summons and complaint, thus, no joinders are required. Nevertheless, the only named
28 defendant besides EC (namely, Defendant Trump) will join in this removal.

1 The Complaint also names Doe Defendants “1 through 10”. Exhibit 1,
2 Complaint, p. 1 ¶ 5. For purposes of removal, however, “the citizenship of defendants
3 sued under fictitious names shall be disregarded.” 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b)(1).
4 Therefore, the inclusion of “Doe” defendants in the state court Complaint has no
5 effect on removability. In determining whether diversity of citizenship exists, only
6 the named defendants are considered. *See Newcombe v. Adolf Coors Co.*, 157 F.3d
7 686, 690-691 (9th Cir. 1998); *see also Olive v. Gen. Nutrition Ctrs., Inc.*, No. 2:12-cv-
8 04297-ODW, 2012 WL 2006389, at *1 (C.D. Cal. June 5, 2012); *Marsikyan v.*
9 *Porsche Cars N. Am., Inc.*, No. CV 11-09411 SJO, 2012 WL 280585, at *2 (C.D. Cal.
10 Jan. 30, 2012).

11 **III. The Other Prerequisites for Removal Are Satisfied.**

12 This Notice of Removal is timely filed. The relevant statute provides that
13 “[e]ach defendant shall have 30 days after receipt ... of the initial pleading ... to file
14 the notice of removal.” 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2)(B). Plaintiff filed the Complaint with
15 the state court on March 6, 2018. Neither of the Defendants has been served with a
16 copy of the Summons or Complaint, as of the date of the filing of this Notice of
17 Removal.

18 This action is properly removed to the United States District Court for the
19 Central District of California, Western Division, which is “the district and division
20 embracing the place where [the] action is pending.” 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a); *see also* 28
21 U.S.C. § 84(c)(2) (listing the counties within the Western Division of the Central
22 District of California).

23 Title 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), requires a copy of all process, pleadings, and orders
24 served upon the removing defendant in the state court action (Case No. BC 696568)
25 to be included with this Notice of Removal. EC was not served with any of the
26 papers. However, EC has obtained from the California Superior Court the following
27 papers, and has attached them hereto as **Exhibit 1**, Summons and Complaint, and
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1 **Exhibit 2**, Civil Case Cover Sheet, Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum, Peremptory
2 Challenge, Notice of Case Management Conference and Order to Show Cause.

3 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a Notice to Adverse Party of Removal to
4 Federal Court, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**, together with this Notice of Removal,
5 will be served upon counsel for Plaintiff and Defendant Trump, and will be filed with
6 the clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles.

7 By filing this Notice of Removal, EC does not waive its right to seek to compel
8 arbitration, or to object to jurisdiction over the person, or venue, and specifically
9 reserves the right to assert any defenses and/or objections to which it may be qualified
10 to assert.

11 If any question arises as to the propriety of the removal of this action, EC
12 respectfully requests the opportunity to submit briefing and oral argument and to
13 conduct discovery in support of its position that subject matter jurisdiction exists.
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15 Dated: March 16, 2018

BLAKELY LAW GROUP

17 By: /s/ Brent H. Blakely

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20 *EXECUTIVE CONSULTANTS, LLC*
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EXHIBIT 1

ORIGINAL**BY FAX**

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**SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)**FOR COURT USE ONLY
(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)**FILED**Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

MAR 07 2018

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk

By M. Soto, Deputy
Moses Soto**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**DONALD J. TRUMP a.k.a. DAVID DENNISON, an individual,
(See Attachment SUM-200(A) to Summons)**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**STEPHANIE CLIFFORD a.k.a. STORMY DANIELS a.k.a. PEGGY
PETERSON, an individual**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

BC696568

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT
111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Michael J. Avenatti, Avenatti & Associates APC, 520 Newport Center Dr Ste 1400 Newport Beach CA 92660

DATE:
(Fecha)

MAR 07 2018

SHERRI R. CARTER

Clerk, by
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Deputy
(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

**NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served**

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
3. ☐ on behalf of (specify):

under: <input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.10 (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> CCP 416.60 (minor)
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<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):	
4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

SUM-200(A)

SHORT TITLE: CLIFFORD v. TRUMP, et al.	CASE NUMBER: BC696568
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

- This form may be used as an attachment to any summons if space does not permit the listing of all parties on the summons.
- If this attachment is used, insert the following statement in the plaintiff or defendant box on the summons: "Additional Parties Attachment form is attached."

List additional parties (Check only one box. Use a separate page for each type of party.):

☐ Plaintiff
 ☒ Defendant
 ☐ Cross-Complainant
 ☐ Cross-Defendant

ESSENTIAL CONSULTANTS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

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11 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
12 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

13 STEPHANIE CLIFFORD a.k.a. STORMY
14 DANIELS a.k.a. PEGGY PETERSON, an
15 individual,

16 Plaintiff,

17 vs.

18 DONALD J. TRUMP a.k.a. DAVID DENNISON,
19 an individual, ESSENTIAL CONSULTANTS,
20 LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, and
21 DOES 1 through 10, inclusive

22 Defendants.

Case No.

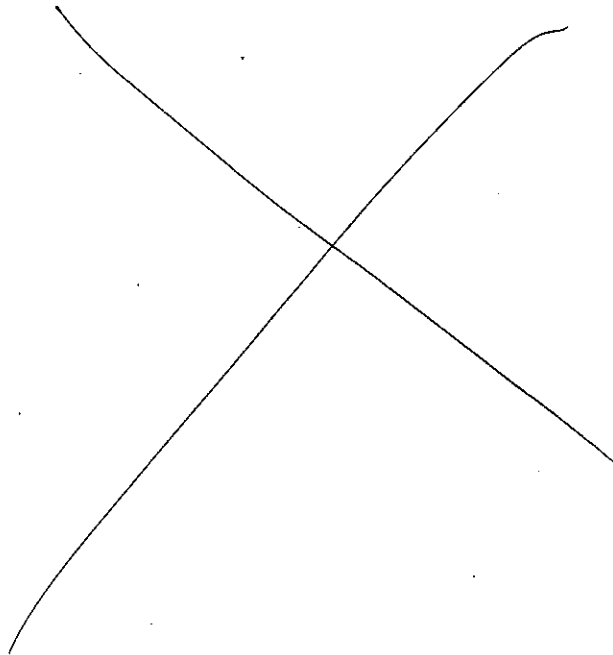
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**COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY
RELIEF**

03/06/18

CIT/CASE: BC696568
LEA/DEF#:

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PAYMENT: \$435.00 310
RECEIVED:
CHECK: \$435.00
CASH: \$0.00
CHANGE: \$0.00
CARD: \$0.00



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1 Plaintiff Stephanie Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels a.k.a. Peggy Peterson ("Ms. Clifford" or
2 "Plaintiff") hereby alleges the following:

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4 **THE PARTIES**

5 1. Plaintiff Ms. Clifford, an individual, is a resident of the State of Texas.

6 2. Defendant Donald J. Trump a.k.a. David Dennison ("Mr. Trump"), an individual, is a
7 resident of the District of Columbia (among other places).

8 3. Defendant Essential Consultants, LLC ("EC") is a Delaware limited liability company
9 formed on October 17, 2016.

10 4. Mr. Trump and EC together shall be referred to hereafter as "Defendants."

11 5. The true names and capacities of the defendants DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,
12 whether individual, plural, corporate, partnership, associate or otherwise, are not known to Plaintiff,
13 who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to
14 amend this Complaint to show the true names and capacities of defendants DOES 1 through 10,
15 inclusive, when the same have been ascertained.

16 6. Plaintiff is also informed and believe and thereon alleges that DOES 1 to 10 were the
17 agents, principals, and/or alter egos of Defendants, at all times herein relevant, and that they are
18 therefore liable for the acts and omissions of Defendants.

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20 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

21 7. Jurisdiction for this matter properly lies with this Court because Plaintiff seeks
22 declaratory relief.

23 8. Venue is appropriate in the County of Los Angeles, and this Court has personal
24 jurisdiction over Defendants and each of them, by reason of the fact that, among other things, (a) the
25 alleged agreement that is at issue in this Complaint was purportedly made and negotiated, at least in
26 substantial part, in the County of Los Angeles, and (b) many of the events giving rise to this action
27 arose in California, including within the County of Los Angeles.
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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

9. Ms. Clifford began an intimate relationship with Mr. Trump in the Summer of 2006 in Lake Tahoe and continued her relationship with Mr. Trump well into the year 2007. This relationship included, among other things, at least one “meeting” with Mr. Trump in a bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel located within Los Angeles County.

10. In 2015, Mr. Trump announced his candidacy for President of the United States.

11. On July 19, 2016, Mr. Trump secured the Republican Party nomination for President.

12. On October 7, 2016, the Washington Post published a video, now infamously known as the *Access Hollywood Tape*, depicting Mr. Trump making lewd remarks about women. In it, Mr. Trump described his attempt to seduce a married woman and how he may start kissing a woman that he and his companion were about to meet. He then added: “I don’t even wait. And when you’re a star, they let you do it, you can do anything . . .”

