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| 11                                   | WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL,                                                                                                                    | Case No. 19STCV12592                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12                                   | Plaintiff,                                                                                                                                 | [Hon. Hon. Wendy Chang, Department 36]                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 13                                   | V.                                                                                                                                         | MOTION TO SEAL RE DEFENDANT'S                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 14                                   | TWIN GALAXIES, LLC,                                                                                                                        | LODGMENT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023 RE<br>DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR ISSUE                                                                                                                                                         |
| 15                                   | Defendants.                                                                                                                                | SANCTIONS<br>Date: February 29, 2024                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 16                                   |                                                                                                                                            | Time: 8:30 a.m.<br>Dept.: 36                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 17                                   |                                                                                                                                            | Reservation No. 786359911283                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18                                   |                                                                                                                                            | Trial Date: 1/26/2023                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 19                                   |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 20                                   | TO THE HONORABLE COURT, THE PARTI                                                                                                          | ES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 21                                   | PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on Feb                                                                                                             | oruary 29, 2024 or as soon thereafter as counsel may                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 22                                   | be heard, in Department 36 of the above-caption                                                                                            | ed Court, Plaintiff WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 23                                   | ("Plaintiff") will and hereby does move this (                                                                                             | Court for an Order sealing the documents lodged                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 24                                   | conditionally under seal by Defendant TWIN GA                                                                                              | ALAXIES, LLC ("Defendant") as Exhibits F and G                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 25                                   | in support of Defendant's Motion for Issue Sanc                                                                                            | ctions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 26                                   | This motion is made pursuant to Californ                                                                                                   | nia Rules of Court ("CRC"), Rules 2.550 and 2.551                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 27                                   | on the grounds that Plaintiff has an overriding                                                                                            | privacy interest that overcomes the right of public                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 28                                   | access to the exhibits, this overriding interest su                                                                                        | upports sealing the record, a substantial probability                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|                                      | MOTION TO SEAL RE DEFENDANT                                                                                                                | 'S LODGMENT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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exists that Plaintiff's privacy interest will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed, the proposed
sealing is narrowly tailored only to the two exhibits, and there are no less restrictive means to achieve
this overriding interest. Moreover, the exhibits in question were produced in discovery and marked
as Highly Confidential and Confidential pursuant to the stipulated protective order in this action and
should have been filed under seal as the Motion for Issue Sanctions is a discovery motion. Finally,
the parties have agreed that these exhibits should be filed under seal.

This Motion is based on this Notice of Motion, the attached Memorandum of Points and
Authorities, the Declaration of Kristina Ross, all of the pleadings, files, and records in this
proceeding, all other matters of which the Court may take judicial notice, and any argument or
evidence that may be presented at or before hearing on this Motion.

DATED: November 13, 2023

#### MANNING & KASS ELLROD, RAMIREZ, TRESTER LLP

Anthony J. Ellrod Kristina Ross Attorneys for Plaintiff WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL

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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### 2 I. INTRODUCTION

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On October 26, 2022, the Court entered the Parties stipulated protective order due to
Defendant and Defendant's counsel leaking pleadings, discovery, and other portions of this
litigation to third parties to disseminate on the internet for the purpose of damaging Plaintiff's
reputation and skewing public favor against Plaintiff. Declaration of Kristina Ross ("Ross Decl.") ¶
3, Ex. A.

The protective order states that " 'Confidential' means any Documents, Testimony, or 8 9 Information which is in the possession of a Designating Party who believes in good faith that such 10 Documents, Testimony, or Information is entitled to confidential treatment under applicable law. A Designating Party may designate its discovery responses as 'Confidential'." Ross. Decl. ¶ 4; see 11 12 Ex. A at 2. Further, "Highly Confidential' means any information which belongs to a Designating 13 Party who believes in good faith that the Disclosure of such information to another Party or non-14 Party would create a substantial risk of serious financial or other injury that cannot be avoided by 15 less restrictive means." Id.

The protective order also details the procedure for a non-designating party to object to the designation of documents as Confidential or Highly Confidential. Ross. Decl. ¶ 5; see Ex. A at 4-5.

