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17	BARNABAS CLOTHING, INC., a	Civil Case No.: 2:18-cv-3414
18 19	corporation; and ALEXANDER AQUINO,	DECLARATION OF ASHLEY
20	an individual; individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	SIMONSEN IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT CELTIC BANK
21		CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF
22	Plaintiffs,	REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION FROM STATE COURT
23	V.	Initial Compl. filed: 3/22/18
24	KABBAGE, INC., a Delaware corporation;	Initial Compl. served: 4/9/18
25	CELTIC BANK CORPORATION, a Utah corporation, and DOES 1-100,	Case removed: 4/24/18
26	Defendants.	
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DECLARATION OF ASHLEY SIMONSEN IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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	DECLARATION OF ASHLEY SIMONSEN IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL

I, Ashley Simonsen, declare and state as follows:

1. I am an associate at the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP. I am one of the attorneys representing defendant Celtic Bank Corporation ("Celtic Bank") in the above-captioned suit. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein and, if called upon, could competently testify thereto.

2. On March 22, 2018, plaintiffs Barnabas Clothing, Inc. and Alexander Aquino filed this action in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles. A true and correct copy of the Class Action Complaint ("Complaint") is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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3. Counsel for Celtic Bank agreed to accept service on behalf of Celtic Bank.

4. On March 30, 2018, Plaintiffs emailed to counsel for Celtic Bank a copy of
 the CAC, a Summons, a Notice of Case Assignment (for Unlimited Civil Cases), a set of
 Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations, a Civil Case Cover Sheet, and an Alternative
 Dispute Resolution Information Packet, along with a Notice of Acknowledgment of
 Receipt Form. Celtic Bank signed the Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt of
 Summons Form on April 9, 2018, at which point service was effective, and returned it to
 counsel for Plaintiffs the same day. A true and correct copy of the Summons served on
 Celtic Bank is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

5. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Case Assignment for Unlimited
Civil Cases served on Celtic Bank is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

6. A true and correct copy of the set of Voluntary Efficient LitigationStipulations served on Celtic Bank is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

7. A true and correct copy of the Civil Case Cover Sheet served on Celtic Bank
is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

8. A true and correct copy of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Information
Packet served on Celtic Bank is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

27 9. A true and correct copy of Celtic Bank's signed Notice and
28 Acknowledgment of Receipt Form is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

In addition, the following document has been entered on the docket in this case in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles: Court Order Regarding Newly Filed Class Action, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit H.

11. The following document has also been entered on the docket in this case in the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles: Initial Status Conference Order, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit I**.

12. Exhibits A-I constitute all the process, pleadings, and orders served upon Celtic Bank in this action.

13. A true and correct copy of the Delaware Secretary of State's website reflecting the corporate registration of Kabbage, Inc. is attached hereto as **Exhibit J**.

14. A true and correct copy of the Georgia Secretary of State's website reflecting the corporate registration of Kabbage, Inc. is attached hereto as **Exhibit K**.

15. I have conferred with counsel for co-defendant Kabbage, Inc. ("Kabbage") and am authorized to state that Kabbage consents to the removal of this action.

16. Besides Celtic Bank and Kabbage, I am not aware of any other defendant that has been properly joined or served in this action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 24, 2018.

/s/ Ashley Simonsen ASHLEY SIMONSEN Case 2:18-cv-03414 Document 2-1 Filed 04/24/18 Page 1 of 25 Page ID #:15

# EXHIBIT A

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16 17	BARNABAS CLOTHING, INC., a corporation; and ALEXANDER AQUINO, an individual;	Case No. <b>BC699166</b>
18	individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated	CLASS ACTION
19	Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT FOR: 1. Usury;
20	v.	2. Violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO") [18
21 22	KABBAGE, INC., a Delaware corporation; CELTIC BANK CORPORATION, a Utah	U.S.C. § 1962(c)]; 3. RICO Conspiracy [18 U.S.C.
23	corporation; and DOES 1-100,	§ 1962(d)]; 4. Violation of California's False
24	Defendants.	4. Violation of California's False Advertising Law [Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500]; and
25		5. Violation of California's Unfair Competition Law [Bus. & Prof.
26		Code § 17200]
27 28		JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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Plaintiffs Barnabas Clothing, Inc. and Alexander Aquino (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Plaintiffs") hereby bring this Class Action Complaint against Kabbage, Inc. ("Kabbage") and Celtic Bank Corporation ("Celtic Bank") and DOES 1 through 100 (collectively, "Defendants"). In support, Plaintiffs allege as follows upon personal knowledge as to themselves and their own acts and experience and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including due investigation conducted by their attorneys.

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# NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Plaintiffs—a small, sustainability-focused local clothing business and its owner bring this action to put a stop to Defendants' blatant scheme to evade California's criminal usury laws and collect unlawful debts from business throughout the State of California.

2. Kabbage aggressively markets, underwrites and services short-term loans to struggling small businesses in need of quick capital. These loans often substantially exceed
California's maximum legal interest rate. Nonetheless, Kabbage, through the scheme described below, lends money at usurious rates throughout the state of California.

3. In an effort to hide—and ostensibly legalize—its—criminal activities, Kabbage entered into a criminal enterprise known as a "rent-a-bank" scheme with Celtic Bank, a foreign bank chartered in Utah (a state, unlike California, with no maximum interest rate for commercial loans). The partnership's purpose is to evade the criminal usury laws of states throughout the country, including California.

4. Under this scheme, Kabbage (which, unlike Celtic Bank is *not* exempt from
California's usury laws) originates, underwrites and funds the loans, and then—in states with
usury limits on business loans—it enters into sham transactions with Celtic Bank, which acts as
the lender in name only. Put another way, Celtic Bank rents its charter to Kabbage in exchange
for a small commission on loans originated and funded by Kabbage but nominally made under
Celtic's name.

5. In actuality, Kabbage provides the advanced capital (the loan amount) and—
7 contemporaneously with the execution of the loan—enters into a servicing agreement whereby it

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services the loan in exchange for a near-total cut of any proceeds from the loan. Celtic Bank lends its name to the loan paperwork in order to assist Kabbage in its illegal efforts to avoid commercial usury statutes. And, in exchange for its illegal efforts, Celtic Bank receives a commission. Kabbage, for its part, bears the risk of loss and its CEO has admitted as much.

6. Periodically, Kabbage enters into assignment agreements whereby it obtains the loans outright from Celtic Bank, extinguishing Celtic Bank's purely nominal role in the transactions. From there, when Kabbage encounters difficulties collecting, it assigns the loans to debt collectors like non-party TBF Financial, LLC ("TBF"),<sup>1</sup> who often initiate litigation against Kabbage clients to collect the usurious amounts owed.

7. Upon information and belief, Celtic Bank would never approve the types of loans Kabbage originates if it was actually going to bear the risk of loss on the loans made in its name, including the loans to Plaintiffs. Kabbage is willing to approve these types of loans only because it is making tremendous amounts of money charging these small businesses usurious interest rates.

8. Celtic Bank's identification as the purported lender in these transactions is
essential to the scheme because it—unlike Kabbage—is exempt from California's usury laws by
virtue of its Utah charter, a state that has no maximum interest rate for commercial loans.

9. This illegal arrangement is known as a "rent-a-bank" scheme and has been the
subject of numerous enforcement actions by Attorneys General in different states.

20 10. Through this scheme, Kabbage and Celtic have systematically collected usurious
21 interest from Californian business since March 2014.

11. This Court need not accept Plaintiffs' word for these allegations as those of
Kabbage's co-founder and COO, Kathryn Petralia, substantiate these allegations in a very
compelling fashion. During a joint webinar presented in partnership with the *National*

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<sup>1</sup> This litigation initially arose in the context of a debt-collection lawsuit filed by TBF against Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs filed a class action counterclaim, and ultimately settled with TBF before stipulating with Defendants herein to dismiss the action and refile their remaining claims in this Court.

