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| 10 | SUPERIOR COURT OF TI | HE STATE OF CALIFORNIA |
| 11 | FOR THE COUNT | Y OF LOS ANGELES |
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| 13 | TOXIN WATCHDOG, LLC, a California |) CASE NO. BC 6 0 1 4 5 4 |
| 14 | limited liability company acting in the public interest; | COMPLAINT FOR: |
| 15 | Plaintiff, |) INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND CIVIL) PENALTIES |
| 16 | VS. |)) Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 |
| 17 | IV SUPPLY COMPANY, a California |) (UNLIMITED JURISDICTION) |
| 18 | corporation doing business as INTERSTATE VAPE; MIKE COOK, individually and doing |) |
| 19 | business as DEMENTIA GALLERY; DAVID | |
| 20 | HADDAD, MICHAEL HADDAD, MOOSA M. SHAH, a partnership doing business as | |
| 21 | SMOKESMITH; TRANG DIEM TRAN, individually and doing business as LUSH | |
| 22 | VAPOR; MIKE'S SMOKE & GIFT SHOP, | |
| 23 | INC., a California corporation; ANDREW YUN, individually and doing business under | , |
| 24 | the name US VAPOR CO.; and DOES 1 through 20, | |
| 25 | Defendants. | |
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INTRODUCTION

- 1. This Complaint seeks to remedy Defendants' continuing failure to warn individuals in California that they are being exposed to the toxin nicotine, a chemical known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm. This Complaint addresses exposures that have occurred, and continue to occur, through the manufacture, distribution, sale, and/or use of products described as e-cigarettes or e-cigs" (collectively, "Products"). Individuals in California, including pregnant women, are exposed to nicotine through ordinary use of the Products.
- 2. Under California's Proposition 65, Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq., it is unlawful for businesses to knowingly and intentionally expose individuals in California to chemicals known to the State to cause cancer without providing clear and reasonable warnings to individuals prior to their exposure. Defendants introduce Products contaminated with significant quantities of nicotine into the California marketplace, exposing consumers of their Products to nicotine.
- 3. Despite the fact that Defendants expose pregnant women, and other people to nicotine, Defendants provide no warnings whatsoever about the carcinogenic hazards associated with these nicotine exposures. Defendants' conduct thus violates the warning provision of Proposition 65.

 Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff Toxin Watchdog, LLC ("Toxin Watchdog") is a California limited liability company dedicated to protecting the public from environmental health hazards and toxic exposures. Toxin Watchdog is based in Southern California and is organized under the laws of the State of California. Toxin Watchdog is a "person" within the meaning of *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.1 and brings this enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(d). Toxin Watchdog is a recognized environmental advocacy group that prosecutes Proposition 65 cases in the public interest. These cases will result in significant public benefit, including the reformulation of numerous products to remove toxic chemicals to make them safer.

doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code § 25249.1 1. Mike's manufactures,

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distributes, and/or sells Products for sale or use in California, including, but not limited to, Premium 1 2 Vape Juice by U S Vapor Co. // MMXII // Signature // Banana Mucho // 6 // 15 ml. The product is 3 sold without a warning, in violation of Proposition 65. 10. 4 On information and belief, Defendant Andrew Yun is an individual doing business under the name US Vapor Co. in the County of Los Angeles ("Yun") and is a person in the course of doing 6 business within the meaning of *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.1 1. Yun manufactures, distributes, and/or sells Products for sale or use in California, including, but not limited to, Premium Vape Juice 8 by U S Vapor Co. // MMXII // Signature // Banana Mucho // 6 // 15 ml. The product is sold without a warning, in violation of Proposition 65. 10 11. DOES 1 through 20 are each a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of 11 Health & Safety Code § 25249.11. DOES 1 through 20 manufacture, distribute, and/or sell Products 12 for sale or use in California. 13 12. The true names of DOES I through 20 are unknown to Toxin Watchdog at this time. When 14 their identities are ascertained, the Complaint shall be amended to reflect their true names. 15 13. The defendants identified in paragraphs 5 through 10 and DOES 1 through 20 are 16 collectively referred to herein as "Defendants." 17 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 18 The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, 14. 19 which allows enforcement in any court of competent jurisdiction, and pursuant to California 20 Constitution Article VI, Section 10, because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial 21 courts. 22 15. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because each is a business entity that does 23 sufficient business, has sufficient minimum contacts in California or otherwise intentionally avails 24 itself of the California market through the sale, marketing, or use of Products in California and/or 25 by having such other contacts with California so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by 26 the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. 27 16. Venue is proper in the Los Angeles Superior Court because one or more of the violations 28 arise in the County of Los Angeles.