Further, the protective order details the process for a party to include documents that were
designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential in any motion or other proceeding as governed
by CRC, Rules 2.550 and 2.551. Ross. Decl. ¶ 6; see Ex. A at 10. Specifically, if the materials
designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential are being used in connection with discovery
motions, the designated materials "shall be separately filed under seal with the clerk of the Court in
an envelope marked: 'CONFIDENTIAL – FILED UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE
ORDER AND WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SEALING REQUIRED'." Id.

On January 5, 2023, Plaintiff produced bank account statements for Rickey's related to Plaintiff's claim for damages to his business, which has since been withdrawn. The statements were marked Highly Confidential pursuant to the protective order. The statements were redacted to remove the account number; however, all of the transactions were not redacted and include numerous third parties information as the descriptions of all transactions are visible. Additionally,
 the monetary information related to the deposits, withdrawals, and status of the account were not
 redacted. Defendant's Motion for Issue Sanctions attached the statement from March 2018 as
 Exhibit F and it was lodged conditionally under seal on November 1, 2023. Ross. Decl. ¶ 7.

On October 18, 2023, Plaintiff produced a bank statement for Rickey's also from March
2018. This statement was marked Confidential pursuant to the protective order and redacted of all
information except the pertinent deposit of \$33,000.00 from Walter Day. Defendant's Motion for
Issue Sanctions attached this statement as Exhibit G and it was lodged conditionally under seal on
November 1, 2023. Ross. Decl. ¶ 8.

When these documents were produced in discovery, Defendant did not object to the Confidential and highly Confidential designations pursuant to the protocol set forth in the protective order. Moreover, Defendant still does not object to the designations. Ross. Decl. ¶ 9.

These documents constitute sensitive business information of not only Plaintiff's business, but as noted third parties. As such, Plaintiff has an overriding interest in the privacy of this information, this overriding interest overcomes the right of public access to this record, a substantial probability exists that Plaintiff's overriding interest will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed, the proposed sealing is narrowly tailored, and no less restrictive means exists to achieve this overriding interest. Ross. Decl. ¶ 10.

Furthermore, Plaintiff contends that Defendant's Motion for Issue Sanctions is a discovery
motion and therefore the documents should have been lodged as confidential under the protective
order instead of conditionally under seal. Ross. Decl. ¶ 6, 11; see Ex. A at 10.

On November 3, 2023, Plaintiff's counsel emailed all counsel advising that Plaintiff believed Defendant's Motion for Issue Sanctions was a discovery based motion and therefore Defendant's Exhibits F and G should have been lodged as Confidential and filed under seal without further sealing order requires pursuant to the protective order. On November 3, 2023, Plaintiff's counsel had a telephonic conference with Defendant's counsel regarding our request for stipulation that the exhibits be filed under seal. Defendant's counsel disagreed that it was a discovery motion, but agreed to stipulate that the exhibits be filed under seal. Defendant's counsel confirmed the agreement to

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1 seal the documents via email on November 4, 2023. Ross. Decl. ¶ 12, Ex. B.

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court make an Order to seal the
documents lodged as Exhibits F and G by Defendant regarding Defendant's Motion for Issue
Sanctions.

### 5 II. LEGAL STANDARD

6 California Rules of Court, Rule 2.551 provides that a party may request that a record be filed
7 under seal by filing a noticed motion or application for an order sealing that record. Following a
8 hearing, the Court can enter an order directing the sealing of documents that contain material which
9 needs to be placed under seal. The Court may order that a record be filed under seal if it finds facts
10 that establish:

(1) There exists an overriding interest that overcomes the right of public access to the record;

(2) The overriding interest supports sealing the record;

(3) A substantial probability exists that the overriding interest will be prejudiced if the record is not sealed;

- (4) The proposed sealing is narrowly tailored; and
- (5) No less restrictive means exist to achieve the overriding interest.

17 Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.551(d); see also *In re Providian Credit Card Cases* (2002) 96
18 Cal.App.4th 292, 299-301.