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1	Federation of Independent Business, Ms. Petralia explicitly acknowledged that Kabbage is the
2	true lender in transactions involving Celtic Bank, and also that Kabbage's loans are usurious:
3 4	"What are the typical rates charged to applicants? We understand that it varies, but there is a range of cost."
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6	Our average effective APR, if you were to count it as a APR, would be in the low thirties, thirty percent. However, APR is often a misleading
7	way of calculating the cost of borrowing, because it's really interesting, what you may not realize is if you have a twelve month
8	loan that you pay off in two months, your cost, your APR, gets
9	multiplied by six because the shorter term your loan, the higher your APR because of the way that APR is calculated.
10	On average, our customers are paying just under five percent of the
11	loan amount, if they hold the loan for thirty days, and they're paying just under thirteen percent of the loan amount if they hold the funds for
12	six months. There are a lot of different ways that fees can be calculated
13	across multiple providers, so it's really important that you understand all the various fees that could be assessed. Kabbage doesn't charge
14	broker fees, or origination fees, or monthly maintenance fees. Many times, those fees are not actually calculated or included in the APR.
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16	Question 12:
17	"Are you a direct lender?"
18	Answer:
19	The answer is yes. We are not a marketplace lender. We do securitize the receivables that are generated the leans that are generated
20	the receivables that are generated, the loans that are generated, meaning we have investors in those loans that we make, but Kabbage
21	actually takes the risk of loss. All of our loans are made in partnership with Celtic Bank, which is a Utah bank regulated by the FDIC. We
22	work together with Celtic to manage customer relationships from the time they're originated all the way through the repayment of the loan. <sup>2</sup>
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24	12. By design, small businesses who take on these usurious loans are rarely able to
25	keep up with the debt repayments obligated by Defendants' illegal scheme. When that happens,
26	<sup>2</sup> See The Ins and Outs of Online Lending with Kabbage (Webinar Transcript), Kabbage,
27	https://www.kabbage.com/blog/ins-outs-online-lending-kabbage-co-founder-kathryn-petralia-
28	webinar-transcript/ (last accessed Mar. 10, 2018).
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Kabbage sells the debt to various debt collectors-such as TBF-who take over and act as the collection arm for the criminal enterprise.

13. As occurred here, the Kabbage-Celtic scheme typically ends with litigation, as third-party debt collectors sue borrowers for defaulting on Defendants' usurious and predatory loans.

THE PARTIES

14. Plaintiff Alexander Aquino is an individual and resident of the State of California.

15. Plaintiff Barnabas Clothing, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of and headquartered in the State of California.

16. Defendant Kabbage is a limited liability company duly organized and existing 12 under the laws of the State of Georgia, with its principal place of business located at 925B 13 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 1688, Atlanta, GA 30309.

14 17. Defendant Celtic Bank is an industrial bank chartered by the State of Utah and 15 existing under the laws of the State of Utah, with its principal place of business located at 268 16 South State Street, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

17 18. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities, whether individual, partner, 18 or corporate, of the defendants sued herein as DOE defendants, and for that reason, said 19 defendants are sued under such fictitious names, and Plaintiff prays for leave to amend this 20 complaint when the true names and capacities are known. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and 21 based thereon alleges, that each of the said fictitious defendants were responsible in some way 22 for the matters alleged herein and proximately caused and/or contributed to Plaintiff and 23 members of the general public and putative Class to be subject to the illegal employment 24 practices, wrongs, breaches, and injuries complained of herein.

25 19. At all times pertinent hereto, each of the said DOE defendants participated in the 26 doing of acts hereinafter alleged to have been done by the named Defendants; and furthermore, 27 the Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, servants, and employees of each of the other

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Defendants, as well as the agents of all Defendants, and at all times herein mentioned, were acting within the course and scope of said agency and employment.

20. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that at all times pertinent hereto, each of the Defendants named herein was the agent, employee, alter ego, and/or joint venture of, or working in concert with, each of the other co-Defendants and was acting within the course and scope of such agency, employment, joint venture, or concerted activity. To the extent the said acts, conduct, and omissions were perpetrated by certain Defendants, each of the remaining Defendants confirmed and ratified said acts, conduct, and omissions of the acting Defendants.

10 21. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendants, and each of them, were members of,
11 and engaged in, a joint venture, partnership and common enterprise, and acting within the course
12 and scope of, and in pursuance of, said joint venture, partnership and common enterprise.

22. At all times pertinent hereto, the various Defendants, and each of them, concurred with and contributed to the acts and omissions of each and all of the other Defendants in proximately causing the injuries and damages as herein alleged. At all pertinent times,
Defendants, and each of them, ratified each and every act or omission complained of herein. At all pertinent times, the Defendants, and each of them, aided and abetted the acts and omissions of each and all of the other Defendants in proximately causing the damages as herein alleged.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

23. This Court has jurisdiction over this Complaint pursuant to Code of Civ. Proc.§ 410.10 and the California Constitution.

22 24. Defendants Kabbage and Celtic Bank are a subject to the personal jurisdiction of
23 this Court under the California Long-Arm Statute, because each of the transactions at issue arose
24 from the Defendants' purposeful transaction of business within California. Defendants Kabbage
25 and Celtic Bank are further subject to the personal jurisdiction of this state because each directed
26 their tortious conduct within this state.

25. The acts that caused Plaintiffs' damages as alleged herein occurred in the County

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# FACTUAL BACKGROUND

26. Barnabas Clothing opened in 2010 with its flagship store located at PACIFICCITY - SurfCity USA, 21034 Pacific Coast Hwy - #220C, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

27. Barnabas Clothing operates as a socially conscious retail company that donates 10% of every sale to Living Room International, which helps people who have been impacted by HIV/AIDS in Western Kenya.

28. Alexander Aquino is the CEO and President of Barnabas Clothing.

# Kabbage "Rents" a Utah Bank to Violate State Usury Laws

29. Defendants' rent-a-bank scheme appears to have begun on March 20, 2014 when Kabbage entered into a "Program Management Agreement" ("PMA") with Celtic Bank.

30. Pursuant to the PMA, Celtic Bank agreed to originate and fund business loans through the marketing efforts of Kabbage.

31. Upon information and belief, Kabbage and Celtic amended their PMA on June
30, 2015 to eliminate Celtic's remaining interest in Kabbage Loans once their funding was
complete. Ultimately, Defendants' rent-a-bank scheme was designed for one purpose: to allow
third-party lenders like Kabbage to circumvent state usury laws.

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# Kabbage Falsely Advertises and Markets its Loan Program

32. Kabbage advertises that it offers lines of credit ranging from \$2,000 to \$150,000 with six or twelve month terms. Relevant here, Barnabas Clothing's loans each had a six-month term.