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BACKGROUND FACTS

- 17. The People of the State of California have declared by initiative under Proposition 65 their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm." Proposition 65, § I (b).
- 18. To effectuate this goal, Proposition 65 prohibits exposing people to chemicals listed by the State of California as known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm without a "clear and reasonable warning" unless the business responsible for the exposure can prove that it fits within a statutory exemption. *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.6 states, in pertinent part:
- 19. No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual
- 12 | 20. On April 1, 1990 the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental
 13 | Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") of the State of California officially listed nicotine as a
 14 | chemical known to cause cancer. 27 C.C.R. § 27001(b).
 - 21. On April 1, 1991, one year after it was listed as a chemical known to cause cancer, nicotine became subject to the clear and reasonable warning requirement regarding carcinogens under Proposition 65. 27 C.C.R. § 27001 (b); *Health & Safety Code* § 25249. 10(b). The chief purpose of the one-year grace period between the listing date of a chemical under Proposition 65 and the effective date of the warning requirement is to give potentially liable parties sufficient time to come into complete compliance with this requirement, such that all illegal exposures can be averted.
 - 22. The Products are not "nicotine replacement products" or "smoking cessation products" within the meaning of *Dowhal v. SmithklineBeecham Consumer Healthcare*, 04 S.O.S. 1931. They a high-tech way to hook a new generation on a bad nicotine habit.
- Defendants' Products contain sufficient quantities of nicotine such that individuals,
 including pregnant women, are exposed to nicotine through the average use of Products. The routes
 of exposure include inhalation by individuals when they consume the Products.
 - 24. Any person acting in the public interest has standing to enforce violations of Proposition 65 provided that such person has supplied the requisite public enforcers with a valid 60-Day Notice of

Violation and such public enforcers are not diligently prosecuting the action within such time. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d). 2 3 25. More than sixty days prior to naming each Defendant in this lawsuit, Toxin Watchdog provided a 60-Day "Notice of Violation of Proposition 65" to the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of every county in California, the City Attorneys of every California city with a 5 population greater than 750,000, and to each of the named Defendants. In compliance with *Health* & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and 27 C.C.R. § 25903(b), each Notice included the following information: (1) the name and address of each violator; (2) the statute violated; (3) the time period 8 during which violations occurred; (4) specific descriptions of the violations including (a) the routes 10 of exposure to nicotine from Products, and (b) the specific type of Products sold and used in violation of Proposition 65; and (5) the name of the specific Proposition 65-listed chemical that is 11 12 the subject of the violations described in each Notice. 13 More than sixty days prior to naming each Defendant in this lawsuit, concurrent with 26. sending out Notices described in the preceding paragraph, Toxin Watchdog also sent a Certificate of 14 Merit for each Notice to the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of every county in 15 California, the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000, and 16 17 to the named Defendants. 18 In compliance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and 11 C.C.R. § 3101, each of the 27. Certificates certified that Toxin Watchdog's counsel: (I) has consulted with one or more persons 19 20 with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who reviewed facts, studies, or other data 21 regarding the exposures to nicotine alleged in each of the Notices; and (2) based on the information 22 obtained through such consultations, believes that there is a reasonable and meritorious case for a citizen enforcement action based on the facts alleged in each of the Notices. In compliance with 23 24 Health, & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and 11C.C.R. § 3102, each of the Certificates served on the 25 Attorney General included factual information provided on a confidential basis, sufficient to establish the basis for the Certificate, including the identity of the person(s) consulted by Toxin 26

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Watchdog's counsel and the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by such persons.