19 III. PLAINTIFF'S PRIVACY INTEREST OVERCOMES THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT OF

## ACCESS TO THE RECORDS AND SUPPORTS SEALING THE RECORDS

At stake here is Plaintiff's overriding privacy interest. Article I, section 1 of the California includes, among various inalienable rights of "all people," the right to privacy. *H&M Associates v. City of El Centro* (1980) 109 Cal.App.3d 399, 411. Legally protected privacy interests are: (1) interests in precluding the dissemination or misuse of sensitive and confidential information; and (2) interests in making personal decisions or conducting personal activities without observation, intrusion or interference. *Hill v. National Collegiate Athletic Assn.* (1994) 7 Cal.4th 1, 35.

27 Here, the documents that comprise Exhibits F and G were marked as Confidential and Highly
28 Confidential pursuant to the stipulated protective order in this action. These documents contain not

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only sensitive and confidential information of Plaintiff but also of third parties that are wholly
 unrelated to the action. The protective order in this matter was entered into by the parties so this
 exact kind of information would not be published to the public. As such, there is an overriding
 privacy interest here because the documents constitute sensitive and confidential information and
 that interest, along with the terms of the protective order, support sealing the documents.

The proposed sealing is narrowly tailored because it consists of only those documents that
are confidential. Additionally, the documents, Exhibits F and G, have already been lodged separately
and conditionally under seal by Defendant on November 1, 2023.

9 If these documents are not sealed Plaintiff will be severely prejudiced in that he will be 10 risking his sensitive business information and business information of third parties, that are 11 unrelated to this action, being made public. Documents and other information from this action have 12 already been plastered all over the internet in blogs and YouTube videos. The risk of Plaintiff's 13 business and third parties' businesses suffering if the documents are made public is incredibly high.

No less restrictive means exist to achieve the overriding interest as these documents were
already filed conditionally under seal and will be released to the public with the sensitive
information unreacted without the Court granting an Order to seal them.

Finally, Defendant has agreed that the exhibits should be filed under seal.

#### 18 **IV.** CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this motion be granted and that
the documents lodged by Defendant on November 1, 2023 as Exhibits F and G to Defendant's
Motion for Issue Sanctions be sealed.

22 DATED: November 13, 2023

#### MANNING & KASS ELLROD, RAMIREZ, TRESTER LLP

By:

Anthony J. Ellrod Kristina Ross Attorneys for Plaintiff WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL

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#### **DECLARATION OF KRISTINA ROSS**

2 I, KRISTINA ROSS, declare as follows:

3 1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice before all the courts of the State of California, and am an associate of the law firm of Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester, LLP, 4 5 attorneys of record for Plaintiff WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL ("Plaintiff").

2. If called upon to testify as to the matters herein related, I could and would 6 7 competently do so based upon my review of the litigation file herein and my personal participation 8 as one of the attorneys of record herein.

3. On October 26, 2022, the Court entered the Parties stipulated protective order due to Defendant and Defendant's counsel leaking pleadings, discovery, and other portions of this 10 litigation to third parties to disseminate on the internet for the purpose of damaging Plaintiff's reputation and skewing public favor against Plaintiff. Attached hereto as Exhibit ("Ex.") A is a true 13 and correct copy of the conformed Stipulation and Protective Order entered by the Court on October 26, 2022.

The protective order states that " 'Confidential' means any Documents, Testimony, 15 4. 16 or Information which is in the possession of a Designating Party who believes in good faith that 17 such Documents, Testimony, or Information is entitled to confidential treatment under applicable 18 law. A Designating Party may designate its discovery responses as 'Confidential'." Further, 19 "Highly Confidential' means any information which belongs to a Designating Party who believes 20 in good faith that the Disclosure of such information to another Party or non-Party would create a 21 substantial risk of serious financial or other injury that cannot be avoided by less restrictive means." 22 Ex. A at 2.

5. 23 The protective order also details the procedure for a non-designating party to object 24 to the designation of documents as Confidential or Highly Confidential. Ex. A at 4-5.