33. Kabbage further advertises that "loans have a monthly fee for every month you
have a balance. Every month, you'll pay back 1/6 of the total loan amount (for 6-month loans)
or 1/12 of the loan amount for (12-month loans) plus a monthly fee."<sup>3</sup>

34. These advertisements are knowingly false. Borrowers do not repay one-sixth of
the interest each month on a six-month loan. In fact, the loan agreements contain language

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See Help Center, Kabbage, https://www.kabbage.com/help-center/

directly contradicting their advertising:

Application of Payments. Payments received will be applied first to billed Late Fees and Returned Payment Fees, then to loans in order of posting with the oldest loans first, then the second oldest loan, and so on. With respect to any particular loan, payment will be applied first to billed Cost, then to unbilled Cost and finally to principal...<sup>4</sup>

- Kabbage's loans front load the interest payments with five percent of the loan 35. amount charged for each of the first two payments and one percent charged for each of the remaining four payments of the six-month loans.
- 36. By front-loading the interest, Kabbage ensures that when borrowers take their 9 next month's draw that any payments made on the prior loans likely went entirely to interest. 10
- 37. Kabbage's COO clearly explained the effect that requiring new loan agreements for each new draw has on the APR for the loans: "your APR, gets multiplied by six because the 12 shorter term your loan, the higher your APR because of the way that APR is calculated."5 13
- 38. As intended by Kabbage when it set up its deceptive loan program, Barnabas 14 Clothing regularly paid off the loans early in order to get new draws, but this did not save 15 Barnabas Clothing money because with each new loan, it was paying the exorbitant front loaded 16 17 interest payments without any money ever going to principal.
- 39. By misrepresenting the application and collection of the interest on its loans, 18 19 Kabbage made its already usurious loans even more usurious.
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# Kabbage Victimizes Barnabas Clothing using the Rent-a-Bank Scheme

40. Beginning on September 14, 2015, Barnabas Clothing and Aquino entered into the first of five loans. While those loans purported to be from Celtic, Kabbage in fact originated, 22 underwrote, funded, and serviced the loans. 23

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See Form 10-K, Ex-10.17, https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1530981/000168316817000148/ panther\_8ka-ex1017.htm. Supra note 2.

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41. Kabbage holds itself out as a marketplace lender, essentially a company that 2 brokers loans between borrowers and other lenders. Despite its best efforts to appear as such, 3 however, Kabbage is not a marketplace lender. Rather, it is a direct lender.

4 42. To that end, each loan undertaken by Plaintiffs was titled "Kabbage Commercial 5 Loan Agreement," and Kabbage—not Celtic—bore the risk of loss on each. Moreover, in the 6 origination, execution, and financing of the loans, Barnabas Clothing at all times dealt 7 exclusively with Kabbage. All of Barnabas Clothing's communications were with representatives 8 of Kabbage. Barnabas Clothing had absolutely no dealings of any kind with Celtic Bank on any of 9 these loan transactions. Finally, upon execution of each loan, Kabbage immediately acquired 10 servicing rights.

11 43. The interest rate for each of the five loans was far in excess of California's 12 maximum legal rate, which is the higher of either ten percent, or five percent plus the prevailing 13 rate of the Federal Reserve Bank.

14 44. After paying Kabbage thousands of dollars in principal and interest, Barnabas 15 Clothing could no longer keep up with the usurious loan payments, at which time Kabbage began 16 threatening Barnabas Clothing's owner. When Barnabas Clothing was unable to make its 17 payments, Kabbage implicated the final portion of its unlawful enterprise, by having TBF initiate a 18 collection lawsuit against Plaintiffs.

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# **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

45. Plaintiffs bring this action pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382. Plaintiff Barnabas Clothing brings this action on behalf of itself and the following classes and subclasses of similarly situated persons:

> California Merchant Class: All persons residing in, headquartered in, or with a principal place of business in the State of California who, on or after November 3, 2013, entered into a Kabbage Loan Agreement with Celtic Bank and paid money pursuant to that Agreement.

California Merchant 3-Year Subclass: All California Merchant Class Members who, on or after November 3, 2014, entered into a Kabbage Loan Agreement with Celtic Bank and paid money pursuant to that Agreement.

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**California Merchant 2-Year Subclass**: All California Merchant Class Members who, on or after November 3, 2015, entered into a Kabbage Loan Agreement with Celtic Bank and paid money pursuant to that Agreement.

- Plaintiff Aquino brings this action on behalf of himself and the following classes of
- 4 similarly situated persons:

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- **California Principal Class**: All citizens of the State of California who were designated as Principal on any Kabbage Loan Agreement pursuant to which money was paid on or after November 3, 2013.
- **California Principal 3-Year Subclass**: All California Principal Class Members who were designated as Principal on any Kabbage Loan Agreement pursuant to which money was paid on or after November 3, 2014.
- **California Principal 2-Year Subclass**: All California Principal Class Members who were designated as Principal on any Kabbage Loan Agreement pursuant to which money was paid on or after November 3, 2015.

12 The following people are excluded from the classes and subclasses: (1) any Judge or 13 Magistrate presiding over this action and members of their families; (2) Defendants, Defendants' subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which Defendants or their 14 parents have a controlling interest along with their current and former employees, officers, and 15 directors; (3) persons who properly execute and timely file a request for exclusion from the 16 17 classes or subclasses; (4) persons whose claims in this matter have been finally adjudicated on the merits or otherwise waived; (5) Plaintiffs' and Defendants' counsel; and (6) the legal 18 19 representatives, successors, and assigns of any such excluded persons.

20 65. Ascertainability: Although Plaintiffs do not yet possess a list of potential class
21 members, publicly available information and Defendants' business records will allow for the
22 administratively feasible identification of all class members.

66. Numerosity: The exact number of members in the classes and subclasses is not
currently known to Plaintiffs, but individual joinder in this case is impracticable. On information
and belief, each of the classes and subclasses is likely to number several hundred, if not several
thousand, members.

167. Commonality Questions and Community of Interest: There are many2questions of law and fact common to the claims of Plaintiffs and the proposed members of the3classes and subclasses, and those questions predominate over any questions that may only affect4individual members. Common questions for the classes include but are not limited to the5following:

6 Whether the loans at issue are usurious under California law; a. 7 Whether the loans at issue are void as contrary to public policy; b. 8 Whether Defendants made deceptive, misleading, or false representations с. 9 in connection with the loans; 10 d. Whether Plaintiffs, the classes, and the subclasses may recover money or 11 property paid to Defendants pursuant to any of the loans; 12 e. Whether Defendants' conduct was willfully or knowingly unlawful. 13 68. **Typicality:** Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the 14 classes and subclasses. Plaintiffs sustained damages as a result of Defendants' uniform wrongful 15 conduct during transactions with Plaintiffs, the classes, and the subclasses. 16 69. Adequate Representation: Plaintiffs have and will continue to fairly and 17 adequately represent and protect the interests of the classes and subclasses, and have retained 18 counsel competent and experienced in complex litigation and class actions. Plaintiffs have no 19 interests antagonistic to those of the classes or subclasses, and Defendants have no defenses 20 unique to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs and their counsel are committed to vigorously prosecuting this 21 action on behalf of the members of the classes and subclasses, and they have the resources 22 necessary to do so. Neither Plaintiffs nor their counsel have any interest adverse to those of the 23 other members of the classes and subclasses. 24 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION 25 Usury (On Behalf of Plaintiffs, the California Merchant 2-Year Subclass, and the California 26 **Principal 2-Year Subclass**) 27 70. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing allegations as if fully set forth herein. 28 CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT -11-

1	71. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action individually and on behalf of the California
2	Merchant 2-Year Subclass, and the California Principal 2-Year Subclass.
3	72. Kabbage and Celtic Bank have devised and engaged in a scheme to fund, issue,
4	and collect usurious loans through a rent-a-bank scheme.
5	73. Barnabas Clothing's business has taken usurious loans from Defendants Kabbage
6	and Celtic Bank, and Alexander Aquino was forced to personally guaranteed these debts.
7	74. Defendants are not exempt from California's usury laws, nor are the transactions
8	that are the subject of this action exempt from California's usury laws.
9	75. The interest charged by Defendants in connection with these transactions is in
10	excess of the maximum interest rates permitted by California's criminal threshold for usury
11	under Stats. 1919, p. lxxxiii, § 2; and Stats. 1919, p. lxxxiii, § 3 and Article XV, § 1 of the
12	California Constitution, (the higher of 10%, or 5% plus the prevailing rate of the Federal
13	Reserve Bank).
14	76. As set forth above, Defendants willfully intended to enter into the usurious
15	transactions.
16	77. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' usurious loans, Plaintiffs and all
17	members of the Classes have incurred substantial injury to their business as they have been
18	forced to pay a usurious amount of interest.
19	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
20	Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) (On Babalf of Plaintiffs, the California Morebant Class
21	(On Behalf of Plaintiffs, the California Merchant Class, and the California Principal Class)
22	78. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations of each of the foregoing paragraphs
23	as if fully set forth herein.
24	79. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action individually and on behalf of the California
25	Merchant Class and the California Principal Class.
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80. Kabbage and Celtic Bank formed an associated-in-fact enterprise for the express purpose of carrying out a pattern of racketeering activity that targeted small business owners in need of short-term cash.