13. Within days of the publication of the *Access Hollywood Tape*, several women came forward publicly to tell their personal stories about their sexual encounters with Mr. Trump.

14. Around this time, Ms. Clifford likewise sought to share details concerning her relationship and encounters with Mr. Trump with various media outlets.

15. As a result of Ms. Clifford’s efforts aimed at publicly disclosing her story and her communications with various media outlets, Ms. Clifford’s plans came to the attention of Mr. Trump and his campaign, including Mr. Michael Cohen, an attorney licensed in the State of New York. Mr. Cohen worked as the “top attorney” at the Trump Organization from 2007 until after the election and presently serves as Mr. Trump’s personal attorney. He is also generally referred to as Mr. Trump’s “fixer.”

16. After discovering Ms. Clifford’s plans, Mr. Trump, with the assistance of his attorney Mr. Cohen, aggressively sought to silence Ms. Clifford as part of an effort to avoid her telling the truth, thus helping to ensure he won the Presidential Election. Mr. Cohen subsequently prepared a draft non-disclosure agreement and presented it to Ms. Clifford and her attorney (the “Hush Agreement”). Ms. Clifford at the time was represented by counsel in California whose office is located in Beverly Hills, California within the County of Los Angeles.

1 17. The parties named in the Hush Agreement were Ms. Clifford, Mr. Trump, and Essential
2 Consultants LLC. As noted above, Essential Consultants LLC ("EC") was formed on October 17,
3 2016, just weeks before the 2016 presidential election. On information and belief, EC was created by
4 Mr. Cohen with Mr. Trump's knowledge for one purpose – to hide the true source of funds to be used
5 to pay Ms. Clifford, thus further insulating Mr. Trump from later discovery and scrutiny.

6 18. By design of Mr. Cohen, the Hush Agreement used aliases to refer to Ms. Clifford and
7 Mr. Trump. Specifically, Ms. Clifford was referred to by the alias "Peggy Peterson" or "PP." Mr.
8 Trump, on the other hand, was referred to by the alias "David Dennison" or "DD."

9 19. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the Hush Agreement, titled
10 Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release; Assignment of Copyright and Non-
11 Disparagement [sic] Agreement. Exhibit 1 is incorporated herein by this reference and made a part of
12 this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

13 20. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of the draft Side Letter
14 Agreement, which was Exhibit A to the Hush Agreement. Exhibit 2 is incorporated herein by this
15 reference and made a part of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

16 21. Importantly, the Hush Agreement imposed various conditions and obligations not only
17 on Ms. Clifford, but also on Mr. Trump. The agreement also required the signature of all parties to the
18 agreement, including that of Mr. Trump. Moreover, as is customary, it was widely understood at all
19 times that unless all of the parties signed the documents as required, the Hush Agreement, together
20 with all of its terms and conditions, was null and void.

21 22. On or about October 28, 2016, only days before the election, two of the parties signed
22 the Hush Agreement - Ms. Clifford and Mr. Cohen (on behalf of EC). Mr. Trump, however, did not
23 sign the agreement, thus rendering it legally null and void and of no consequence. On information and
24 belief, despite having detailed knowledge of the Hush Agreement and its terms, including the
25 proposed payment of monies to Ms. Clifford and the routing of those monies through EC, Mr. Trump
26 purposely did not sign the agreement so he could later, if need be, publicly disavow any knowledge of
27 the Hush Agreement and Ms. Clifford.
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1 23. Despite Mr. Trump's failure to sign the Hush Agreement, Mr. Cohen proceeded to
2 cause \$130,000.00 to be wired to the trust account of Ms. Clifford's attorney. He did so even though
3 there was no legal agreement and thus no written nondisclosure agreement whereby Ms. Clifford was
4 restricted from disclosing the truth about Mr. Trump.

5 24. Mr. Trump was elected President of the United States on November 8, 2016.

6 25. In January 2018, certain details of the draft Hush Agreement emerged in the news
7 media, including, among other things, the existence of the draft agreement, the parties to the draft
8 agreement, and the \$130,000.00 payment provided for under the draft agreement. Also in January
9 2018, and concerned the truth would be disclosed, Mr. Cohen, through intimidation and coercive
10 tactics, forced Ms. Clifford into signing a false statement wherein she stated that reports of her
11 relationship with Mr. Trump were false.

12 26. On or about February 13, 2018, Mr. Cohen issued a public statement regarding Ms.
13 Clifford, the existence of the Hush Agreement, and details concerning the Hush Agreement. He did so
14 without any consent by Ms. Clifford, thus evidencing Mr. Cohen's apparent position (at least in that
15 context) that no binding agreement was in place. Among other things, Mr. Cohen stated: "In a private
16 transaction in 2016, I used my own personal funds to facilitate a payment of \$130,000 to Ms.
17 Stephanie Clifford. Neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the
18 transaction with Ms. Clifford, and neither reimbursed me for the payment, either directly or
19 indirectly." Mr. Cohen concluded his statement with lawyer speak: "Just because something isn't
20 true doesn't mean that it can't cause you harm or damage. *I will always protect Mr. Trump.*"
21 (emphasis added).

22 27. Importantly, at no time did Mr. Cohen claim Ms. Clifford did not have an intimate
23 relationship with Mr. Trump. Indeed, were he to make such a statement, it would be patently false.

24 28. Because the agreement was never formed and/or is null and void, no contractual
25 obligations were imposed on any of the parties to the agreement, including any obligations to keep
26 information confidential. Moreover, to the extent any such obligations did exist, they were breached
27 and/or excused by Mr. Cohen and his public statements to the media.
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1 29. To be clear, the attempts to intimidate Ms. Clifford into silence and “shut her up” in
2 order to “protect Mr. Trump” continue unabated. For example, only days ago on or about February
3 27, 2018, Mr. Trump’s attorney Mr. Cohen surreptitiously initiated a bogus arbitration proceeding
4 against Ms. Clifford in Los Angeles. Remarkably, he did so without even providing Ms. Clifford with
5 notice of the proceeding and basic due process.

6 30. Put simply, considerable steps have been taken by Mr. Cohen in the last week to
7 silence Ms. Clifford through the use of an improper and procedurally defective arbitration proceeding
8 hidden from public view. The extent of Mr. Trump’s involvement in these efforts is presently
9 unknown, but it strains credibility to conclude that Mr. Cohen is acting on his own accord without the
10 express approval and knowledge of his client Mr. Trump.

11 31. Indeed, Rule 1.4 of New York Rules of Professional Conduct governing attorneys has
12 required Mr. Cohen *at all times* to promptly communicate all material information relating to the
13 matter to Mr. Trump, including but not limited to “any decision or circumstance with respect to which
14 [Mr. Trump’s] informed consent [was] required” and “material developments in the matter including
15 settlement or plea offers.” Moreover, this same Rule required Mr. Cohen *at all times* to “reasonably
16 consult with [Mr. Trump] about the means by which [his] objectives are to be accomplished” and to
17 “keep [Mr. Trump] reasonably informed about the status of the matter.”

18 32. Accordingly, unless Mr. Cohen flagrantly violated his ethical obligations and the most
19 basic rules governing his license to practice law (which is highly unlikely), there can be no doubt that
20 Mr. Trump *at all times* has been fully aware of the negotiations with Ms. Clifford, the existence and
21 terms of the Hush Agreement, the payment of the \$130,000.00, the use of EC as a conduit, and the
22 recent attempts to intimidate and silence Ms. Clifford by way of the bogus arbitration proceeding.

23 33. Because there was never a valid agreement and thus, no agreement to arbitrate, any
24 subsequent order obtained by Mr. Cohen and/or Mr. Trump in arbitration is of no consequence or
25 effect.
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Declaratory Relief

(Against all Defendants)

34. Plaintiff restates and re-alleges each and every allegation in Paragraphs 1 through 33 above as if fully set forth herein.

35. This action concerns the legal significance, if any, of the documents attached hereto as Exhibit 1, entitled Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release; Assignment of Copyright and Non-Disparagement [sic] Agreement, and Exhibit 2, entitled Side Letter Agreement.

36. California Code of Civil Procedure section 1060 authorizes declaratory relief for any person who desires a declaration of rights or duties with respect to one another. In cases of actual controversy relating to the legal rights and duties of the respective parties, such a person may seek a judicial declaration of his or her rights and duties relative to an instrument or contract, or alleged contract, including a determination of any question of construction or validity arising under the instrument or contract, or alleged contract. This includes a determination of whether a contract was ever formed.

37. An actual controversy exists between Plaintiff and Defendants as to their rights and duties to each other. Accordingly, a declaration is necessary and proper at this time.