- None of the public prosecutors with the authority to prosecute violations of Proposition 65 has commenced and/or is diligently prosecuting a cause of action against
- 3 29. Defendants under Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq., based on the claims asserted in the Notices.
- 5 30. Defendants both know and intend that consumers in California, including infants and children, will use, touch, and/or handle the Products, thus exposing 0,C111 to nicotine.
- 7 31. Under Proposition 65, an exposure is "knowing" where the party responsible for such exposure has: knowledge of/the fact that a[n] ... exposure to a chemical listed pursuant to [Health and Safety Code § 25249.8(a)] is occurring. No knowledge that the ... exposure is unlawful is required.
- 11 32. 27 C.C.R. § 25102(n). This knowledge may be either actual or constructive. See, e.g., Final Statement of Reasons Revised (November 4, 1988) (pursuant to former 22 C.C.R. Division 2, § 12201).
- 14 33. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with the Products regarding the reproductive toxic hazards of nicotine.
- 16 34. Defendants have been informed of the nicotine in their Products by the 60-Day Notice of
 17 Violation and accompanying Certificate of Merit served on them by Toxin Watchdog.
 - 35. As companies that manufacture, import, distribute, and/or sell Products for use in the California marketplace, Defendants know or should know that Products contain nicotine and that individuals who use the Products will be exposed to nicotine. These nicotine exposures are a natural and foreseeable consequence of Defendants' placing the Products into the stream of commerce.
- 22 [36. Nevertheless] Defendants continue to expose consumers in California, including infants and children, to nicotine without prior clear and reasonable warnings regarding the carcinogenic hazards of nicotine.
- 25 37. Any person "violating or threatening to violate" Proposition 65 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7. "Threaten to violate" is defined to mean "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that violation will occur." *Health &*

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| 1 | Safety Code § 25249.11(e). Proposition 65 provides for civil penalties not to exceed \$2,500 per day |
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| 2 | for each violation of Proposition 65. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). |
| 3 | FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION |
| 4 | (Violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6) |
| 5 | 38. Toxin Watchdog realleges and incorporates by reference as though specifically set forth |
| 6 | herein Paragraphs I through 38, inclusive. |
| 7 | 39. Nicotine is a chemical listed by the State of California as known to cause cancer |
| 8 | 40. By placing their Products into the stream of commerce, Defendants are each a person in the |
| 9 | course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code § 25249.11. |
| 10 | 41. Defendants know that average use of their Products will expose users of the Products to |
| 11 | nicotine. Defendants intend that their Products be used in a manner that results in users of their |
| 12 | Products being exposed to nicotine contained therein. |
| 13 | 42. Defendants have failed, and continue to fail, to provide prior clear and reasonable warnings |
| 14 | regarding the carcinogenicity of nicotine to users of their Products. |
| 15 | 43. By committing the acts alleged above, Defendants have at all times relevant to this |
| 16 | Complaint violated Proposition 65 by knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals 1'0 |
| 17 | nicotine without first giving clear and reasonable warnings to such individuals regarding the |
| 18 | carcinogenicity of nicotine. |
| 19 | 44. The Defendants, and each of them, have engaged in conduct that violated Proposition 65 on |
| 20 | each day during the year preceding the filing of this complaint. As such, each of the Defendant is |
| 21 | liable for civil penalties in the amount of \$912,500.00. |
| 22 | 45. Wherefore, Toxin Watchdog prays for judgment against Defendants, as set forth hereafter. |
| 23 | PRAYER FOR RELIEF |
| 24 | Wherefore, Toxin Watchdog prays for judgment against Defendants; as follows: |
| 25 | 1. That the Court, pursuant to <i>Health & Safety Code</i> § 25249.7(b), assess civil penalties against |
| 26 | each Defendant in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation of Proposition 65 alleged herein |
| 27 | according to proof, up to \$912,500.00; |
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| 1 | 2. That the Court, pursuant to <i>Health & Safety Code</i> § 25249.7(a), preliminarily and |
| 2 | permanently enjoin Defendants from offering Products for sale in California without providing prior |
| 3 | clear and reasonable Warnings, as Toxin Watchdog shall specify in further application to the Court; |
| 4 | 3. That the Court, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(a), order Defendants to take |
| 5 | action to stop ongoing unwarned exposures to nicotine resulting from use of Products sold by |
| 6 | Defendants, as Toxin Watchdog shall specify in further application to the Court; |
| 7 | 4. That the Court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 or any other applicable theory, |
| 8 | grant Toxin Watchdog its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit; and |
| 9 | 5. That the Court grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper. |
| 10 | Dated: November 13, 2015 WEISBERG LAW |
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| 13 | Lee Weisberg Daniel Ip |
| 14 | Attorneys for Plaintiff Toxin Watchdog, Inc. |
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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

IV SUPPLY COMPANY, a California corporation doing business as INTERSTATE VAPE; See Additional Parties Attachment

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

TOXIN WATCHDOG, LLC, a California limited liability company acting in the public interest

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk By: Moses Soto, Deputy

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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