81. More specifically, the Defendants violated 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) by participating in, directly or indirectly, a scheme to charge and collect usurious interest in violation of California's civil and criminal usury laws.

82. If a business fell behind on its payments, Kabbage would attempt to collect.

83. If Kabbage's collection attempt was unsuccessful, the debt would be assigned to debt collectors like TBF to make further collection efforts, including commencing legal action in courts around the country as necessary.

84. Defendants' collection on unlawful loans constitutes a per se violation of 18U.S.C. § 1962(c).

85. Defendants each are persons under 18 U.S.C. § 1961(3) and § 1962(c) because they are individuals or entities capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property.

86. Defendants formed their criminal enterprise for the common purpose of, among other things, originating, funding and collecting on usurious loans to small businesses including Barnabas Clothing. Thus, the associated in fact organization qualifies as an enterprise within the meaning of § 1961(4) and § 1962(c).

87. Defendants' enterprise exists separate and apart from the criminal activity of each
individual Defendant.

88. Defendants' enterprise is engaged in interstate commerce, as it is comprised of corporations located in different states, and has had business dealings with other as well as individual borrowers, such as Barnabas Clothing, who operate in states where no Defendant resides.

25 89. Defendants knowingly and intentionally used their enterprise to fund, issue, and
 26 collect on loans that they knew charged interest rates far in excess of California's maximum
 27 permissible interest rates for commercial loans.

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90. Defendants are associated with and serve various functions for their enterprise with Defendant Kabbage originating, underwriting and funding the illegal loan transactions, Celtic Bank providing the use of its charter for a fee absent which the enterprise could not operate, and various debt collectors including non-party TBF to collect upon that debt.

91. As detailed above, the enterprise operated through a pattern of racketeering which included, among other things, knowingly committing mail and wire fraud.

7 92. Defendants' use of wires to defraud Barnabas Clothing and other small 8 businesses is essential to the success of the enterprise, and includes, but is not limited to, 9 exchanging documents necessary for the loans by and between Kabbage, the borrowers and 10 Celtic Bank; the disbursement of funds and the payment of monies by and between Kabbage and the borrowers; the payment of Celtic Bank's fee for each transaction; and collecting on the high 12 risk loans which the Defendants knew would result in default rates.

13 93. The above instances of wire fraud and mail fraud are part of a common scheme to 14 defraud not only Barnabas Clothing, but numerous other small businesses in need of short term 15 capital.

16 94. Defendants knowingly and intentionally used the enterprise to prey upon these small businesses and their owners who are required to personally guarantee the illegal loans.

18 95. Furthermore, Defendants knew that the debt owed by Barnabas Clothing and all 19 members of the Classes was unlawful and that the interest rates charged were at least twice the 20 legally enforceable rate.

21 96. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), 22 Barnabas Clothing and all members of the Classes suffered, and continue to suffer, substantial 23 injury to his business and/or property as they were forced to pay usurious amounts of interest 24 and has lost, and will continue to lose, customers, profits, goodwill, and business value.

25 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment in their favor against all Defendants, jointly 26 and severally, and seek an order from the Court.

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# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

### Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) (On Behalf of Plaintiffs, the California Merchant Class, and the California Principal Class)

97. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege the allegations of each of the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

98. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action individually and on behalf of the CaliforniaMerchant Class and the California Principal Class.

8 99. Defendants conspired amongst themselves within the meaning of 18 U.S.C.
9 § 1962(d) to violate 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) by agreeing to conduct and participate in, directly and
10 indirectly, the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity
11 and unlawful debt collection.

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100. Defendants committed and caused to be committed a series of overt acts in furtherance of their conspiracy, including, but not limited to, those acts previously detailed in this Complaint.

15 101. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of 18 U.S.C.
16 § 1962(d), Barnabas Clothing and all members of the Classes have suffered, and continue to
17 suffer, substantial injury to his business and/or property as they were forced to pay usurious
18 amounts of interest and has lost, and will continue to lose, customers, profits, goodwill, and
19 business value.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of California Business & Profession Code § 17500 (On Behalf of Plaintiffs, the California Merchant 3-Year Subclass, and the California Principal 3-Year Subclass)

102. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing allegations and allegations set forth below asif set forth fully herein.

103. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action individually and on behalf of the California

26 Merchant 3-Year Subclass and the California Principal 3-Year Subclass.

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1 104. Defendants are businesses disseminating advertising in California through their
 2 website and other forms of social media.

105. False Advertising Law, Business and Professions Code, § 17500, *et seq*. ("FAL") prohibits false and misleading statements in advertising.

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106. A violation of the FAL is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

107. Defendants, directly or indirectly as part of a larger criminal conspiracy, participated in advertising the Kabbage Loan program in a false and misleading manner which

included both material misrepresentations and omissions.

108. The misrepresentations and omissions included, among other things, stating that: (1) the loans were not usurious; (2) businesses would save money and avoid fees by paying the loans off early, (3) businesses would not be charged any fees after the loans were paid off; (4) businesses would be charged a fixed monthly payment with one-sixth or one-twelfth of that monthly payment going to principal depending upon whether it was a six-month or twelvemonth loan; and (5) deceptively disclosing and/or failing to disclose the interest rate.

15 109. Kabbage also falsely designated the origin of the loans in its commercial
advertising and promotion as being loans from Celtic Bank.

17 110. Defendants knew, or by the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known,
18 that the above statements were untrue or misleading, and/or omitted to state the truth about the
19 Kabbage Loan program.

111. Plaintiffs relied upon and were actually deceived by the misrepresentations thatKabbage made for itself and as a part of a larger criminal conspiracy with the other Defendants.

22 112. The misrepresentations also are likely to deceive other California small business
23 owners.

24 113. The Defendants are directly and/or vicariously liable for the harm suffered by the
25 Plaintiffs and other California business who were similarly deceived.