38. Specifically, Plaintiff seeks an order of this Court declaring that the agreements in the forms set out in Exhibits 1 and 2 between Plaintiff and Defendants were never formed, and therefore do not exist, because, among other things, Mr. Trump never signed the agreements. Nor did Mr. Trump provide any other valid consideration. He thus never assented to the duties, obligations, and conditions the agreements purportedly imposed upon him. Plaintiff contends that, as a result, she is not bound by any of the duties, obligations, or conditions set forth in Exhibits 1 and 2. Moreover, as a further result, there is no agreement to arbitrate between the parties.

39. In the alternative, Plaintiff seeks an order of this Court declaring that the agreements in the forms set out in Exhibits 1 and 2 are invalid, unenforceable, and/or void under the doctrine of unconscionability. Plaintiff contends that, as a result, she is not bound by any of the duties,

1 obligations, or conditions set forth in Exhibits 1 and 2. Moreover, as a further result, there is no
2 agreement to arbitrate between the parties.

3 40. In the further alternative, Plaintiff seeks an order of this Court declaring that the
4 agreements in the forms set out in Exhibits 1 and 2 are invalid, unenforceable, and/or void because
5 they are illegal and/or violate public policy. Plaintiff contends that, as a result, she is not bound by
6 any of the duties, obligations, or conditions set forth in Exhibits 1 and 2. Moreover, as a further result,
7 there is no agreement to arbitrate between the parties.

8 41. Defendants dispute these contentions.

9 42. Accordingly, Ms. Clifford desires a judicial determination of her rights and duties with
10 respect to the alleged agreements in the forms set out in Exhibits 1 and 2.

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12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, declaring
14 that no agreement was formed between the parties, or in the alternative, to the extent an agreement
15 was formed, it is void, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable.

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17 **ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 1. For a judgment declaring that no agreement was formed between the parties, or in the
19 alternative, to the extent an agreement was formed, it is void, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable.

20 2. For costs of suit; and

21 3. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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23 DATED: March 6, 2018

AVENATTI & ASSOCIATES, APC

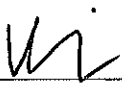
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EXHIBIT 1

**CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AND MUTUAL RELEASE; ASSIGNMENT OF
COPYRIGHT AND NON-DISPARAGEMENT
AGREEMENT**

1.0 THE PARTIES

1.1 This Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (hereinafter, this "Agreement") is made and deemed effective as of the 24 day of October, 2016, by and between "EC, LLC" and/or DAVID DENNISON, (DD), on the one part, and PEGGY PETERSON, (PP), on the other part. ("EC, LLC," "DD" and "PP" are pseudonyms whose true identity will be acknowledged in a Side Letter Agreement attached hereto as "EXHIBIT A") This Agreement is entered into with reference to the facts and circumstances contained in the following recitals.

2.0 RECITALS

2.1 Prior to entering into this Agreement, PP came into possession of certain "Confidential Information" pertaining to DD, as more fully defined below, only some of which is in tangible form, which includes, but is not limited to information, certain still images and/or text messages which were authored by or relate to DD (collectively the "Property", each as more fully defined below but which all are included and attached hereto as Exhibit "1" to the Side Letter Agreement).

2.2 (a) PP claims that she has been damaged by DD's alleged actions against her, including but not limited to tort claims proximately causing injury to her person and other related claims. DD denies all such claims. (Hereinafter "PP Claims").

(b) DD claims that he has been damaged by PP's alleged actions against him, including but not limited to the alleged threatened selling, transferring, licensing, publicly disseminating and/or exploiting the Images and/or Property and/or other Confidential Information relating to DD, all without the knowledge, consent or authorization of DD. PP denies all such claims. (Hereinafter "DD Claims").

(c) The PP Claims and the DD Claims are hereinafter collectively referred to as "The Released Claims."

2.3 DD desires to acquire, and PP desires to sell, transfer and turn-over to DD, any and all tangible copies of the Property and any and all physical and intellectual property rights in and to all of the Property. As a condition of DD releasing any claims against PP related to this matter, PP agrees to sell and transfer to DD all and each of her rights in and to such Property. PP agrees to deliver each and every existing copy of all tangible Property to DD (and permanently delete any electronic copies that can not be transferred), and agrees that she shall not possess, nor directly nor indirectly disclose convey, transfer or assign Property or any Confidential Information to any Third Party, as more fully provided herein.

2.4 It is the intention of the Parties that Confidential Information, as defined herein, shall remain confidential as expressly provided hereinbelow. The Parties expressly acknowledge, agree and understand that the Confidentiality provisions herein and the

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representations and warranties made by PP herein and the execution by her of the Assignment & Transfer of Copyright are at the essence of this Settlement Agreement and are a material inducement to DD's entry into this Agreement, absent which DD would not enter into this Agreement. DD expects and requires that PP never communicate with him or his family for any reason whatsoever.

2.5 The Parties wish to avoid the time, expense, and inconvenience of potential litigation, and to resolve any and all disputes and potential legal claims which exist or may exist between them, as of the date of this Agreement including but not limited to the PP Claims and/or the DD Claims. The Parties agree that the claims released include but are not limited to DD's Claims against PP as relates to PP having allowed, whether intentionally, unintentionally or negligently, anyone else other than those listed in section 4.2 herein below to become aware of the existence of and content of the Property, to have gained possession of the Property, and to PP's having allegedly engaged in efforts to disclose, disseminate and/or commercially exploit the Images and/or Property and/or Confidential Information, and any harm suffered by DD therefrom. The Parties agree that the claims released include but are not limited to PP's Claims against DD as relates to DD having allowed, whether intentionally, unintentionally or negligently, anyone else to have interfered with PP's right to privacy or any other right that PP may possess.


2.6 These Recitals are essential, integral and material terms of this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be construed with respect thereto. The Parties enter into this Agreement in consideration of the promises, covenants and conditions set forth herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged. It is an essential element of this Settlement Agreement that the Parties shall never directly or indirectly communicate with each other or attempt to contact their respective families. This matter, the existence of this Settlement Agreement and its terms are strictly confidential.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties adopt the foregoing recitals as a statement of their intent and in consideration of the promises and covenants contained herein, and further agree as follows:

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3.0 SETTLEMENT TERMS

3.0.1.1 EC, LLC SHALL PAY TO PP \$130,000.00 U.S.D. AS FOLLOWS:

- 3.0.1.1.1 \$130,000.00 USD shall be wired into PP's Attorney's Attorney Client Trust Account on or before 1600 hrs. PST on 10/27/16. (Hereinafter "Gross Settlement Amount"). PP's Attorney's Wiring Instructions are:

Bank Name:	City National Bank
Bank Address:	8641 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90211
ABA Routing No:	122016066
Beneficiary Account Name:	Keith M. Davidson & Associates, PLC, Attorney Client Trust Account
Beneficiary Account No:	600106201
Beneficiary Address:	8383 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 510 Beverly Hills, CA 90211
SWIFT Code:	CINA US6L

- 3.0.1.1.2 Keith M. Davidson, Esq. shall receive the Gross Settlement Amount in Trust. No portion of the Gross Settlement Amount shall be disbursed by Attorney for PP unless and until PP executes all required Settlement Documents.

3.1 Undertakings & Obligations by PP. PP will do each of the following by 11/01/16:

- (a) PP shall execute this Agreement and return a signed copy to DD:
- (b) PP shall transfer and/or assign any and all rights in and to the Property to DD (as set forth hereinbelow), and execute an Assignment & Transfer of Copyright, in the form attached hereto, and return a signed copy of same to DD's counsel;
- (c) PP shall deliver to DD every existing copy of all tangible Property. PP shall completely divest herself of any and all artistic media, impressions, paintings, video images, still images, e-mail messages, text messages, Instagram message, facebook posting or any other type of creation by DD. PP shall transfer all physical, ownership and intellectual property rights to DD;
 - (1) PP shall deliver to DD any and all non-privileged correspondence concerning or related to DD between PP and any 3rd party.
- (d) PP shall not, at any time from the date of this Agreement forward, directly or indirectly disclose or disseminate any of the Property or any Confidential Information (including confirmation of the fact that it exists or ever existed, and/or confirming any rumors as to any such existence) to any third party, as more fully provided herein.

- (e) PP shall provide to DD (to the extent not already done so and set forth in paragraph 4.2 hereinbelow), summary details disclosing to whom PP (or anyone else on PP's behalf) disclosed, displayed to, disseminated, transferred to, provided a copy to, and/or


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distributed, sold, licensed or otherwise sought to have commercially exploit, the Images and/or Property and/or any Confidential Information.

(f) PP shall provide to DD's counsel the names and contact information of each and any persons or entities who: (i) PP has provided to or who otherwise obtained possession of the original and/or any copies of any of the Images and/or any Property, if any, (ii) to whom PP has scanned the Images and/or any Property at any time, and (iii) to whom PP knows had, has or may potentially have possession of a copy of the Images and/or any Property at any time, including but not limited to the present time (and specify with detail to which of the referenced categories (i.e., possession, shown, past, present, etc.) any name corresponds, the name so relates).

(g) PP shall provide to DD's counsel copies of any agreements and/or other documentation in PP's possession, custody or control, if any, regarding (e) and/or (f) above, that evidences who has or may have been provided a copy of any of the Property.