25 6. Further, the protective order details the process for a party to include documents that were designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential in any motion or other proceeding as 26 27 governed by CRC, Rules 2.550 and 2.551. Specifically, if the materials designated as Confidential 28 or Highly Confidential are being used in connection with discovery motions, the designated

materials "shall be separately filed under seal with the clerk of the Court in an envelope marked: 1 2 'CONFIDENTIAL - FILED UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER AND 3 WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SEALING REQUIRED'. Ex. A at 10.

7. On January 5, 2023, Plaintiff produced bank account statements for Rickey's related to Plaintiff's claim for damages to his business, which has since been withdrawn. The statements were marked Highly Confidential pursuant to the protective order. The statements were redacted to remove the account number; however, all of the transactions were not redacted and include numerous third parties information as the descriptions of all transactions are visible. Additionally, the monetary information related to the deposits, withdrawals, and status of the account were not 10 redacted. Defendant's Motion for Issue Sanctions attached the statement from March 2018 as Exhibit F and it was lodged conditionally under seal on November 1, 2023.

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11. Plaintiff contends that Defendant's Motion for Issue Sanctions is a discovery motion 26 27 and therefore the documents should have been lodged as confidential under the protective order 28 instead of conditionally under seal. see Ex. A at 10.

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12. On November 3, 2023, I emailed all counsel advising that we believed Defendant's Motion for Issue Sanctions was a discovery based motion and therefore Defendant's Exhibits F and G should have been lodged as Confidential and filed under seal without further sealing order requires pursuant to the protective order. On November 3, 2023, I had a telephonic conference with Defendant's counsel regarding our request for stipulation that the exhibits be filed under seal. Defendant's counsel disagreed that it was a discovery motion, but agreed to stipulate that the exhibits be filed under seal. Defendant's counsel confirmed the agreement to seal the documents via email on November 4, 2023. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of said email thread.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 13<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023, at Los Angeles, California.

**Kristina** Ross

# EXHIBIT A

| 1      | Anthony J. Ellrod (State Bar No. 136574)                                                                                | FILED                                                                           |
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| 2      | <i>aje@manningllp.com</i><br>Natalya Vasyuk (State Bar No. 307419)                                                      | Superior Court of California<br>County of Los Angeles                           |
| 3      | <i>ndv@manningllp.com</i><br>Linna Loangkote (State Bar No. 287480)                                                     | 10/26/2022                                                                      |
| 4      | ltl@manningllp.com<br>MANNING & KASS                                                                                    | Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court<br>By: A. Rodriguez Deputy |
| 5      | <b>ELLROD, RAMIREZ, TRESTER LLP</b><br>801 S. Figueroa St, 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Los Angeles, California 90017-3012 | су сериу                                                                        |
| 6<br>7 | Telephone: (213) 624-6900<br>Facsimile: (213) 624-6999                                                                  |                                                                                 |
| 8      | Attorneys for Plaintiff, WILLIAM JAMES<br>MITCHELL                                                                      |                                                                                 |
| 9      | SUPERIOR COURT OF TH                                                                                                    | IE STATE OF CALIFORNIA                                                          |
| 10     | COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CEN                                                                                              | FRAL DISTRICT – STANLEY MOSK                                                    |
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| 12     | WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL,                                                                                                 | Case No. 19STCV12592                                                            |
| 13     | Plaintiff,                                                                                                              | STIPULATION AND <del>[PROPOSED]</del><br>PROTECTIVE ORDER –                     |
| 14     | V.                                                                                                                      | CONFIDENTIAL AND HIGHLY<br>CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATIONS                            |
| 15     | TWIN GALAXIES, LLC,                                                                                                     | The Honorabe Wendy Chang, Dept. 36                                              |
| 16     | Defendants.                                                                                                             |                                                                                 |
| 17     |                                                                                                                         | Action Filed: 4-11-2019                                                         |
| 18     | IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and                                                                                          | between Plaintiff/Cross-Defendant WILLIAM                                       |
| 19     | JAMES MITCHELL, Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff                                                                               | TWIN GALAXIES, LLC, and Cross-Defendant                                         |
| 20     | WALTER DAY (collectively the "Parties"), by a                                                                           | and through their respective counsel of record,                                 |
| 21     | that in order to facilitate the exchange of informa                                                                     | ation and documents which may be subject to                                     |
| 22     | confidentiality limitations on disclosure due to fe                                                                     | ederal laws, state laws, and privacy rights, the                                |
| 23     | Parties stipulate as follows:                                                                                           |                                                                                 |
| 24     | In this Stipulation and Protective Order, t                                                                             | he words set forth below shall have the following                               |
| 25     | meanings:                                                                                                               |                                                                                 |
| 26     | "Proceeding" means the above-entitled pr                                                                                | roceeding Case No. 19STCV12592.                                                 |
| 27     | "Court" means the Hon. Wendy Chang or                                                                                   | r any other judge to which this Proceeding may be                               |
| 28     | assigned, including Court staff participating in su                                                                     | ach proceedings.                                                                |
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 Information is entitled to confidential treatment under applicable law. A Designating Party may
 designate its discovery responses as "Confidential."