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1	114.	As a direct and proximate result of each of these loans, Barnabas Clothing and all
2	members of t	he Classes suffered indivisible injury through loss of goodwill, lost profits,
3	reputational h	narm and devaluation of its business.
4	115.	As a direct and proximate result of each of these loans, Barnabas Clothing and all
5	members of t	he Classes suffered indivisible injury by having its other business loans being
6	called in from	n legitimate banks, deterioration of its credit profile, and the inability to secure
7	financing to o	obtain needed inventory and pay its vendors.
8	116.	Alternatively, Barnabas Clothing and all members of the Classes seek to disgorge
9	the profits rea	alized by Defendants from the illegal loan transactions.
10		FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
11 12		Violation of California Business & Profession Code §§ 17200, <i>et seq</i> . (On Behalf of Plaintiffs, the California Merchant Class, and the California Principal Class)
13	117.	Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing allegations as if set forth fully herein.
14	118.	Plaintiffs bring this cause of action individually and on behalf of the California
15	Merchant Cla	ass and the California Principal Class.
16	119.	California Business & Profession Code §§ 17200, et seq. ("UCL") prohibits
17	"unfair comp	etition" in the form of any unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice.
18	120.	Since at least September 2015, Defendants engaged in an unlawful business
19	practices as p	rohibited by the UCL, and as further described in this Complaint:
20		a. Violating Cal. Const. Art. XV § 1 by charging interest rates in excess of
21		10% or 5% plus the applicable Federal Reserve rate;
22		b. Violating 18 U.S.C. § 1343 by furthering their scheme to defraud Plaintiffs by (i) making and receiving wire transfers, and (ii) using wires
23		to transmit fraudulent communications;
24		c. Violating 18 U.S.C. § 1692(c) by conducting the Kabbage Enterprise
25		through a pattern of racketeering and the collection of an unlawful debt; and
26		d. Violating Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500.
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1 121. Additionally, Defendants engaged in unfair and fraudulent conduct by making 2 false and misleading statements when advertising the Kabbage loan program. 3 122. Specifically, Kabbage as part of its commercial advertising and promotion 4 misrepresented the nature, characteristics and qualities of its loans. 5 123. Kabbage's misrepresentations included, among other things, stating that: (1) the 6 loans were not usurious; (2) businesses would save money and avoid fees by paying the loans 7 off early, (3) businesses would not be charged any fees after the loans were paid off; (4) 8 businesses would be charged a fixed monthly payment with 1/6 or 1/12 of that monthly payment 9 going to principal depending upon whether it was a six-month or twelve-month loan; and(5) 10 deceptively disclosing and/or failing to disclose the interest rate. 11 124. Kabbage also falsely designated the origin of the loans in its commercial 12 advertising and promotion as being a loan from Celtic Bank. 13 125. Each of these representations was literally false. 14 126. Kabbage and Celtic Bank knew that these representations were false at the time 15 they were made. 16 127. Kabbage's misrepresentations were material and actually did influence Barnabas 17 Clothing's decision to enter into the loan agreements. 18 128. The misrepresentations also are likely to influence the purchasing decisions of all 19 members of the Classes. 20 129. Defendants knew that Kabbage's misrepresentations have the tendency to deceive 21 small businesses in need of financing and actually deceived Barnabas Clothing. 22 130. Defendants knew that Kabbage was placing, its false and misleading advertising 23 in interstate commercial both through its website and other forms of social media. 24 131. Defendants, directly or indirectly, participated in the false advertisements for 25 their collective benefit and as part of a larger criminal conspiracy to harm Plaintiffs and all members of the Classes. 26 27 28 CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT -181 132. Defendants engaged in these actions to further their business activities, *i.e.*, the
2 issuing, and collection of debts.

133. Defendants' practices offends California's established public polices, and are immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous and substantially injurious to consumers.

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134. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants violations of the UCL, Barnabas Clothing and all members of the Classes suffered, and continue to suffer, substantial injury to his business and/or property as they were forced to pay usurious amounts of interest and has lost, and will continue to lose, customers, profits, goodwill, and business value.

## **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment in their favor against Defendants, jointly and severally, and seek an order from the Court:

- a) For an order certifying the proposed Classes and Subclass;
- b) For an order appointing Plaintiffs as Class Representatives;
- c) For an order appointing counsel for Plaintiffs as Class Counsel;
- d) Declaring Defendants' conduct to be unlawful;
- e) Declaring each of Plaintiffs' and the relevant Classes' agreements with Celtic Bank as a front for Kabbage to be void and unenforceable;
- f) Permanently enjoining Defendants from engaging in the false and deceptive conduct described above, including entering into or collecting on any further usurious loan agreements;
- g) Requiring Defendants to restore Plaintiffs and others any monies that were acquired by means of their false and deceptive advertising, with interest;
- h) Awarding Plaintiffs compensatory, direct, and consequential damages, including prejudgment interest, in an amount to be determined a trial;
- i) Awarding punitive damages and/or treble damages as the Court deems appropriate;
- j) Requiring Defendants to pay Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees and costs; and
- k) Granting such other and further relief as this Court deem just and proper.
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1	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
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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)

1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.

2. Permissive filing in central district.

3. Location where cause of action arose.

4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.

5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.

6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.

- 7. Location where petitioner resides.
- 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
- 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
- 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
- 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury).

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
0.44	Auto (22)	A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
Auto Tort	Uninsured Motorist (46)	A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
ਣੇ ਦ	Asbestos (04)	<ul> <li>A6070 Asbestos Property Damage</li> <li>A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death</li> </ul>	1, 11 1, 11
Prope ath To	Product Liability (24)	A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
al Injury/ ongful De	Medical Malpractice (45)	<ul> <li>A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians &amp; Surgeons</li> <li>A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice</li> </ul>	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<ul> <li>A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)</li> <li>A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrorigful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)</li> <li>A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress</li> <li>A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death</li> </ul>	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 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
	Business Tort (07)	□ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
perty h Tort	Civil Rights (08)	A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
ry/ Pro	Defamation (13)	A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
al Injui ongfu	Fraud (16)	A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Professional Negligence (25)	<ul> <li>A6017 Legal Malpractice</li> <li>A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)</li> </ul>	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
Nor Dar	Other (35)	A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1, 2, 3
ent	Wrongful Termination (36)	A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
Employment	Other Employment (15)	A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case     A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1, 2, 3 10
	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<ul> <li>A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)</li> <li>A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)</li> <li>A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)</li> <li>A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)</li> </ul>	2, 5 2, 5 1, 2, 5 1, 2, 5
Contract	Collections (09)	<ul> <li>A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff</li> <li>A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case</li> <li>A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)</li> </ul>	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
	Other Contract (37)	<ul> <li>A6009 Contractual Fraud</li> <li>A6031 Tortious Interference</li> <li>A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)</li> </ul>	1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2, 6
perty	Wrongful Eviction (33)	A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2,6
Real Property	Other Real Property (26)	<ul> <li>A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure</li> <li>A6032 Quiet Title</li> <li>A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)</li> </ul>	2, 6 2, 6 2, 6
2	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31) -	A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
etaine	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
Unla	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11

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	Asset Forfeiture (05)	□ A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
ew	Petition re Arbitration (11)	A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
Judicial Review	Writ of Mandate (02)	<ul> <li>A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus</li> <li>A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter</li> </ul>	2, 8 2
ηŗ	Other Judicial Review (39)	A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review     A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2
E	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
tigatic	Construction Defect (10)	A6007 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
y Com	Securities Litigation (28)	A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
sionall	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
Provi	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<ul> <li>A6141 Sister State Judgment</li> <li>A6160 Abstract of Judgment</li> <li>A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)</li> <li>A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)</li> <li>A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax</li> <li>A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case</li> </ul>	2, 5, 11 2, 6 2, 9 2, 8 2, 8 2, 8 2, 8, 9
(0	RICO (27)	A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	12,8
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	<ul> <li>A6030 Declaratory Relief Only</li> <li>A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)</li> <li>A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)</li> <li>A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)</li> </ul>	1, 2, 8 2, 8 1, 2, 8 1, 2, 8
	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2, 8
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	<ul> <li>A6121 Civil Harassment</li> <li>A6123 Workplace Harassment</li> <li>A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case</li> <li>A6190 Election Contest</li> <li>A6110 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender</li> <li>A6170 Retition for Change of Name/Change of Gender</li> </ul>	2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2 2, 7
		<ul> <li>A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law</li> <li>A6100 Other Civil Petition</li> </ul>	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: ☑ 1. □ 2. □ 3. □ 4. □ 5. □ 6. □ 7. □ 8. □ 9. □ 10. □ 11.			ADDRESS: Class actions musts be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Centrtal District		
сіту. Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90012			

Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the 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: 3.21.2018

(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).
- 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.

