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| 14 | PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,   | Case No. BC 417194                                      |  |
| 15 | Plaintiff,   | STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT AND             |  |
| 16 | <b>v.</b>  | PERMANENT INJUNCTION AS TO DEFENDANTS MITCHELL ROTH AND |  |
| 17 |  | MW ROTH, PLC  |  |
| 18 | UNITED FIRST, INC., a Nevada corporation; MW ROTH, PLC; a California   |   |  |
| 19 | corporation; PAUL NOE, an individual; MITCHELL ROTH, an individual; and  |   |  |
| 20 | DOES 1-100,  |   |  |
| 21 | Defendants.  |   |  |
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| 23 | Plaintiff, the People of the State of California, appearing through its attorneys, Edmund G.                     |   |  |
| 24 | Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Kristina Ketchel, Deputy Attorney                     |   |  |
| 25 | General, and Defendants MW Roth, PLC and Mitchell Roth, Mr. Roth appearing through his                           |   |  |
| 26 | attorney Fredric J. Greenblatt, Greenblatt & Associates, Attorneys at Law, and MW Roth, PLC by                   |   |  |
| 27 | its principal, Mr. Roth, stipulate as follows:   |   |  |
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|    | STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION AS TO DEFENDANTS MITCHELL ROTH AND MW ROTH, PLC |   |  |
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- 1. The Stipulated Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction ("Final Judgment"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, may be entered in this matter, and entry of the Final Judgment may be ordered by a Judge of the Superior Court. Counsel for Plaintiff may submit the Stipulated Judgment to any judge or commissioner of the superior court for approval and signature, during the court's ex parte calendar or on any other ex parte basis. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC waive the right to any personal notice of any such ex parte submission of the Stipulated Judgment to the court. Counsel for Mitchell Roth shall receive 48 hours telephonic notice.
  - 2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and over the parties hereto.
- 3. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC hereby waive the right to appeal, to attempt to set aside or vacate, or otherwise to attack, directly or collaterally, the Final Judgment upon its entry pursuant to this Stipulation.
- 4. Without waiving its attorney-client privilege as to the nature of any and all communications, Defendant Mitchell Roth acknowledges that he has been represented by legal counsel throughout the negotiations which preceded the execution of this Stipulation, and that he executed this Stipulation with the consent and on the advice of such counsel.
- 5. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC agree to be bound, as of the date of the signatures on this Stipulation, by the provisions of the Final Judgment as though then and there ordered by the Court, that such signature in and of itself constitutes notice to Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC of the Court's issuance of the Final Judgment and the contents thereof, and Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC waive any further notice or service of this Final Judgment. A conformed copy of the signed Judgment shall be served on counsel for Mitchell Roth.
- 6. By stipulating to the Final Judgment and agreeing to comply with its terms,
  Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC do not admit any facts or conclusions of law.
  Nothing in this Stipulation or the Final Judgment shall be construed in this, or any other,
  proceeding as an admission by Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC of any fact,
  conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Final Judgment

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its principal, Mr. Roth, have stipulated to the entry of this Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction (Judgment).

This Judgment is entered without the taking of any evidence and without trial or adjudication of any issue of law or fact. This Judgment does not constitute evidence of or an admission by the Defendants regarding any issue of law or fact alleged in the Complaint. This Judgment and the Stipulation for Entry of Final Judgment constitute the complete, final, and exclusive agreement between the parties and supersede any prior written or oral agreements between the parties.

Therefore, the parties, having waived their rights of appeal and having approved this Judgment as to form and content:

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action, and venue is proper in this Court.
- All relief under Paragraphs 3 through 7 of this Judgment is ordered under the California Business and Professions Code, sections 17203 and 17535.
- For purposes of this judgment, the term "credit repair" means any conduct specified in California Civil Code, section 1789.12, subdivision (a).
- For purposes of this judgment, "mortgage loan modification or foreclosure relief services" means any good, service, plan, or program that is represented, expressly or by implication, to assist a consumer in any manner to (a) stop, prevent, or postpone any residential mortgage or deed of trust foreclosures sale; (b) obtain or arrange a modification of any term of a residential loan, deed of trust, or mortgage; (c) obtain any forbearance from any mortgage loan holder or servicer on any residential loan, deed of trust, or mortgage; (d) exercise any right of reinstatement of any residential mortgage loan; (e) obtain, arrange, or attempt to obtain or arrange any extension of the period within which the owner of residential property sold at foreclosure may cure his or her default or reinstate his or her obligation; (f) obtain any waiver of an acceleration clause contained in any promissory note or contract secured by a deed of trust; (g) obtain a loan or advance of funds that is connected to the consumer's home ownership; (h) avoid

or ameliorate the impairment of the consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating that is connected to the consumer's home ownership; (i) assist the consumer in obtaining proceeds from the foreclosure sale of the consumer's residence; (j) obtain or arrange a pre-foreclosure sale, short sale, or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure of a consumer's residence; (k) obtain or arrange a refinancing, recapitalization, or reinstatement of a residential loan, deed of trust, or mortgage; (l) audit or examine a consumer's mortgage or home loan application; or (m) obtain, arrange, or attempt to obtain or arrange any extension of the period within which the renter of residential property sold at foreclosure may continue to occupy the property. This includes any form of assistance, including, but not limited to, debt, credit, budget, or financial counseling; receiving money for the purpose of distributing it to creditors; performing a review or any type of audit of mortgage loan documents; contacting creditors or servicers on behalf of a consumer; giving advance of any kind with respect to filing for bankruptcy; and any services delineated in California Civil Code section 2945.1, subdivision (a).

- 5. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC are permanently restrained and enjoined from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any of the following acts or practices:
- a. Advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any services (whether legal or otherwise) related to mortgage loan modification or foreclosure relief services, or credit repair; and
- b. Assisting others engaged in advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, or selling any services (whether legal or otherwise) related to mortgage loan modification or foreclosure relief services or credit repair.
- 6. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC are permanently restrained and enjoined from making any improper claims on homeowners' insurance policies issued to former clients of any Defendant in this matter. In addition, Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC shall cooperate so that homeowners are able to remove any Defendant to this matter as a beneficiary from any property insurance policies issued to any client of any Defendant in this matter, including but not limited to, signing any forms any insurance company may require in order to memorialize any such change.

- 7. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC and their successors, assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, and corporations, and those persons or entities in active concert or participation with any of them who receive actual or constructive notice of this Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from making any untrue or misleading statement, whether written or oral, about:
  - a. The ability to improve or otherwise affect a consumer's credit record, credit history, credit rating, or ability to obtain credit;
  - b. The ability to postpone or prevent foreclosure, modify a mortgage loan, or provide any mortgage loan modification or foreclosure relief services;
  - c. The terms of any mortgage loan modification, including any of the following specified terms: annual percentage rates, interest rates, reduction in principal balance, monthly payments, loan forbearance, or reinstatement; or
    - d. The validity of any existing mortgage loan or deed of trust.
- 8. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC and their successors, assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, and corporations, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual or constructive notice of this Judgment, are permanently restrained and enjoined from demanding payment on or enforcing or threatening to enforce any contract or agreement for the sale or providing of any services (whether legal or otherwise) related to mortgage loan modification or foreclosure relief services or credit repair, entered into by Defendants prior to the effective date of this Judgment.
- 9. Judgment is hereby entered for civil penalties under California Business and Professions Code sections 17206 and 17536 in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$125,000.
- 10. Judgment is hereby entered for restitution under California Business and Professions Code sections 17203 and 17535 in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$1,000,000, as restitution for California consumers who paid any fees to Defendants Paul Noe, United First, Inc., Mitchell Roth or MW Roth, PLC in connection with any contract or agreement for the provision of any services

 (whether legal or otherwise) related to mortgage loan modification or foreclosure relief services, or credit repair. Plaintiff, in its discretion, may determine the eligibility of any individual for restitution available under this Judgment; pay restitution directly to eligible individuals in accordance with any reasonable plan or method, including restitution to all eligible individuals, or to groups of eligible individuals reasonably selected by Plaintiff in its discretion, on a full, *pro rata*, or differential basis; and distribute any remaining restitution as additional civil penalties after payment of restitution as set forth in this paragraph. At Plaintiff's option, restitution may be administered by a third party administrator, who shall administer restitution according to this Judgment. Payment for services rendered by the restitution administrator shall be paid entirely and solely from funds allocated as restitution. Defendants shall make a good faith effort to cooperate with Plaintiff in determining which consumers are entitled to restitution.