5 "Confidential Materials" means any Documents, Testimony, or Information as defined
6 below designated as "Confidential" pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation and Protective
7 Order.

8 "Highly Confidential" means any information which belongs to a Designating Party who
9 believes in good faith that the Disclosure of such information to another Party or non-Party would
10 create a substantial risk of serious financial or other injury that cannot be avoided by less
11 restrictive means.

"Highly Confidential Materials" means any Documents, Testimony, or Information, as
defined below, designated as "Highly Confidential" pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation
and Protective Order.

15 "Designating Party" means the Party that designates Documents, Testimony, or
16 Information, as defined below, as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential."

17 "Disclose" or "Disclosed" or "Disclosure" means to reveal, divulge, give, or make
18 available Materials, or any part thereof, or any information contained therein.

"Documents" means (i) any "Writing," "Original," and "Duplicate" as those terms are
defined by California Evidence Code Sections 250, 255, and 260, which have been produced in
discovery in this Proceeding by any person or entity, and (ii) any copies, reproductions, or
summaries of all or any part of the foregoing.

"Information" means the content of Documents or Testimony.

24 "Testimony" means all depositions, declarations, or other testimony taken or used in this25 Proceeding.

The Designating Party shall have the right to designate as "Highly Confidential" only the
non-public Documents, Testimony, or Information that the Designating Party in good faith
believes would create a substantial risk of serious financial or other injury, if Disclosed to another

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1 Party or non-Party, and that such risk cannot be avoided by less restrictive means.

The entry of this Stipulation and Protective Order does not alter, waive, modify, or abridge
any right, privilege, or protection otherwise available to any Party with respect to the discovery of
matters, including but not limited to any Party's right to assert the attorney-client privilege, the
attorney work product doctrine, or other privileges, or any Party's right to contest any such
assertion.

Any Documents, Testimony, or Information to be designated as "Confidential" or "Highly
Confidential" must be clearly so designated before the Document, Testimony, or Information is
Disclosed or produced. The "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" designation should not
obscure or interfere with the legibility of the designated Information.

For Documents (apart from transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), the Designating Party must affix the legend "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" on each page of any Document containing such designated material.

For Testimony given in depositions the Designating Party may either:

i. identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, all "Confidential" or
"Highly Confidential" Testimony, by specifying all portions of the Testimony that qualify as
"Confidential" or "Highly Confidential;" or

ii. designate the entirety of the Testimony at the deposition as "Confidential" or
"Highly Confidential" (before the deposition is concluded) with the right to identify more specific
portions of the Testimony as to which protection is sought within 30 days following receipt of the
deposition transcript. In circumstances where portions of the deposition Testimony are designated
for protection, the transcript pages containing "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential"

Information may be separately bound by the court reporter, who must affix to the top of each page
the legend "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential," as instructed by the Designating Party.