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# EXHIBIT B

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# EXHIBIT C

# Case 2:18-cv-03414 Document 2-3 Filed 04/24/18 Page 2 of 3 Page ID #:43 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL - COMPLEX

Case Number

#### THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below.

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SHERRI R. CARTER, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Clerk

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

#### APPLICATION

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

#### PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

#### CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

#### TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

#### **COMPLAINTS**

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

#### **CROSS-COMPLAINTS**

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

#### STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

#### FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

#### SANCTIONS

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.

#### **Class Actions**

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

#### \*Provisionally Complex Cases

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

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# EXHIBIT D

# **VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS**

The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section

Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section

Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles

Southern California Defense Counsel

Association of Business Trial Lawyers

California Employment Lawyers Association



Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section

Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section



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STIPULATION - EARLY ORGAN	NIZATIONAL MEETING	CASE NUMBER:

## This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

#### The parties agree that:

- 1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:
  - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
  - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
  - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
  - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
  - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
  - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
  - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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discussed in the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Package" served with the complaint;

- h. Computation of damages, including documents, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based;
- i. Whether the case is suitable for the Expedited Jury Trial procedures (see information at <u>www.lacourt.org</u> under "Civil" and then under "General Information").
- 2. The time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross-complaint will be extended to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the complaint, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the cross-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (INSERT DATE) complaint, which is comprised of the 30 days to respond under Government Code § 68616(b), and the 30 days permitted by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a), good cause having been found by the Civil Supervising Judge due to the case management benefits provided by this Stipulation. A copy of the General Order can be found at <u>www.lacourt.org</u> under "Civil", click on "General Information", then click on "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations".
- 3. The parties will prepare a joint report titled "Joint Status Report Pursuant to Initial Conference and Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, and if desired, a proposed order summarizing results of their meet and confer and advising the Court of any way it may assist the parties' efficient conduct or resolution of the case. The parties shall attach the Joint Status Report to the Case Management Conference statement, and file the documents when the CMC statement is due.
- 4. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day

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This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

#### The parties agree that:

- 1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
- 2. At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
- 3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
  - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
    - i. File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
    - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
    - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
  - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
    - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
    - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
- iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
- d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
- e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
- 4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
- 5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.

It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).

- 6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying *ex parte* for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
- 7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
- 8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

#### The parties agree that:

- 1. At least \_\_\_\_\_ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
- 2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
  - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
  - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
- 3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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<ul><li>in sanctions.</li><li>File this cover sheet in addition to any cover</li></ul>		
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other parties to the action or proceeding.		
<ul> <li>Unless this is a collections case under rule :</li> </ul>	3.740 or a complex case, this cover she	eet will be used for statistical purposes only.
orm Adopted for Mandatory Use Judicial Council of California	CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET	Page 1 o Cal. Rules of Court, rules 2.30, 3.220, 3.400–3.403, 3.74

#### INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

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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.

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Contract

#### 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)

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 (nondomestic 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 (nonharassment) 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

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

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# EXHIBIT F

## Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKET

The person who files a civil lawsuit (plaintiff) must include the ADR information Packet with the complaint when serving the defendant. Cross-complainants must serve the ADR Information Packet on any new parties named to the action together with the cross-complaint.

There are a number of ways to resolve civil disputes without having to sue someone. These alternatives to a lawsuit are known as alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

In ADR, trained, impartial persons decide disputes or help parties decide disputes themselves. These persons are called neutrals. For example, in mediations, the neutral is the mediator. Neutrals normally are chosen by the disputing parties or by the court. Neutrals can help resolve disputes without having to go to court.

#### Advantages of ADR

- Often faster than going to trial
- Often less expensive, saving the litigants court costs, attorney's fees and expert fees.
- May permit more participation, allowing parties to have more control over the outcome.
- Allows for flexibility in choice of ADR processes and resolution of the dispute.
- Fosters cooperation by allowing parties to work together with the neutral to resolve the dispute and mutually agree to remedy.
- There are fewer, if any, court appearances. Because ADR can be faster and save money, it can reduce stress.

Disadvantages of ADR - ADR may not be suitable for every dispute.

- If ADR is binding, the parties normally give up most court protections, including a decision by a judge or jury under formal rules of evidence and procedure, and review for legal error by an appellate court.
- ADR may not be effective if it takes place before the parties have sufficient information to resolve the dispute.
- The neutral may charge a fee for his or her services.
- If the dispute is not resolved through ADR, the parties may then have to face the usual and traditional costs of trial, such as attorney's fees and expert fees.

#### The Most Common Types of ADR

Mediation

In mediation, a neutral (the mediator) assists the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of their dispute. Unlike lawsuits or some other types of ADR, the parties, rather than the mediator, decide how the dispute is to be resolved.

- Mediation is particularly effective when the parties have a continuing relationship, like neighbors or business people. Mediation is also very effective where personal feelings are getting in the way of a resolution. This is because mediation normally gives the parties a chance to express their feelings and find out how the other sees things.
- Mediation may not be effective when one party is unwilling to cooperate or compromise or when one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

#### Arbitration

In arbitration, a neutral person called an "arbitrator" hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is typically less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence may be relaxed. Arbitration may be either "binding" or "non-binding." Binding arbitration means the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as final. Non-binding arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they reject the arbitrator's decision.

Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

#### Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC)

Settlement Conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option. Mandatory Settlement Conferences are ordered by the Court and are often held near the date a case is set for trial. The parties and their attorneys meet with a judge who devotes his or her time exclusively to preside over the MSC. The judge does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement.

The Los Angeles Superior Court Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) program is free of charge and staffed by experienced sitting civil judges who devote their time exclusively to presiding over MSCs. The judges participating in the judicial MSC program and their locations are identified in the List of Settlement Officers found on the Los Angeles Superior Court website at <u>http://www.lacourt.org/</u>. This program is available in general jurisdiction cases with represented parties from independent calendar (IC) and Central Civil West (CCW) courtrooms. In addition, on an ad hoc basis, personal injury cases may be referred to the program on the eve of trial by the personal injury master calendar courts in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse or the asbestos calendar court in CCW.

In order to access the Los Angeles Superior Court MSC Program the judge in the IC courtroom, the CCW Courtroom or the personal injury master calendar courtroom must refer the parties to the program. Further, all parties must complete the information requested in the Settlement Conference Intake Form and email the completed form to mscdept18@lacourt.org.

### Additional Information

To locate a dispute resolution program or neutral in your community:

- Contact the California Department of Consumer Affairs (<u>www.dca.ca.gov</u>) Consumer Information Center toll free at 800-952-5210, or;
- Contact the local bar association (http://www.lacba.org/) or;
- Look in a telephone directory or search online for "mediators; or "arbitrators."

There may be a charge for services provided by private arbitrators and mediators.