- 11. Payments made pursuant to paragraphs 9 and 10 shall be by certified checks made payable to the California Attorney General's Office and delivered to Plaintiff at the following address: Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Attn: Deputy Attorney General Kristina Ketchel.
- 12. Defendants shall reasonably cooperate with the Attorney General in any investigation concerning compliance with this Judgment. Any duly authorized representative of the California Attorney General shall, upon reasonable notice to Mitchell Roth or MW Roth, PLC, be permitted to inspect and copy all books, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, memoranda, recordings, contracts, banking records or other records or documents in the possession or under the control of Mitchell Roth or MW Roth, PLC which relate to any of the matters contained in this Judgment.
- 13. This Judgment fully and finally resolves only those matters specifically set forth in the allegations of the Complaint and the Amended Answer filed in this action and any rulings of the Court, for conduct which occurred before entry of this Judgment. This Judgment is not intended to change or alter any decisions of the Court previously made.
- 14. This Judgment resolves only Plaintiff's claims as to Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC. Plaintiff is granted leave to proceed against all remaining Defendants to this action: Paul Noe, United First, Inc., and Does 1 through 100, inclusive.

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- 15. Defendants Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC shall maintain and provide information to and reasonably cooperate with Plaintiff in connection with the prosecution of the above captioned action and in accordance with this Judgment. Duties under this paragraph include:
  - a. Being available upon 20 days notice for interviews by Plaintiff's counsel or other representatives of Plaintiff, in connection with this action.
  - b. Attending depositions, trials or hearings on 20 days notice and in connection with this action, without the necessity of a subpoena or personal service;
  - c. Testifying truthfully and completely at any deposition, trial or hearing in connection with this action;
  - d. Providing any documents and other tangible things requested by Plaintiff on 30 days notice to the extent such documents have not already been provided and are in the possession and/or control of Mitchell Roth, without the necessity of a subpoena or personal service and without objection;
  - e. Not objecting to efforts by Plaintiff to obtain documents or other discovery from any other named defendant to this action or any third party;
  - f. Protecting, preserving and maintaining all records and correspondence, including client files, which are now in or later come into their possession, custody or control, that were sent to, received from, or in any way relate to any of the defendants to this action or their representatives, or to aid defendants' business practices, or to any of the allegations in the Complaint in this matter; and
    - g. Otherwise cooperating with the Plaintiff's prosecution of this action.
- 16. This Judgment does not limit Plaintiff's right to seek additional discovery from Mitchell Roth or MW Roth, PLC in the prosecution of this case or other actions or proceedings, or to seek such discovery under procedures otherwise allowed by law.
- 17. Mitchell Roth and MW Roth, PLC shall pay any fee the court may require for the filing of the Stipulation for Entry of Stipulated Permanent Injunction and Judgment. Except as otherwise set forth in this Judgment, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses of litigation.

- 18. Nothing in this Judgment shall be construed as relieving Mitchell Roth or MW Roth, PLC of their obligations to comply, or as prohibiting Mitchell Roth or MW Roth, PLC from complying, with all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, or rules, nor shall any of the provisions of this Judgment be deemed to be permission to engage in any acts or practices prohibited by any applicable law, regulation, or rule.
- 19. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for purposes of enabling any party to this Judgment to apply to the Court at any time for further orders or directions as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or carrying out of this Judgment, for modification of any of the injunctive provisions of this Judgment, for enforcement or compliance with this Judgment, and/or for the punishment of any violation of this Judgment.
- 20. This Judgment shall be binding and effective immediately upon entry by the clerk of this Court, and the clerk is ordered to enter this Judgment forthwith.

Date:

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