3.2 Transfer of Property Rights to DD. In further consideration for the promises, covenants and consideration herein, PP hereby transfers and conveys to DD all of PP's respective rights, title and interest in and to the Property, and any and all physical and intellectual property rights related thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, PP does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to DD, his successors and assigns, throughout the universe in perpetuity, all of PP's entire right, title, and interest (including, without limitation, all copyrights and all extensions and renewals of copyrights), of whatever kind or nature in and to the Property, without reservation, condition or limitation, whether or not such rights are now known, recognized or contemplated, and the complete, unconditional and unencumbered ownership and all possessory interest and rights in and to the Property, which includes, but is not limited to the originals, copies, negatives, prints, positive, proof sheets, CD-roms, DVD-roms, duplicates, outtake and the results of any other means of exhibiting, reproducing, storing, recording and/or archiving any of the Property or related material, together with all rights of action and claims for damages and benefits arising because of any infringement of the copyright to the Property, and assigns and releases to DD any and all other proprietary rights and usage rights PP may own or hold in the copyright and/or Property, or any other right in or to the Property. PP assigns and transfers to DD all of the rights herein granted, without reservation, condition or limitation, and agrees that PP reserves no right of any kind, nature or description related to the Property and contents therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any of the rights herein granted are subject to termination under section 203 of the Copyright Act, or any similar provisions of the Act or subsequent amendments thereof, PP hereby agrees to re-grant such rights to DD immediately upon such termination. All rights granted herein or agreed to be granted hereunder shall vest in DD immediately and shall remain vested in perpetuity. DD shall have the right to freely assign, sell, transfer or destroy the Property as he desires. DD shall have the right to register sole copyright in and to any of the Property with the US Copyright Office. DD shall also have the right, in respect to the Property, to add to, subtract from, change, arrange, revise, adapt, into any and all form of expression or tangible communication, and the right to combine any of the Property with any other works of any kind and/or to create derivative works with any of the Property, and to do with it as she so deems. To the fullest extent allowable under the applicable law, PP shall irrevocably waive and assign to DD any of PP's so-called "moral rights" or "droit moral" (laws for the protection of copyrights outside of the United States), if any, or any similar rights under any principles of law which PP may now have or later have in the Property. With respect to and in furtherance of the above, PP agrees to and shall execute and deliver to DD an

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"Assignment & Transfer of Copyright", in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "B". For greater certainty the foregoing assignment shall be applicable worldwide.

3.2.1 Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph 3.2, and without in anyway limiting or diminishing from the full transfer and assignment of rights therein without reservation, the Parties understand the purpose of the transfer of rights is to provide DD the fullest possible ability and remedies to prevent and protect against any publication and/or dissemination of the Property.

3.3 Delivery of the Property to DD. Concurrently upon execution of this Agreement, PP, as applicable, shall deliver to DD, by delivery to his counsel herein, all of the Property which is embodied in tangible form (all originals and duplicates), whether documents, canvasses, paper art, digital copies, letters, prints, electronic data, films, tapes, CD-Roms, DVD-Roms, Images recording tapes, photographs, negatives, originals, duplicates, contact sheets, audio recordings, Images recordings, magnetic data, computerized data, digital recordings, or other recorded medium or any other format of embodying information or data. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such tangible Property shall include all documents as defined by California Evidence Code §250 which contain any of the Property. PP represents and warrants that the materials delivered pursuant to the terms of this Paragraph 3.3 comprise the totality of all existing originals and duplicates of all Property in any tangible form, whether within their possession, custody or control, and including otherwise (and that PP knows of no other copies or possible or potential copies not in PP's possession and control and delivered pursuant to this paragraph), and that upon such delivery to DD, PP shall not maintain possession, custody or control of any copy of all or any portion of any tangible Property. The Property Delivered under this Paragraph shall become Exhibit 1 to the Side Letter Agreement. For avoidance of any doubt, PP, nor her attorney are entitled to retain possession of said Property after execution of this Agreement. The retention of said Property by PP is a material breach of this agreement.

3.3.1 This Agreement is conditioned on PP's compliance with each and every term of the Settlement Agreement including Paragraph 3.3 and the personal verification by DD or his attorney of the Images and that the Images are comprised of and captures the content previously represented to his counsel to exist and be captured therein (i.e., text messages between PP and DD)), all of which terms are essential and material.

4.0 CONFIDENTIALITY & REPRESENTATIONS & WARRANTIES.

4.1 Definition of Confidential Information. "Confidential Information" means and includes each and all of the following:

(a) All *intangible* information pertaining to DD and/or his family, (including but not limited to his children or any alleged children or any of his alleged sexual partners, alleged sexual actions or alleged sexual conduct or related matters),and/or friends learned, obtained, or acquired by PP, including without limitation information contained in letters, e-mails, text messages, agreements, documents, audio or Images recordings, electronic data, and photographs;

(b) All *intangible* information pertaining to the existence and content of the Property;


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(c) All *intangible* private information (*i.e.*, information not generally available to and/or known by the general public) relating and/or pertaining to DD, including without limitation DD's business information, familial information, any of his alleged sexual partners, alleged sexual actions or alleged sexual conduct, related matters or paternity information, legal matters, contractual information, personal information, private social life, lifestyle, private conduct, (all information/items in 4.1 "(a)", "(b)" and "(c)" are sometimes collectively referred to as, "Intangible Confidential Information");

(d) All *tangible* materials of any kind containing information pertaining to DD learned, obtained, participated or acquired by PP, including without limitation letters, agreements, documents, audio or Images recordings, electronic data, and photographs, canvas art, paper art, or art in any other form on any media. The Images and Photos and all information/items in 4.1(d) are collectively referred to as, the "Property" and/or the "Tangible Confidential Information");

4.2 PP's Representations & Warranties Regarding Prior Disclosures of Tangible Confidential Information. PP represents and warrants that prior to entry into this Agreement, PP has directly or indirectly disclosed any *Tangible* an/or *Intangible* Confidential Information (*i.e.*, any of the Property), to any Third Party, including without limitation disclosure or indirect disclosure of the content of such Confidential Information in tangible form, other than the following persons or entities to whom PP has made such prior disclosures (herein "PP Disclosed Individuals/Entities"):

- a) Mike Mosney
- b) Angel Ryan
- c) Gina Rodriguez
- d) Keith Munyan
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____
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PP shall not be responsible for any subsequent public disclosure of any of the Confidential Information (a) attributable directly to each of them; and/or (b) not disclosed hereinabove as a previously disclosed PP Disclosed Individuals/Entities, and any such disclosure shall be deemed a breach of this Agreement by PP. For greater clarity, PP must not induce, promote or actively inspire anyone to disclose Confidential Information.

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4.3 Representations & Warranties and Agreements.

(a) Representations & Warranties and Agreements By DD. The following agreements, warranties and representations are made by DD as material inducements to PP to enter into this Agreement, and each Party acknowledges that she/he is executing this Agreement in reliance thereon:

(b) DD warrants and represents that, as relates to or in connection with any of PP's attempts to sell, exploit and/or disseminate the Property prior to the date of this Agreement, DD and his counsel will refrain (i) from pursuing any civil action against PP, and/or (ii) absent a direct inquiry from law enforcement, from disclosing PP's name to the authorities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if DD is informed that or should or if it is believed that either of PP has possession, custody and/or control of any of the Property after the date of this Agreement and/or transferred any copies to any Third Party, and/or it is believed that any of PP, whether directly or indirectly, intends the release, use, display, dissemination, disclosure or exploitation, whether actual, threatened or rumored, of any for the Property, then DD and his counsel shall be entitled to, at DD's sole discretion, (i) contact the respective member of PP, including with legal demands and related statements of liability and legal action, and/or (ii) advance a civil action against the respective member of PP, and/or (iii) disclose any of PP's name to the authorities.