For Information produced in some form other than Documents, and for any other tangible items, including, without limitation, compact discs or DVDs, the Designating Party must affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the Information or item is stored the legend "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential." If only portions of the Information or

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item warrant protection, the Designating Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the
 "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" portions.

3 The inadvertent production by any of the undersigned Parties or non-Parties to the Proceedings of any Document, Testimony, or Information during discovery in this Proceeding 4 without a "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" designation, shall be without prejudice to any 5 claim that such item is "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" and such Party shall not be held to 6 7 have waived any rights by such inadvertent production. In the event that any Document, 8 Testimony, or Information that is subject to a "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" designation 9 is inadvertently produced without such designation, the Party that inadvertently produced the 10 document shall give written notice of such inadvertent production within twenty (20) days of discovery of the inadvertent production, but in no event more than forty (40) days from the initial 11 12 production, together with a further copy of the subject Document, Testimony, or Information 13 designated as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" (the "Inadvertent Production Notice"). 14 Upon receipt of such Inadvertent Production Notice, the Party that received the inadvertently produced Document, Testimony, or Information shall promptly destroy the inadvertently produced 15 16 Document, Testimony, or Information and all copies thereof, or, at the expense of the producing 17 Party, return such together with all copies of such Document, Testimony or Information to counsel 18 for the producing Party and shall retain only the "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" 19 materials. Should the receiving Party choose to destroy such inadvertently produced Document, 20 Testimony, or Information, the receiving Party shall notify the producing Party in writing of such 21 destruction within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice of the inadvertent production. This 22 provision is not intended to apply to any inadvertent production of any Document, Testimony, or 23 Information protected by attorney-client or work product privileges. In the event that this 24 provision conflicts with any applicable law regarding waiver of confidentiality through the 25 inadvertent production of Documents, Testimony or Information, such law shall govern.

In the event that counsel for a Party receiving Documents, Testimony or Information in discovery designated as "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" objects to such designation with respect to any or all of such items, said counsel shall advise counsel for the Designating Party, in

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writing, of such objections, the specific Documents, Testimony or Information to which each 1 2 objection pertains, and the specific reasons and support for such objections (the "Designation 3 Objections"). Counsel for the Designating Party shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the written Designation Objections to either (a) agree in writing to de-designate Documents, 4 5 Testimony, or Information pursuant to any or all of the Designation Objections and/or (b) file a motion with the Court seeking to uphold any or all designations on Documents, Testimony, or 6 7 Information addressed by the Designation Objections (the "Designation Motion"). Pending a 8 resolution of the Designation Motion by the Court, any and all existing designations on the 9 Documents, Testimony, or Information at issue in such Motion shall remain in place. The 10 Designating Party shall have the burden on any Designation Motion of establishing the 11 applicability of its "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" designation. In the event that the 12 Designation Objections are neither timely agreed to nor timely addressed in the Designation 13 Motion, then such Documents, Testimony, or Information shall be de-designated in accordance 14 with the Designation Objection applicable to such material.

The Party that prevails on the Designation Motion shall be entitled to its attorney's fees and costs only if the Court finds that the assertion of or challenge to the designation was without colorable merit or made in bad faith.

18 Access to and/or Disclosure of Confidential Materials shall be permitted only to the19 following persons or entities:

a. the Court;

21 b. Trial Counsel for the Parties, their partners and associates, and staff and supporting 22 personnel of such attorneys, such as paralegal assistants, secretarial, stenographic and clerical 23 employees and contractors, and outside copying services, who are working on this Proceeding (or 24 any further proceedings herein) under the direction of such attorneys and to whom it is necessary 25 that the Confidential Materials be Disclosed for purposes of this Proceeding. Such employees, assistants, contractors and agents to whom such access is permitted and/or Disclosure is made 26 27 shall, prior to such access or Disclosure, be advised of, and become subject to, the provisions of this Protective Order. "Trial Counsel," for purposes of this Paragraph, shall mean outside retained 28