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

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

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

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Lee Weisberg, Daniel Ip, Weisberg Law, 18543 Devonshire St. #330 Northridge, CA 91324, (747) 202-5004

| DATE: (Fecha) | SHERRI R. CARTER | Clerk, by (Secretario) | M. Soto | , Deputy (Adjunto) |
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| Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort | Insurance coverage (18) | Mass tort (40) | | |
| Asbestos (04) | Other contract (37) | Securities litigation (28) | | |
| Product liability (24) | | Environmental/Toxic tort (30) | | |
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| | Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) | Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case | | |
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| Fraud (16) | Residential (32) | RICO (27) | | |
| Intellectual property (19) | Drugs (38) | Other complaint (not specified above) (42) | | |
| Professional negligence (25) | Judicial Review | Miscellaneous Civil Petition | | |
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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

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

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

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

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)

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Other PI/PD/WD (23)

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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)

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)

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Contract Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease

Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)

Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller

Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open

book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff

Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)

Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal

drugs, check this item; otherwise,

report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor

Commissioner Appeals

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

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Securities Litigation (28) Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex

case type listed above) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20) Abstract of Judgment (Out of

County)

Confession of Judgment (non-

domestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment)

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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 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.

Item I. Check the types of hearing and fill in the estimated length of hearing expected for this case:

JURY TRIAL? YES

CLASS ACTION? YES LIMITED CASE? YES TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL Five

Item II. Indicate the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps – If you checked "Limited Case", skip to Item III, Pg. 4):

Step 1: After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column A, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.

Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column B below which best describes the nature of this case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.3.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)

- Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district.

- May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage).
 Location where cause of action arose.
 Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.
 Location where performance required or defendant resides.
- Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle. Location where petitioner resides.
- Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
 Location where one or more of the parties reside.
 Location of Labor Commissioner Office
- 11. Mandatory Filing Location (Hub Case)

Step 4: Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort

| A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No. | Type of Action (Check only one) | C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above |
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| Auto (22) | □ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death | 1., 2., 4. |
| Uninsured Motorist (46) | □ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death - Uninsured Motorist | 1., 2., 4. |
| Asbestos (04) | □ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage □ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death | 2. 2. |
| Product Liability (24) | ☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) | 1., 2., 3., 4., 8. |
| Medical Malpractice (45) | □ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons □ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice | 1., 4. 1., 4. |
| Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23) | □ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) □ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) □ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress □ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death | 1., 4. 1., 4. 1., 3. 1., 4. |

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

□ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs

Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)

SHORT TITLE:

Judicial Review

Provisionally Complex Litigation

Enforcement of Judgment

Miscellaneous Civil Complaints

Miscellaneous Civil Petitions TOXIN WATCHDOG, LLC v. IV SUPPLY COMPANY, etc., et al,

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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 |
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| Asset Forfeiture (05) | ☐ A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case | 2., 6. |
| Petition re Arbitration (11) | □ A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration | 2., 5. |
| | □ A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus | 2., 8. |
| Writ of Mandate (02) | ☐ A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter | 2. |
| | ☐ A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review | 2. |
| Other Judicial Review (39) | ☐ A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review | 2., 8. |
| Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) | □ A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation | 1., 2., 8. |
| Construction Defect (10) | □ A6007 Construction Defect | 1., 2., 3. |
| Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) | □ A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort | 1., 2., 8. |
| Securities Litigation (28) | ☐ A6035 Securities Litigation Case | 1., 2., 8. |
| Toxic Tort Environmental (30) | ☐ A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental | 1., 2., 3., 8. |
| Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41) | ☐ A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only) | 1., 2., 5., 8. |
| | ☐ A6141 Sister State Judgment | 2., 9. |
| Enforcement of Judgment (20) | ☐ A6160 Abstract of Judgment | 2., 6. |
| | ☐ A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) | 2., 9. |
| | ☐ A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) | 2., 8. |
| | ☐ A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax | 2., 8. |
| | ☐ A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case | 2., 8., 9. |
| RICO (27) | ☐ A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case | 1., 2., 8. |
| | ☐ A6030 Declaratory Relief Only | 1., 2., 8. |
| Other Complaints | ☐ A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment) | 2., 8. |
| (Not Specified Above) (42) | ☐ A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) | 1., 2., 8. |
| | ☐ A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex) | 1., 2., 8. |
| Partnership Corporation Governance (21) | ☐ A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case | 2., 8. |
| | ☐ A6121 Civil Harassment | 2., 3., 9. |
| | □ A6123 Workplace Harassment | 2., 3., 9. |
| Other Petitions (Not | ☐ A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case | 2., 3., 9. |
| Specified Above) (43) | ☐ A6190 Election Contest | 2. |
| | ☐ A6110 Petition for Change of Name | 2., 7. |
| | ☐ A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law | 2., 3., 4., 8. |
| | ☐ A6100 Other Civil Petition | 2., 9. |

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Item III. Statement of Location: Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., Step 3 on Page 1, as the proper reason for filling in the court location you selected.

| REASON: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case. | | | ADDRESS: 6618 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028 |
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| Hollywood | CA | 90028 | |

Item IV. Declaration of Assignment: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that the above-entitled matter is properly filed for assignment to the Stanley Mosk courthouse 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, subd.(a).