A list of approved State Bar Approved Mandatory Fee Arbitration programs is available at <a href="http://calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/FeeArbitration/ApprovedPrograms.aspx#19">http://calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/FeeArbitration/ApprovedPrograms.aspx#19</a>

To request information about, or assistance with, dispute resolution, call the number listed below. Or you may call a Contract Provider agency directly. A list of current Contract Provider agencies in Los Angeles County is available at the link below.

http://css.lacounty.gov/programs/dispute-resolution-program-drp/

County of Los Angeles Dispute Resolution Program 3175 West 6th Street, Room 406 Los Angeles, CA 90020-1798 TEL: (213) 738-2621 FAX: (213) 386-3995

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#### Case 2:18-cv-03414 Document 2-7 Filed 04/24/18 Page 2 of 2 Page ID #:64

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address).	FOR COURT USE ONLY
Adam M. Tamburelli (SBN 301902)	
Marlin & Saltzman, LLP	
29800 Agoura Road, Suite 210	
Agoura Hills, CA 91302	
TELEPHONE NO. 818,991,8080 FAX NO. (Optional)	
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): atamburelli@marlinsaltzman.com	
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiffs Barnabas Clothing, Inc. and Alexander Aquino	
Flammins Banabas Clouning, Inc. and Alexander Aquino	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles	-1
STREET ADDRESS: 111 N. Hill Street	
MAILING ADDRESS: 111 N. Hill Street	
CITY AND ZIP CODE Los Angeles, CA 90012	
BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk Courthouse	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: Plaintiffs Barnabas Clothing, Inc. and Alexander Aquino	
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: Kabbage, Inc. and Celtic Bank Corporation	
	CASE NUMBER
NOTICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT—CIVIL	BC699166

TO (insert name of party being served): Celtic Bank Corporation

#### NOTICE

The summons and other documents identified below are being served pursuant to section 415.30 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. Your failure to complete this form and return it within 20 days from the date of mailing shown below may subject you (or the party on whose behalf you are being served) to liability for the payment of any expenses incurred in serving a summons on you in any other manner permitted by law.

If you are being served on behalf of a corporation, an unincorporated association (including a partnership), or other entity, this form must be signed by you in the name of such entity or by a person authorized to receive service of process on behalf of such entity. In all other cases, this form must be signed by you personally or by a person authorized by you to acknowledge receipt of summons. If you return this form to the sender, service of a summons is deemed complete on the day you sign the acknowledgment of receipt below.

Date of mailing: 3.30.18

Adam M. Tamburelli

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

GNATURE OF SENDER-MUST NOT BE A PARTY IN THIS CASE)

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

This acknowledges receipt of (to be completed by sender before mailing):

- 1. A copy of the summons and of the complaint.
- 2. Other (specify):

Cover Sheet Case Assignment ADR Packet Voluntary Stipulations

(To be completed by recipient):

Date this form is signed: April 9, 2018 Celtic Bank Corporation,

by Ashley Simonsen, Attorney

(TYPE OR PRINT YOUR NAME AND NAME OF ENTITY, IF ANY, ON WHOSE BEHALF THIS FORM IS SIGNED)

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT, WITH TITLE IF ACKNOWLEDGINENT IS MADE ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY)

Form Adopted for Mandatory Use Judicial Council of California POS-015 [Rev. January 1, 2005]

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# EXHIBIT H

## Case 2:18-cv-03414 Document 2-8 Filed 04/24/18 Page 2 of 4 Page ID #:66 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DATE: 04/0	9/18				<b>DEPT.</b> 311
HONORABLE	JOHN SHEPARD WILEY JR	JUDGE	M. MATA		DEPUTY CLERK
HONORABLE		JUDGE PRO TEM		FI	ECTRONIC RECORDING MONITOR
#4	I. BIVINS, CA	Deputy Sheriff	NONE		Reporter
	BC699166		Plaintiff		
	BARNABAS CLOTHING INC	ነ ፑጥ. ልተ.	Counsel NO APPEA	DANCEC	í.
	VS KABBAGE INC ET AL		Defendant	MANCES	
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	DEEMED COMPLEX 4/9/18	}			
	NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:				
	COURT ORDER REGARDING	NEWLY FIL	ED CLASS ACTION		
	By this order, the Court determines this case to be Complex according to Rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. The Clerk's Office has randomly assigned this case to this department for all purposes.				
	By this order, the Court stays the case, except for service of the Summons and Complaint. The stay continues at least until the Initial Status Conference. Initial Status Conference is set for June 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in this department. At least 10 days prior to the Initial Status Conference, counsel for all parties must discuss the issues set forth in the Initial Status Conference Order issued this date. The Initial Status Conference Order is to help the Court and the parties manage this complex case by developing an orderly schedule for briefing, discovery, and court hearings. The parties are informally encouraged to exchange documents and information as may be useful for case evaluation. Responsive pleadings shall not be filed until further Order of the Court. Parties must file a Notice of				
	Appearance in lieu of pleading. The filing not constitute a waiv procedural challenge order stays the time	of a Notic er of any to the Com	e of Appearance substantive or plaint. Nothing	shall in thi	S
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DATE: 04/0	9/18			<b>DEPT.</b> 311	
HONORABLE	JOHN SHEPARD WILEY JR	JUDGE	M. MATA	DEPUTY CLERK	
HONORABLE		JUDGE PRO TEM		ELECTRONIC RECORDING MONITOR	
#4	T. BIVINS, CA	Deputy Sheriff		Reporter	
8:30 am	BC699166		Plaintiff		
	BARNABAS CLOTHING INC	C ET AL	Counsel NO APPEARANC	ES	
	VS KABBAGE INC ET AL		Defendant Counsel		
	DEEMED COMPLEX 4/9/18	3			
	NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:				
	Prejudice pursuant to 170.6.	OCODE OF C	ivil Procedure Section	on	
	Counsel are directed to access the following link for information on procedures in the Complex Litigation Program courtrooms:				
	http://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/CI0037.aspx				
	According to Government Code Section 70616 subdivisions (a) and (b), each party shall pay a fee of \$1,000.00 to the Los Angeles Superior Court within 10 calendar days from this date.				
	The plaintiff must serve a copy of this minute order and the attached Initial Status Conference Order on all parties forthwith and file a Proof of Service in this department within seven days of service.				
	CLERK'S CER	TIFICATE O	F 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 minute order and Initial Status Conference Order dated 4/9/18 upon each party or counsel named below by placing the document for collection and mailing so as to				
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## Case 2:18-cv-03414 Document 2-8 Filed 04/24/18 Page 4 of 4 Page ID #:68 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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DATE: 04/0	9/18			DEPT. 311	
HONORABLE	JOHN SHEPARD WILEY JR	JUDGE	M. MATA	DEPUTY CLERK	
HONORABLE #4		JUDGE PRO TEM		ELECTRONIC RECORDING MONITOR	
	T. BIVINS, CA	Deputy Sheriff	NONE	Reporter	
8:30 am	BC699166 BARNABAS CLOTHING IN	C ET AL	Plaintiff Counsel NO API	PEARANCES	
	VS KABBAGE INC ET AL		Defendant Counsel		
	DEEMED COMPLEX 4/9/1	8			
	NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS:				
	cause it to be deposited 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 below with the postage thereon fully prepaid, in accordance with standard court practices.				
	Dated: April 9, 2018		×		
	Sherri R. Carter, Exe By:	ATA, Deput	and go		
	Stanley D. Saltzman, Adam M. Tamburelli, I MARLIN & SALTZMAN LLI 29800 Agoura Road Suite 210 Agoura Hills, CA 9130	Esq. P			

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9		DISTRICT				
10	BARNABAS CLOTHING, INC,	Case No.:BC699166				
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12	Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE ORDER				
13	VS.	Case Assigned for All Purposes to				
14	KABBAGE, INC.	Judge John Shepard Wiley Jr.				
15 16	Defendant,	Department: 311 Date: June 1, 2018 Time: 2:00 p.m.				
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18	This case has been assigned for all purposes to Judge John Shepard Wiley Jr. in the					
19	complex Litigation Program. An Initial Status Conference is set for June 1, 2018 at					
20	2:00 p.m. in Department 9 located in the Los Angeles Superior Court at United States Court					
21	House, 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Counsel for all parties are ordered to					
22	attend.					
23		e Initial Status Conference by identifying and				
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25	discussing the central legal and factual issues in					
26	initiate contact with counsel for defense to begin	this process. Counsel then must negotiate and				
27	agree, as possible, on a case management plan.	Γο this end, counsel must file a Joint Initial Status				
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Conference Class Action Response Statement five court days before the Initial Status Conference.
 The Joint Response Statement must be filed on line-numbered pleading paper and must
 specifically answer each of the below-numbered questions. Do not the use the Judicial Council
 Form CM-110 (Case Management Statement).