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5 [proposed] protective order counsel and shall not include in-house counsel to the undersigned Parties and the paralegal,
 clerical and secretarial staff employed by such in-house counsel;

c. those officers, directors, partners, members, employees and agents of all nondesignating Parties that counsel for such Parties deems necessary to aid counsel in the prosecution
and defense of this Proceeding; provided, however, that prior to the Disclosure of Confidential
Materials to any such officer, director, partner, member, employee or agent, counsel for the Party
making the Disclosure shall deliver a copy of this Stipulation and Protective Order to such person,
shall explain that such person is bound to follow the terms of such Order, and shall secure the
signature of such person on a statement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A;

10 d. court reporters in this Proceeding (whether at depositions, hearings, or any other
11 proceeding);

e. any person who authored, received, saw or was otherwise familiar with Documents,
Testimony, or Information or thing designated "Confidential," including any person otherwise
familiar with the Confidential Information contained therein, but only to the extent of that person's
prior familiarity with the Confidential Information;

16 f. mock jury participants, provided, however, that prior to the Disclosure of
17 Confidential Materials to any such mock jury participant, counsel for the Party making the
18 Disclosure shall deliver a copy of this Stipulation and Protective Order to such person, shall
19 explain that such person is bound to follow the terms of such Order, and shall secure the signature
20 of such person on a statement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

21 g. outside experts or expert consultants consulted by the undersigned Parties or their 22 counsel in connection with the Proceeding, whether or not retained to testify at any oral hearing; 23 provided, however, that prior to the Disclosure of Confidential Materials to any such expert or 24 expert consultant, counsel for the Party making the Disclosure shall deliver a copy of this 25 Stipulation and Protective Order to such person, shall explain its terms to such person, and shall secure the signature of such person on a statement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. It shall 26 27 be the obligation of counsel, upon learning of any breach or threatened breach of this Stipulation 28 and Protective Order by any such expert or expert consultant, to promptly notify counsel for the

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Designating Party of such breach or threatened breach; and 1

2 h. any other person or entity that the Designating Party agrees to in writing. 3 Access to and/or Disclosure of Highly Confidential Materials shall be permitted only to the following persons or entities: 4

> The Court; a.

6 b. Trial Counsel for the Parties, their partners and associates, and staff and supporting 7 personnel of such attorneys, such as paralegal assistants, secretarial, stenographic and clerical 8 employees and contractors, and outside copying services, who are working on this Proceeding (or 9 any further proceedings herein) under the direction of such attorneys and to whom it is necessary 10 that the Highly Confidential Materials be Disclosed for purposes of this Proceeding. Such employees, assistants, contractors and agents to whom such access is permitted and/or Disclosure 12 is made shall, prior to such access or Disclosure, be advised of, and become subject to, the 13 provisions of this Protective Order. "Trial Counsel," for purposes of this Paragraph, shall mean 14 outside retained counsel and shall not include in-house counsel to the undersigned Parties and the 15 paralegal, clerical and secretarial staff employed by such in-house counsel;

16 those officers, directors, partners, members, employees and agents of all nonc. 17 designating Parties that counsel for such Parties deems necessary to aid counsel in the prosecution 18 and defense of this Proceeding; provided, however, that prior to the Disclosure of Highly 19 Confidential Materials to any such officer, director, partner, member, employee or agent, counsel 20 for the Party making the Disclosure shall deliver a copy of this Stipulation and Protective Order to 21 such person, shall explain that such person is bound to follow the terms of such Order, and shall 22 secure the signature of such person on a statement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A;

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1 the Disclosure of Highly Confidential Materials. It shall be the obligation of Trial Counsel, upon 2 learning of any breach or threatened breach of this Stipulation and Protective Order by any such 3 expert or expert consultant, to promptly notify Trial Counsel for the Designating Party of such breach or threatened breach; 4

5 e. any person who authored, received, saw or was otherwise familiar with Documents, 6 Testimony, or Information or thing designated "Highly Confidential," including any person otherwise familiar with the Highly Confidential Information contained therein, but only to the 8 extent of that person's prior familiarity with the Highly Confidential Information;

9 f. court reporters in this Proceeding (whether at depositions, hearings, or any other proceeding); and 10

> any other person or entity that the Designating Party agrees to in writing. g.