Dated: November 13, 2015

(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.
- Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/15).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
- 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.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT - UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (NON-CLASS ACTION)

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THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judge indicated below. There is more information on the reverse side of this form.

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| Hon. Kevin C. Brazile | 1 | 534 | Hon. Elizabeth Allen White | ···· |
| Hon. Barbara A. Meiers | 12 | 636 | Hon. Deirdre Hill | |
| Hon. Terry A. Green | 14 | 300 | Hon. Teresa A. Beaudet | |
| Hon. Richard Fruin | 15 | 307 | Hon. Michael J. Raphael | |
| Hon. Rita Miller | 16 | 306 | Hon. Susan Bryant-Deason | • |
| Hon. Richard E. Rico | 17 | 309 | Hon. Steven J. Kleifield | |
| Hon. Stephanie Bowick | 19 | 311 | Hon. Ernest M. Hiroshige | • |
| Hon. Dalila Corral Lyons | 20 | 310 | Hon. Malcolm H. Mackey | |
| Hon. Robert L. Hess | 24 | 314 | Hon. Michael Johnson | |
| Hon. Yvette M. Palazuelos | 28 | 318 | Hon. Rolf M. Treu | |
| Hon. Barbara Scheper | 30 | 400 | Hon. Gregory Keosian | |
| Hon. Samantha Jessner | 31 | 407 | Hon. Michael L. Stern | |
| Hon. Mary H. Strobel | 32 | 406 | Hon. Mark Mooney | |
| Hon. Michael P. Linfield | 34 | 408 | Hon. William F. Fahey | |
| Hon. Gregory Alarcon | 36 | 410 | Hon. Suzanne G. Bruguera | |
| Hon. Marc Marmaro | 37 | 413 | Hon. Ruth Ann Kwan | |
| Hon. Maureen Duffy-Lewis | 38 | 412 | Hon. Rafael Ongkeko | |
| Hon. Elizabeth Feffer | 39 | 415 | Hon. Teresa Sanchez-Gordon | |
| Hon. Michelle R. Rosenblatt | 40 | 414 | Hon. Gail Ruderman Feuer | |
| Hon. Holly E. Kendig | 42 | 416 | | - |
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| Hon. Frederick C. Shaller | 46 | 500 | *Provisionally Complex Non-class Action Cases | |
| Hon. Debre K. Weintraub | 47 | 507 | Assignment is Pending Complex Determination | |

*Complex

All non-class action cases designated as provisionally complex are forwarded to the Supervising Judge of the Complex Litigation Program located in the Central Civil West Courthouse (600 S. Commonwealth Ave., Los Angeles 90005), for complex/non-complex determination pursuant to Local Rule 3.3(k). This procedure is for the purpose of assessing whether or not the case is complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.400. Depending on the outcome of that assessment, the case may be reassigned to one of the judges of the Complex Litigation Program or reassigned randomly to a court in the Central District.

| Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record on | SHERRI R. | CARTER, Execut | ive Officer/Cler |
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the Chapter Three Rules, as applicable in the Central District, are summarized for your assistance.

APPLICATION

The Chapter Three Rules were effective January 1, 1994. They apply to all general civil cases.

PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Chapter Three 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 Individual Calendaring Court 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 of filing.

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.

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 at a status conference not more than 10 days before the trial to have timely filed and served all motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested jury instructions, and special jury instructions and special jury verdicts. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least 5 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 Eight 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 the party.

This is not a complete delineation of the 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 absolutely imperative.

VOLUNTARY EFFICIENT LITIGATION STIPULATIONS



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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◆

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| STIPULATION - DISCOV | ERY RESOLUTION | | | |
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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:

- 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.
- 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:
 - Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
 - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- 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.
- 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 filling of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filling 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).

- 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.
- 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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| STIPULATION - EARLY ORGANIZATI | ONAL MEETING | CASE MINISTRA |

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:

- The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this atipulation 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?
 - Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the Itigation. (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;
- 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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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:

- 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 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.
- 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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