- I. PARTIES AND COUNSEL: Please list all presently-named class representatives and
   presently-named defendants, together with all counsel of record, including counsel's contact and
   email information.
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  2. POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL PARTIES: Does any plaintiff presently intend to add
  10 more class representatives? If so, and if known, by what date and by what name? Does any
  11 plaintiff presently intend to name more defendants? If so, and if known, by what date and by what
  12 name? Does any appearing defendant presently intend to file a cross-complaint? If so, who will
  13 be named.
- **3. IMPROPERLY NAMED DEFENDANT(S):** If the complaint names the wrong
  person or entity, please explain.
- 4. ADEQUACY OF PROPOSED CLASS REPRESENTATIVE(S): If any party
  believes one or more named plaintiffs might not be an adequate class representative, please
  explain. No prejudice will attach to these responses.
- 5. ESTIMATED CLASS SIZE: Please discuss and indicate the estimated class size.
   6. OTHER ACTIONS WITH OVERLAPPING CLASS DEFINITIONS: Please list
   other cases with overlapping class definitions. Please identify the court, the short caption title, the
   docket number, and the case status.
- 7. POTENTIALLY RELEVANT ARBITRATION AND/OR CLASS ACTION
   WAIVER CLAUSES: Please include a sample of any clause of this sort. Opposing parties must
   summarize their views on this issue.

8. POTENTIAL EARLY CRUCIAL MOTIONS: Opposing counsel are to identify and 1 describe the significant core issues in the case. Counsel then is to identify efficient ways to 2 3 resolve those issues. The vehicles include: 4 Motion to Compel Arbitration, 5 Early motions in limine, 6 Early motions about particular jury instructions and verdict forms, ...... 7 Demurrers, 8 Motions to strike, 9 Motions for judgment on the pleadings, and 10 11 Motions for summary judgment and summary adjudication. 12 NOTE: Effective 2012, by stipulation a party may move for summary adjudication of 13 a legal issue or a claim for damages that does not completely dispose of a cause of action, an 14 affirmative defense, or an issue of duty.<sup>1</sup> Counsels are to analyze, discuss, and report on the 15 relevance of this powerful new procedure. 16 9. CLASS CONTACT INFORMATION: Does plaintiff need class contact information 17 from the defendant's records? If so, do the parties consent to an "opt-out" notice process (as 18 19 approved in Belaire-West Landscape, Inc. v. Superior Court (2007) 149 Cal.App.4th 554, 561) to 20 precede defense delivery of this information to plaintiff's counsel? If the parties agree on the 21 notice process, who should pay for it? Should there be a third-party administrator? 22 10. PROTECTIVE ORDERS: Parties considering an order to protect confidential 23 information from general disclosure should begin with the model protective orders found on the 24 Los Angeles Superior Court Website under "Civil Tools for Litigators." 25 26 27 <sup>1</sup>See Code Civ. Proc. § 437c, subd. (s) 28 -3-INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCE ORDER

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2	11. <b>DISCOVERY:</b> Please discuss discovery. Do the parties agree on a plan? If not, can				
3	the parties negotiate a compromise? At minimum, please summarize each side's views on				
4	discovery. The court generally allows discovery on matters relevant to class certification, which				
5	(depending on circumstances) may include factual issues also touching the merits. The court				
6	generally does not permit extensive or expensive discovery relevant only to the merits (for				
7	example, detailed damages discovery) unless a persuasive showing establishes early need. If any				
8	party seeks discovery from absent class members, please estimate how many, and also state the				
9 10	kind of discovery you propose. <sup>2</sup>				
11	<b>12. INSURANCE COVERAGE:</b> Please state (1) if there is insurance for indemnity or				
12	reimbursement, and (2) whether there are any insurance coverage issues that might affect				
13	settlement.				
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15	13. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: Please discuss ADR and state each				
16	party's position about it. If pertinent, how can the court help identify the correct neutral and				
17	prepare the case for a successful settlement negotiation?				
18	14. TIMELINE FOR CASE MANAGEMENT: Please recommend dates and times for				
19	the following:				
20	The next status conference,				
21	A schedule for alternative dispute resolution, if it is relevant,				
22	A filing deadline for the motion for class certification, and				
23	Filing deadlines and descriptions for other anticipated non-discovery motions.				
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**15. ELECTRONIC SERVICE OF PAPERS:** For efficiency the complex program requires the parties in every new case to use a third-party cloud service provider. Please agree on one and submit the parties' choice when filing the Joint Initial Status Conference

Class Action Response Statement. If there is agreement, please identify the vendor. If parties cannot agree, the court will select the vendor at the Initial Status Conference. Electronic service is not the same as electronic filing. Only traditional methods of filing by physical delivery of original papers or by fax filing are presently acceptable.

Reminder When Seeking To Dismiss Or To Obtain Settlement Approval:

"A dismissal of an entire class action, or of any party or cause of action in a class action, requires
court approval.... Requests for dismissal must be accompanied by a declaration setting forth the
facts on which the party relies. The declaration must clearly state whether consideration, direct or
indirect, is being given for the dismissal and must describe the consideration in detail."<sup>3</sup> If the
parties have settled the class action, that too will require judicial approval based on a noticed
motion (although it may be possible to shorten time by consent for good cause shown).

18 Pending further order of this Court, and except as otherwise provided in this Initial Status 19 Conference Order, these proceedings are stayed in their entirety. This stay shall preclude the 20filing of any answer, demurrer, motion to strike, or motions challenging the jurisdiction of the 21 Court; however, any defendant may file a Notice of Appearance for purposes of identification of 22 counsel and preparation of a service list. The filing of such a Notice of Appearance shall be 23 without prejudice to any challenge to the jurisdiction of the Court, substantive or procedural 24 challenges to the Complaint, without prejudice to any affirmative defense, and without prejudice 25 26

<sup>27</sup> California Rule of Court, Rule 3.770(a)

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to the filing of any cross-complaint in this action. This stay is issued to assist the Court and the
parties in managing this "complex" case through the development of an orderly schedule for
briefing and hearings on procedural and substantive challenges to the complaint and other issues
that may assist in the orderly management of these cases. This stay shall not preclude the parties
from informally exchanging documents that may assist in their initial evaluation of the issues
presented in this case, however shall stay all outstanding discovery requests.

Plaintiff's counsel is directed to serve a copy of this Initial Status Conference Order on
counsel for all parties, or if counsel has not been identified, on all parties, within five days of
service of this order. If any defendant has not been served in this action, service is to be
completed within twenty days of the date of this order.

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Taxes Expedited Services	Address:	251 LITTLE FALLS DRIVE				
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GEORGIA CORPORATIONS DIVISION

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Business Name:	KABBAGE, INC.	Control Number:	10089009
Business Type:	Foreign Profit Corporation	Business Status:	Active/Compliance
Business Purpose:	NONE		
Principal Office Address:	730 Peachtree Street, Suite 1100, Atlanta, GA, 30308, USA	Date of Formation / Registration Date:	12/22/2010
Jurisdiction:	Delaware	Last Annual Registration Year:	2018
REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION			
Registered Agent Name:	Corporation Service Company		
	40 Tashaslam, Daulaus, Cauth #20		

#### Physical Address: 40 Technology Parkway South, #300, Norcross, GA, 30092, USA

County: Gwinnett

#### OFFICER INFORMATION

Name	Title	Business Address
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L. Scott Askins	Secretary	730 Peachtree St NE, Suite 1100, Atlanta, GA, 30308, USA
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