4.3.2 Representations & Warranties and Agreements By PP. The following agreements, warranties and representations are made by PP as material inducements to DD to enter into this Agreement, without which DD would not enter into this Agreement and without which DD would not agree to pay any monies whatsoever hereunder, and with the express acknowledgment that DD is executing this Agreement in reliance on the agreements, warranties, and representations herein which are at the essence of this Agreement, including, the following:

(a) PP agrees and warrants and represents that PP will permanently cease and desist from any efforts to and/or attempting to and/or engaging in and/or arranging the use, License, distribution, dissemination or sale of any of the Confidential Information and/or Property, including any Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD;

(b) PP agrees and warrants and represents that PP will permanently cease and desist from any posting or dissemination or display of the Confidential Information, Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD and/or Property, including the Images (including, but not limited to, to any form media outlet, on any blog or posting board, on the Internet, or otherwise);

(c) PP agrees and warrants and represents that PP will permanently cease and desist from using or disseminating or disclosing any information to any Third Persons (including, but not limited to, to any media outlet, on any blog or posting board, on the Internet, or otherwise) about any details of or as to the contents of the Confidential Information, Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD and/or Property, including any Text Messages, and/or as to any other personal details of or about or pertaining to DD and/or his family and/or friends and/or social interactions;

(d) PP agrees and warrants and represents that PP will permanently cease and desist from and will not, at any time, make any use of or reference to the name, image or likeness


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of DD in any manner whatsoever, including without limitation, through any print or electronic media of any kind or nature for any purpose, including, but not limited to, on any websites;

(e) PP agrees and warrants and represents that any and all existing copies of the Images, Text Messages and any Property (other than as expressly specified in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 herein) have been turned over and provided to counsel; and PP further warrants and represents that the only copy of the Images and Property that has ever existed, at any time, has been turned over to DD's counsel pursuant to this Agreement, and the Images and any Property has never been transferred to or existed in any other form, including not in electronic form, nor on any computer, or electronic device and other storage media;

(f) PP warrants and represents that PP has not provided any copies, whether hard-copy or electronic copies, of the Property to anyone other than as specified in paragraph 4.2 herein);


(g) PP warrants and represents that the information PP is obligated to provide pursuant to the terms herein will be complete and truthful;

(h) PP warrants and represents that PP has not omitted or withheld any information that PP is obligated to provide pursuant to the terms herein;

(i) PP warrants and represents that PP has not contracted to earn and/or collect any monies as compensation from the sell, license and/or any other exploitation of the Images and/or any Property and/or any Confidential Information, Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD nor any monies as compensation or an advance for any efforts to sell, license and/or any other exploitation of the Images and/or any Property and/or any Confidential Information or any Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD;

(j) PP warrants and represents that PP has not assigned nor transferred, either in whole or in part, any purported rights in or to the Images and/or any Property to any other person or entity, other than to DD pursuant to this Agreement.

4.3.3 Agreement By PP Not to Disclose/Use Confidential Information, Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD. As further material inducements for DD to enter into this Agreement, PP agrees, represents and warrants that she shall not directly or indirectly, verbally or otherwise, publish, disseminate, disclose, post or cause to be published, disseminated, disclosed, or posted (herein "disclose"), any Confidential Information or Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD to any person, group, firm or entity whatsoever, including, but not limited to, family members, friends, associates, journalists, media organizations, newspapers, magazines, publications, television or radio stations, publishers, databases, blogs, websites, posting boards, and any other enterprise involved in the print, wire or electronic media, including individuals working directly or indirectly for, or on behalf of, any of said persons or entities ("Third Parties" and/or Third Party"). In no event shall PP be relieved of such party's confidentiality obligations herein by virtue of any breach or alleged breach of this Agreement. In no event shall any dispute in connection with this Agreement relieve PP of her confidentiality obligations arising pursuant to this Agreement, and any disclosure of Confidential Information and/or Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD in connection with any such


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proceeding or dispute shall constitute a breach of this Agreement. PP shall use their best efforts to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information in connection with any such proceeding or dispute.

4.3.4 Any direct or indirect disclosure of Confidential Information or Tangible and/or Intangible Confidential information created by or relating to DD to any Third Party by PP and/or any of her representatives, heirs, agents, children, family members, relatives, confidants, advisors, employees, attorneys, transferors, transferees, successors or assigns, and/or any friend of any of PP (collectively "PP Group"), after the date of this Agreement, shall be deemed a disclosure by PP in breach of the terms of this Agreement, entitling the non-breaching Party to all rights and remedies set forth herein.

4.3.5 PP separately and further warrants and represent that, prior to entering into this Agreement, that she has not written, published, caused to be published, or authorized the writing, publication, broadcast, transmission or public dissemination of any interview, article, essay, book, memoir, story, photograph, film, script, Images tape, biography, documentary, whether written, oral, digital or visual, whether fictionalized or not, about the opposing Party to this Agreement or their family, whether truthful, laudatory, defamatory, disparaging, deprecating or neutral, which discloses any Confidential Information and/or which includes any description or depiction of any kind whatsoever whether fictionalized or not, about any Party to this agreement or their respective family, other than as expressly disclosed by PP hereto in writing and as set forth herein in paragraph 4.2 above.

4.3.6 Agreement By PP Not to Disparage DD. PP hereby irrevocably agrees and covenants that she shall not, directly or indirectly, publicly disparage DD, nor write, publish, cause to be published, or authorize, consult about or with or otherwise be involved in the writing, publication, broadcast, transmission or dissemination of any book, memoir, letter, story, photograph, film, script, Images, interview, article, essay, biography, diary, journal, documentary, or other written, oral, digital or visual account or description or depiction of any kind whatsoever whether fictionalized or not, about DD or his family, whether truthful, laudatory, defamatory, disparaging, deprecating or neutral. PP further warrants and represents that PP has not and will not enter into any written or oral agreement with any third party purportedly requiring or obligating PP to do so. For greater clarity PP will never discuss with anyone the contents of this Settlement Agreement, nor will she voluntarily confirm the existence of this Settlement Agreement.

4.4 Disclosure Of Confidential Information Is Prohibited: The Parties to this Agreement hereby recognize and agree that substantial effort and expense have been dedicated to limit the efforts of the press, other media, and the public to learn of personal and business affairs involving DD. PP further acknowledges that any future disclosure of Confidential Information to any Third Party would constitute a serious and material breach of the terms of this Agreement, and shall constitute a breach of trust and confidence, invasion of privacy, and a misappropriation of exclusive property rights, and may also constitute fraud and deceit. Some of the Confidential Information may also constitute and include proprietary business information and trade secrets which have independent economic value. The Parties hereto acknowledge that any unauthorized use, dissemination or disclosure of Confidential Information, or the fabrication and dissemination of false and/or misleading information, about DD would result in irreparable injury to him, and would be injurious to a reasonable person, and/or would constitute an injurious violation of the right of privacy or publicity, and/or would be injurious to his business,

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profession, person, family and/or career. The Parties acknowledge that substantial and valuable property rights and other proprietary interests in the exclusive possession, ownership and use of Confidential Information, and recognizes and acknowledges that such Confidential Information is a proprietary, valuable, special and unique asset which belongs to DD and to which the PP has no claim of ownership or other interest.

4.4.1 Disclosures Permitted By PP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, PP shall only be permitted to disclose Confidential Information to another person or entity only if compelled to do so by valid legal process, including without limitation a subpoena duces tecum or similar legal compulsion, provided that PP shall not make any such disclosure unless PP has first provided DD with notice of such order or legal process not less than ten (10) days in advance of the required date of disclosure pursuant to the Written Notice provisions set forth hereinbelow, providing DD with an opportunity to intervene and with full and complete cooperation should she choose to oppose such disclosure. PP agrees that if the valid legal process can be stopped by her consent or at her behest then PP shall agree to use best efforts to avoid the disclosure of the Confidential Information.

5.0 REMEDIES

5.1 DD's Remedies for Breach of Agreement. Each breach or threatened breach (e.g., conduct by PP reflecting that said person intends to breach the Agreement), including without limitation by breach of any representation or warranty, by failing to deliver to DD all tangible Property as required, by the disclosure or threatened disclosure of any Confidential Information to any Third Party by PP (herein "Prohibited Communication"), or otherwise, shall render PP liable to DD for any and all damages and injuries incurred as a result thereof, including but not limited to the following, all of which rights and remedies shall be cumulative:

5.1.1 Disgorgement of Monies: In the event an Arbitrator determines there has been a breach or threatened breach of this Agreement by PP, PP shall be obligated to account to, and to disgorge and turn over to DD any and all monies, profits, or other consideration, or benefits, which PP, or anyone on PP's behalf or at PP's direction, directly or indirectly derive from any disclosure or exploitation of any of the Confidential Information; and

5.1.2 Liquidated Damages: PP agrees that any breach or violation of this Settlement Agreement by either of PP individually or the PP Group by his/her/their unauthorized disclosure of any of the Confidential Information (as defined in paragraphs 4.1(a), (b), (c), and (d)) to any Third Party, and/or any unauthorized exploitation or prohibited use of the same, and/or by the breach of and/or by any false representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement, and/or any public disparagement of DD by PP (collectively, the "LD Breach Terms"), shall result in substantial damages and injury to DD, the precise amount of which would be extremely difficult or impracticable to determine, even after the Parties have made a reasonable endeavor to estimate fair compensation for such potential losses and damages to DD. Therefore, in addition to disgorgement of the full amount of all monies or other consideration pursuant to paragraph 5.1.2, in the event an Arbitrator determines there has been a breach of the LD Breach Terms of this Agreement by PP individually or the PP Group, PP shall also be obligated to pay, and agree to pay to DD the sum of One-Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00 as a reasonable and fair amount of liquidated damages to compensate DD for any loss or damage


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resulting from each breach, it being understood that the Liquidated damages calculation is on a per item basis. The Parties agree that such sum bears a reasonable and proximate relationship to the actual damages which DD will or might suffer from each breach of the terms of this Agreement and that this amount is not a penalty. Alternatively, at DD's sole discretion, DD may seek to recover actual damages proximately caused by each such breach, according to proof. Any other breaches not a LD Breach Terms shall be subject to a claim for actual damages according to proof; furthermore, any monies held in Trust by PP's Attorney shall be frozen and shall not be disbursed to PP until the Arbitrator finally resolves the allegation of Breach.

5.1.3 Injunctive Relief. PP acknowledges and agrees that any unauthorized disclosure to Third Parties of any Confidential Information will cause irreparable harm to DD, which damages and injuries will most likely not be measurable or susceptible to calculation. PP further acknowledges and agrees that any breach or threatened breach of this Agreement due to the unauthorized disclosure or threatened disclosure by PP to Third Parties, of any Confidential Information shall entitle DD to immediately obtain, either from the Arbitrator and/ or from any other court of competent jurisdiction, an *ex parte* issuance of a restraining order and preliminary injunction or other similar relief (herein "Injunctive Relief") without advance notice to any of PP, preventing the disclosure or any further disclosure of Confidential Information protected by the terms hereof, pending the decision of the Arbitrator or Court. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that in connection with any such proceeding, any Party may obtain from the Court or Arbitrator on an *ex parte* application or noticed motion without opposition, an order sealing the file in any such proceeding, and the Parties stipulate to the factual and legal basis for issuance of an order sealing the file in any such proceedings. The rights and remedies set forth in this Injunctive Relief Section are without prejudice to any other rights or remedies, legal or equitable, that the Parties may have as a result of any breach of this Agreement.

5.2 Dispute Resolution. In recognition of the mutual benefits to DD and PP of a voluntary system of alternative dispute resolution which involves binding confidential arbitration of all disputes which may arise between them, it is their intention and agreement that any and all claims or controversies arising between DD on the one hand, and PP on the other hand, shall be resolved by binding confidential Arbitration to the greatest extent permitted by law. Arbitration shall take place before JAMS ENDISPUTE ("JAMS") pursuant to JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures (including Interim Measures) ("JAMS Rules") and the law selected by DD, (such selection shall be limited to either, California, Nevada or Arizona), or before ACTION DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES ("ADRS") pursuant to the ADRS Rules (including Interim Measures) and the law selected by DD (whichever the claimant elects upon filing an arbitration), in a the location selected by DD, and will be heard and decided by a sole, neutral arbitrator ("Arbitrator") selected either by agreement of the Parties, or if the Parties are unable to agree, then selected under the Rules of the selected arbitration service. The costs and fees associated with any Arbitrator and/or Arbitration service shall be split equally among the parties to any such dispute. The Parties shall have the right to conduct discovery in accordance with the California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1283.05 *et. seq.* or any similar provision existing in the jurisdiction selected by DD and the written discovery requests and results of discovery shall be deemed to constitute Confidential Information. The Arbitrator shall have the right to impose all legal and equitable remedies that would be available to any Party before any governmental dispute resolution forum or court of competent jurisdiction, including without limitation temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, compensatory damages, liquidated damages, accounting, disgorgement, specific performance, attorneys fees and costs,


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and punitive damages. It is understood and agreed that each of the Parties shall bear his/its own attorneys' fees, expert fees, consulting fees, and other litigation costs (if any) ordinarily associated with legal proceedings taking place in a judicial forum, subject to the Arbitrator's reassessment in favor of the prevailing party to the extent permitted by law. Each of the Parties understands, acknowledges and agrees that by agreeing to arbitration as provided herein, each of the Parties is giving up any right that he/she/it may have to a trial by judge or jury with regard to the matters which are required to be submitted to mandatory and binding Arbitration pursuant to the terms hereof. Each of the Parties further understands, acknowledges and agrees that there is no right to an appeal or a review of an Arbitrator's award as there would be a right of appeal or review of a judge or jury's decision.

6.0 MUTUAL RELEASES

6.1 Except for the rights and obligations of the Parties set forth in this Agreement, DD, for himself, and each of his representatives, agents, assigns, heirs, partners, companies, affiliated companies, employees, insurers and attorneys, absolutely and forever releases and discharges PP, individually, and all of PP's heirs, and PP's attorneys, and each of them ("PP Releasees"), of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, debts, liabilities, accounts, reckonings, obligations, costs (including attorney's fees), expenses, liens, actions and causes of actions of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, from the beginning of time to the effective date of this Agreement, including without limitation any and all matters, facts, claims and/or defenses asserted or which could have been asserted in the Matter, or which could have been asserted in any other legal action or proceeding, except as may be provided herein (the "DD Released Claims").

6.2 Except for the rights and obligations of the Parties set forth in this Agreement, PP, for herself, and her representatives, agents, assigns, heirs, partners, companies, affiliated companies, employees, insurers and attorneys, absolutely and forever release and discharge DD, individually, and each of his representatives, agents, assigns, heirs, partners, companies, affiliated companies, subsidiaries, employees, attorneys, successors, insurers, and each of them ("DD Releasees"), of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, debts, liabilities, accounts, reckonings, obligations, costs (including attorney's fees), expenses, liens, actions and causes of actions of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, from the beginning of time to the date of this Agreement, including without limitation any and all matters, facts, claims and/or defenses asserted or which could have been asserted in the Action, or which could have been asserted in any other legal action or proceeding (the "PP Released Claims").

6.3 The subject matter referred to in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2, above (i.e., the DD Released Claims and PP Released Claims), are collectively referred to as the "Released Matters."

6.4 The Parties hereto, and each of them, hereby warrant, represent and agree that each of them is fully aware of §1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California, which provides as follows:

"A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."


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The Parties, and each of them, voluntarily waive the provisions of California Civil Code § 1542, and any other similar federal and state law as to any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or charges of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected.

6.4.1 For avoidance of any doubt, by virtue of this Settlement and this Settlement Agreement, the parties hereby waive any unknown claims against each other individually, and each of their representatives, agents, assigns, heirs, partners, companies, affiliated companies, subsidiaries, employees, attorneys, successors, insurers, and each of them.

6.5 Each of the Parties hereto acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement constitutes a settlement and compromise of claims and defenses in dispute, and shall not be construed in any fashion as an admission of liability by any party hereto.


7.0 CONFIDENTIALITY OF THIS AGREEMENT

7.1 The Parties, respectively, shall not to disclose the terms of this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, to the media or to anyone else other than their respective attorneys and representatives and/or as may be required by law. PP may not comment or make any press releases or otherwise discuss the resolution of the subject of this Agreement.

8.0 MISCELLANEOUS TERMS

8.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding concerning the Released Matters hereof between the Parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior negotiations and proposed agreement and/or agreements, written and/or oral, between the Parties. Each of the Parties hereto acknowledges that neither they, nor any other party, nor any agent or attorney of any other party has made any promise, representation, or warranty whatsoever, expressed or implied, written or oral, which is not contained herein, concerning the subject matter hereof, to induce it to execute this Agreement, and each of the Parties hereto acknowledges that she/he has not executed this Agreement in reliance on any promise, representation, and/or warranty not contained herein. This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Parties, the Releasees, and each of their respective successors and assigns and designees.

8.2 DD's Election of either California, Nevada or Arizona Law & Venue. This Agreement and any dispute or controversy relating to this Agreement, shall in all respects be construed, interpreted, enforced and governed by the laws of the State of California, Arizona or Nevada at DD's election. Attorneys' Fees in the case of a Dispute. In the event of any dispute, action, proceeding or controversy regarding the existence, validity, interpretation, performance, enforcement, claimed breach or threatened breach of this Agreement, the prevailing party in any resulting arbitration proceeding and/or court proceeding shall be entitled to recover as an element of such Party's costs of suit, and not as damages, all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred or sustained by such prevailing Party in connection with such action, including, without limitation, legal fees and costs.


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8.3 Attorney Fees and Costs in Formation of this Agreement. The Parties shall each bear their own costs, expert fees, attorneys' fees and other fees incurred in connection with the creation this Settlement Agreement.


8.4 Waivers; Modification. This Agreement cannot be modified or changed except by written instrument signed by all of the Parties hereto. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any other provision, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.

8.5 Scope of Provisions/Severability/Headings. None of the Parties hereto shall be deemed to be the drafter of this Agreement, but it shall be deemed that this Agreement was jointly drafted by each of the Parties hereto. Should any provision of this Agreement be found to be ambiguous in any way, such ambiguity shall not be resolved by construing this Agreement in favor of or against any party herein, but rather construing the terms of this Agreement as a whole according to their fair meaning. In the event that any provision hereof is deemed to be illegal or unenforceable, such a determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions thereof, all of which shall remain in full force and effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a provision is deemed to be illegal the Parties agree to waive any defense on said grounds. In the event that such any provision shall be deemed invalid due to its scope or breadth, such provision shall be deemed valid to the extent of the scope or breadth permitted by law. The captions appearing at the commencement of certain paragraphs herein are descriptive only and for convenience of reference. Should there be any conflict between any such caption or heading and the paragraph at the caption of which it appears, the paragraph, and not such caption, shall control and govern.

8.6 Advice of Counsel and Understanding of this Binding Agreement. Each of the Parties represents, acknowledges, and declares that she/he has received the advice of legal counsel of his/her own choosing regarding the form, substance, and effect of this Agreement. Each of the Parties represents, acknowledges, and declares that she/he has carefully read this Agreement, knows and understands this Agreement's contents, and signs this Agreement freely, voluntarily, and without either coercion or duress. Each of the Parties represents and warrants that she/he is fully competent to manage his/her business affairs, and that she/he has full power and authority to execute this Agreement, and to do any and all of the things reasonably required hereunder; and that this Agreement, when signed by all Parties, is a valid and binding agreement, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

8.7 Further Execution. In order to carry out the terms and conditions of this Agreement, PP agrees to promptly execute, upon reasonable request, any and all documents and instruments necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

8.8 Notice Provisions. Any notice, demand or request that one Party desires, or is required to give (including service of any subpoena, court pleadings, summons and/or complaint), to the other Party must be promptly communicated to the other Party by using their respective contact information below, by both (i) e-mail or facsimile; and (ii) telephone. Either Party may change his or her contact information by notifying the other Party of said change(s) pursuant to the applicable terms herein.

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8.8.1 To DD as follows:

ESSENTIAL CONSULTANTS, LLC
C/O: MICHAEL OHEEN, ESQ.
500 PARK AVENUE 410A
NEW YORK, NY 10022

8.8.2 To PP, as follows:

C/O KEITH M. DAVIDSON, ESQ.
8383 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 510
Beverly Hills, CA 90211
tel. 323.658.5444
fax. 323-658-5444
e-mail: keith@KmdLaw.com

8.9 . This Agreement may be executed with one or more separate counterparts, each of which, when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and, together shall constitute and be one and the same instrument. Any executed copies or signed counterparts of this Agreement, the Declaration, and any other documentation may be executed by scanned/printed pdf copies of signatures and/or facsimile signatures, which shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if they were original signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by their signatures below, the Parties each have approved and executed this Agreement as of the effective date first set forth above.

DATED: _____, 2016

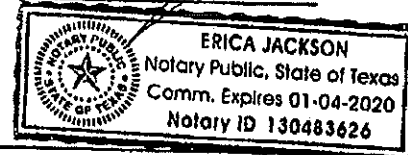
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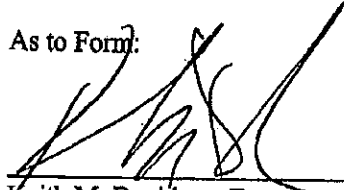


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DATED: 10/30/16, 2016

As to Form:



Keith M. Davidson, Esq., Attorney for PP


DATED: _____, 2016


As to Form:

Attorney for DD


DATED: 10/28, 2016

As to Form:



MICHAEL D. COHEN, Esq.
Attorney for 
ESSENTIAL CONSULTANTS, LLC

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EXHIBIT 2

**EXHIBIT "A" TO THE CONFIDENTIAL
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE;
ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHT AND NON-
DISPARAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT

DATED 10/28/2016.

To Whom It May Concern:

This Side Letter agreement is entered into by and on behalf of the Parties with respect to the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release entered into by and between them on or about Oct 28, 2016 ("Settlement Agreement"), in which Stephanie Gregory Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels, is referred to by the pseudonym, "PEGGY PETERSON," and [REDACTED] is referred to by the pseudonym "DAVID DENNISON."

It is understood and agreed that the true name and identity of the person referred to as "PEGGY PETERSON" in the Settlement Agreement is Stephanie Gregory Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels and that any reference or designation to PEGGY PETERSON shall be deemed the same thing as referring to Stephanie Gregory Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels by her true name as identified herein.

It is understood and agreed that the true name and identity of the person referred to as "DAVID DENNISON" in the Settlement Agreement is [REDACTED], and that any reference or designation to DAVID DENNISON shall be deemed the same thing as referring to [REDACTED] by his true name as identified herein.

It is understood and agreed that the true name and identity of the entity referred to as "EC, LLC" in the Settlement Agreement is [REDACTED] LLC and that any reference or designation to EC, LLC shall be deemed the same thing as referring to [REDACTED] LLC, by its true name as identified herein.

It is further acknowledged and agreed by the parties that notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 7.1 of the Settlement Agreement (which provides that the Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters herein and in supersedes all prior and contemporaneous oral and written agreements and discussions pertaining to the matters herein), this Side Letter agreement shall be deemed part of the agreement between the Parties. Accordingly, Paragraph 7.1 of the Settlement Agreement is hereby amended via supplanting to provide as follows:

"7.1.1 Integration. The Side Letter agreement entered into by the Parties concurrently with their entry into this Agreement shall be deemed part of this Agreement, and this Agreement and the Side Letter agreement together constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with

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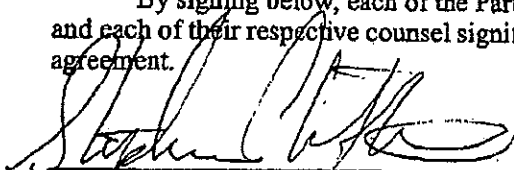
respect to the matters herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous oral and written agreements and discussions pertaining to the matters herein."

For avoidance of doubt, it is further agreed that this Side Letter agreement shall constitute Confidential Information as defined in the Settlement Agreement, that neither this Side Letter agreement nor any portion hereof may be disclosed to anyone except as and to the extent expressly provided in the Settlement Agreement, and that any unauthorized disclosure or use of this Side Letter agreement or any portion hereof shall constitute a material breach of the confidentiality provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

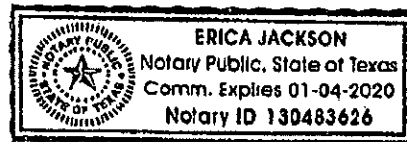
It is further agreed that neither party shall keep a copy of this document, and that only Keith M. Davidson, Esq. AND [REDACTED] counsel for the parties herein), shall maintain possession of it or access to this Side Letter agreement. FOR AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AND CONFIRM THAT THIS SIDE LETTER AGREEMENT IS DEEMED "ATTORNEY'S EYES ONLY."

This Side Letter agreement may be executed in counterparts and when each Party has signed and delivered one such counterpart to the other Party, each counterpart shall be deemed an original, and all counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement, which shall be binding and effective as to the Parties. The Agreement may be executed by facsimile or electronic PDF signatures, which shall have the same force and effect as if they were originals.

By signing below, each of the Parties signifies their agreement to the terms hereof and each of their respective counsel signify their approval as to the form of this letter agreement.

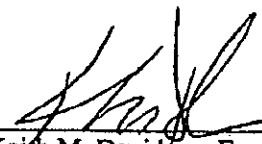

PEGGY PETERSON a.k.a. Stephanie Gregory
Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels

10/28/16
date




DAVID DENNISON a.k.a. _____

date


Keith M. Davidson, Esq.

10/31/16
date

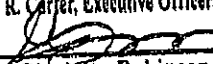

[REDACTED], Esq.
[REDACTED]

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EXHIBIT 2

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, SBN number, and address): Michael J. Avenatti, SBN 206929 AVENATTI & ASSOCIATES, APC 520 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1400 Newport Beach, CA 92660 TELEPHONE NO.: 949-706-7000 FAX NO.: 949-706-7050 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff		FOR COURT USE ONLY FILED Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles MAR 06 2018 Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court By  , Deputy Giordetta Robinson	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012 BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk Courthouse		CASE NAME: CLIFFORD v. TRUMP, et al.	
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)		Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)	
		CASE NUMBER: BC 6 9 6 5 6 8 JUDGE: DEPT:	

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:		
Auto Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23) Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision |
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☐ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☐ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): **1 Declaratory Relief**
5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: March 6, 2018

Michael J. Avenatti

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) (*if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto*)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)
Asbestos Property Damage
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
Product Liability (*not asbestos or toxic/environmental*) (24)
Medical Malpractice (45)
Medical Malpractice—Physicians & Surgeons
Other Professional Health Care Malpractice
Other PI/PD/WD (23)
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress
Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (*not civil harassment*) (08)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)
Fraud (16)
Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
Legal Malpractice
Other Professional Malpractice (*not medical or legal*)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)
Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (*not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction*)
Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller Plaintiff (*not fraud or negligence*)
Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff
Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
Insurance Coverage (*not provisionally complex*) (18)
Auto Subrogation
Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud
Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
Wrongful Eviction (33)
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
Mortgage Foreclosure
Quiet Title
Other Real Property (*not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure*)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)
Residential (32)
Drugs (38) (*if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential*)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ—Administrative Mandamus
Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter
Writ—Other Limited Court Case Review

Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order
Notice of Appeal—Labor
Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims (*arising from provisionally complex case type listed above*) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (*non-domestic relations*)
Sister State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award (*not unpaid taxes*)
Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)
Other Complaint (*not specified above*) (42)
Declaratory Relief Only
Injunctive Relief Only (*non-harassment*)
Mechanics Lien
Other Commercial Complaint Case (*non-tort/non-complex*)
Other Civil Complaint (*non-tort/non-complex*)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Other Petition (*not specified above*) (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
Election Contest
Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Civil Petition

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**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND
STATEMENT OF LOCATION
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Step 1: After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.

Step 2: In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)

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| 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District. | 7. Location where petitioner resides. |
| 2. Permissive filing in central district. | 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly. |
| 3. Location where cause of action arose. | 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside. |
| 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District. | 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office. |
| 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides. | 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury). |
| 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle. | |

Auto
TortOther Personal Injury/Property
Damage/Wrongful Death Tort

A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6070 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11 1, 11
Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons <input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11
Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) <input type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress <input type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11

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Non-Personal Injury/Property
Damage/Wrongful Death Tort

Employment

Contract

Real Property

Unlawful Detainer

A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6017 Legal Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1, 2, 3
Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1, 2, 3 10
Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) <input type="checkbox"/> A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) <input type="checkbox"/> A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) <input type="checkbox"/> A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2, 5 2, 5 1, 2, 5 1, 2, 5
Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11
Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6009 Contractual Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> A6031 Tortious Interference <input type="checkbox"/> A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels _____	2, 6
Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> A6032 Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2, 6 2, 6 2, 6
Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus <input type="checkbox"/> A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter <input type="checkbox"/> A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2, 8 2 2
	Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2, 8
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6007 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Abstract of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) <input type="checkbox"/> A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) <input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax <input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 5, 11 2, 6 2, 9 2, 8 2, 8 2, 8, 9
	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A6030 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2, 8
	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6121 Civil Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> A6123 Workplace Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6190 Election Contest <input type="checkbox"/> A6110 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender <input type="checkbox"/> A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law <input type="checkbox"/> A6100 Other Civil Petition	2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2 2, 7 2, 3, 8 2, 9


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Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address which is the basis for the filing location, including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

REASON: <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. <input type="checkbox"/> 11.			ADDRESS: 8383 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 510
CITY: Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90211	

Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the Stanley Mosk Court, Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., §392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)].

Dated: March 6, 2018


(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 02/16).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is court order for waiver, partial or scheduled payments.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY: Michael J. Avenatti, Esq. AVENATTI & ASSOCIATES, APC 520 Newport Center Drive, Suite 1400 Newport Beach, CA 92660 (949) 706-7000		STATE BAR NUMBER: 206929	<i>Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp</i> FILED Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles MAR 09 2018 Sherri P. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk By <u>Raul Sanchez</u> Deputy
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff STEPHANIE CLIFFORD			
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES			
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012			
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: STEPHANIE CLIFFORD			
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: DONALD J. TRUMP			
PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE TO JUDICIAL OFFICER (Code Civ. Proc., § 170.6)			CASE NUMBER: BC696568.

Name of Judicial Officer: (PRINT) Elizabeth J. Feffer	Dept. Number: 39
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Referee	

BY FAX

I am a party (or attorney for a party) to this action or special proceeding. The judicial officer named above, before whom the trial of, or a hearing in, this case is pending, or to whom it has been assigned, is prejudiced against the party (or his or her attorney) or the interest of the party (or his or her attorney), so that declarant cannot, or believes that he or she cannot, have a fair and impartial trial or hearing before the judicial officer.

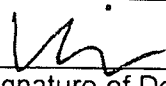
DECLARATION

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information entered on this form is true and correct.

Filed on behalf of: Stephanie Clifford
Name of Party

☒ Plaintiff/Petitioner
 ☐ Cross Complainant
☐ Defendant/Respondent
 ☐ Cross Defendant
☐ Other: _____

Dated: March 9, 2018


Signature of Declarant

Michael J. Avenatti
Printed Name

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NOTICE SENT TO:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

STEPHANIE CLIFFORD ET AL

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

DONALD J TRUMP ET AL

Defendant(s).

CASE NUMBER

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**NOTICE OF CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE****TO THE PLAINTIFF(S)/ATTORNEY(S) FOR PLAINTIFF(S) OF RECORD:**

You are ordered to serve this notice of hearing on all parties/attorneys of record forthwith, and meet and confer with all parties/attorneys of record about the matters to be discussed no later than 30 days before the Case Management Conference.

Your Case Management Conference has been scheduled for July 12, 2018 at 8:30 am in Dept. 53
at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: THE SETTING OF THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE DOES NOT EXEMPT THE
DEFENDANT FROM FILING A RESPONSIVE PLEADING AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rules 3.720-3.730, a completed Case Management Statement (Judicial Council form # CM-110) must be filed at least **15 calendar days** prior to the Case Management Conference. The Case Management Statement may be filed jointly by all parties/attorneys of record or individually by each party/attorney of record. You must be familiar with the case and be fully prepared to participate effectively in the Case Management Conference.

At the Case Management Conference, the Court may make pretrial orders including the following, but not limited to, an order establishing a discovery schedule; an order referring the case to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR); an order reclassifying the case; an order setting subsequent conference and the trial date; or other orders to achieve the goals of the Trial Court Delay Reduction Act (Gov. Code, section 68600 et seq.)

Notice is hereby given that if you do not file the Case Management Statement or appear and effectively participate at the Case Management Conference, the Court may impose sanctions pursuant to LASC Local Rule 3.37, Code of Civil Procedure sections 177.5, 575.2, 583.150, 583.360 and 583.410, Government Code Section 68608 (b), and California Rules of Court 2.2 et seq.

Date: March 13, 2018**HOWARD L. NASEM**
Judicial Officer**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the below named Executive Officer/Clerk of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the cause herein, and that on this date I served the Notice of Case Management Conference upon each party or counsel named above:

☒ by depositing in the United States mail at the courthouse in Los Angeles, California, one copy of the original filed herein in a separate sealed envelope to each address as shown above with postage thereon fully prepaid.

☐ by personally giving the party notice upon filing the complaint.

Date: March 13, 2018

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk

by Christy Sahaba, Deputy Clerk

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LASC Approved 10-03

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LASC Local Rules, Chapter Three

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING

To the party/attorney of record:

You are ordered to appear for an Order to Show Cause Hearing on July 12, 2018 at 8:30 am in Dept. 53 of this court, Central District, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, and show cause why sanctions should not be imposed for:

Failure to file Proof of Service of ☐ Petition ☒ Summons and ☒ Complaint ☐ Cross-Complaint pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.110(b) and (c) as to: _

Failure to comply or appear may result in sanctions, pursuant to one or more of the following: California Rules of Court, rule 2.30, and rule 3.1340; Code of Civil Procedure sections 177.5, 575.2, 583.150, 583.310, 583.360, 583.410, 583.420, 583.430; and Government Code section 68608.

☐ To avoid a mandatory appearance all required documents must be filed in ☐ this Dept ☐ Clerk's Office, Room _____ at least 5 court days prior to the date of the hearing.

☐ The Court may infer from your failure to appear that possession of the premises is no longer at issue, and that your case is not entitled to preference in setting pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1179a.

☒ You are ordered to give notice of said hearing forthwith to any party served with summons and complaint prior to OSC Hearing and file a Proof of Service in this department or Clerk's Office at least 5 court days prior to the date of the hearing.

Dated: March 13, 2018

HOWARD L. HALM
Judicial Officer

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, the below named Executive Officer/Clerk of the above-entitled court, do hereby certify that I am not a party to the cause herein, and that on this date I served the Order to Show Cause Hearing upon each party or counsel named above by depositing in the United States mail at the courthouse in Los Angeles, California, one copy of the original filed/entered herein in a separate sealed envelope to each address as shown above with the postage thereon fully prepaid.

Date: March 13, 2018

Sherri R. Carter, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK

By Christy Sahaba, Deputy Clerk

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING

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Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.30

EXHIBIT 3

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

STEPHANIE CLIFFORD a.k.a. STORMY
DANIELS a.k.a. PEGGY PETERSON, an
individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP a.k.a. DAVID
DENNISON, an individual, ESSENTIAL
CONSULTANTS, LLC, a Delaware
Limited Liability Company, and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. BC696568

[Assigned to the Hon. Howard L. Halm –
Dept. 53] _

**DEFENDANT ESSENTIAL
CONSULTANTS, LLC'S NOTICE TO
THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT AND ADVERSE PARTY OF
REMOVAL TO FEDERAL COURT
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b)
DIVERSITY**

Complaint Filed: March 6, 2018

1 **TO THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA FOR**
2 **THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO ALL OTHER PARTIES:**

3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 16, 2018, this action was removed to the
4 United States District Court, Central District of California, Western Division, located at
5 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. True and correct copies of the
6 Notice of Removal of Action, Civil Cover Sheet, Notice of Interested Parties, and Essential
7 Consultant, LLC's Corporate Disclosure Statement are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B, C,
8 and D, respectively.

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10 DATED: March 16, 2018

BLAKELY LAW GROUP

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12 By: 

13 BRENT H. BLAKELY

14 *Attorneys for Defendant and Petitioner*
15 ***EXECUTIVE CONSULTANTS, LLC***
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