12 Confidential Materials and Highly Confidential Materials shall be used by the persons or 13 entities receiving them only for the purposes of preparing for, conducting, participating in the 14 conduct of, and/or prosecuting and/or defending the Proceeding, and not for any business or other 15 purpose whatsoever.

16 Any Party to the Proceeding (or other person subject to the terms of this Stipulation and 17 Protective Order) may ask the Court, after appropriate notice to the other Parties to the 18 Proceeding, to modify or grant relief from any provision of this Stipulation and Protective Order. 19 Entering into, agreeing to, and/or complying with the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order shall not: 20

21 a. operate as an admission by any person that any particular Document, Testimony, or 22 Information marked "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" contains or reflects trade secrets, 23 proprietary, confidential or competitively sensitive business, commercial, financial or personal information: or 24

25 b. prejudice in any way the right of any Party (or any other person subject to the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order): 26

27 i. to seek a determination by the Court of whether any particular Confidential 28 Materials or Highly Confidential Materials should be subject to protection under the terms of this

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1 Stipulation and Protective Order; or

2 ii. to seek relief from the Court on appropriate notice to all other Parties to the 3 Proceeding from any provision(s) of this Stipulation and Protective Order, either generally or as to any particular Document, Material or Information. 4

5 Any Party to the Proceeding who has not executed this Stipulation and Protective Order as 6 of the time it is presented to the Court for signature may thereafter become a Party to this Stipulation and Protective Order by its counsel's signing and dating a copy thereof and filing the 8 same with the Court, and serving copies of such signed and dated copy upon the other Parties to 9 this Stipulation and Protective Order.

10 Any Information that may be produced by a non-Party witness in discovery in the Proceeding pursuant to subpoena or otherwise may be designated by such non-Party as 11 12 "Confidential" or "Highly Confidential" under the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order, 13 and any such designation by a non-Party shall have the same force and effect, and create the same 14 duties and obligations, as if made by one of the undersigned Parties hereto. Any such designation 15 shall also function as consent by such producing non-Party to the authority of the Court in the 16 Proceeding to resolve and conclusively determine any motion or other application made by any 17 person or Party with respect to such designation, or any other matter otherwise arising under this 18 Stipulation and Protective Order.

19 If any person subject to this Stipulation and Protective Order who has custody of any 20 Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials receives a subpoena or other process 21 ("Subpoena") from any government or other person or entity demanding production of such 22 materials, the recipient of the Subpoena shall promptly give notice of the same by electronic mail 23 transmission, followed by either express mail or overnight delivery to counsel of record for the 24 Designating Party, and shall furnish such counsel with a copy of the Subpoena. Upon receipt of 25 this notice, the Designating Party may, in its sole discretion and at its own cost, move to quash or limit the Subpoena, otherwise oppose production of the Confidential Materials or Highly 26 27 Confidential Materials, and/or seek to obtain confidential treatment of such materials from the 28 subpoenaing person or entity to the fullest extent available under law. The recipient of the

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Subpoena may not produce any Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials pursuant
 to the Subpoena prior to the date specified for production on the Subpoena.

Nothing in this Stipulation and Protective Order shall be construed to preclude either Party
from asserting in good faith that certain Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials
require additional protection. The Parties shall meet and confer to agree upon the terms of such
additional protection.

If, after execution of this Stipulation and Protective Order, any Confidential Materials or
Highly Confidential Materials submitted by a Designating Party under the terms of this Stipulation
and Protective Order is Disclosed by a non-Designating Party to any person other than in the
manner authorized by this Stipulation and Protective Order, the non-Designating Party responsible
for the Disclosure shall bring all pertinent facts relating to the Disclosure of such Confidential
Materials or Highly Confidential Materials to the immediate attention of the Designating Party.

This Stipulation and Protective Order is entered into without prejudice to the right of any
Party to knowingly waive the applicability of this Stipulation and Protective Order to any
Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials designated by that Party. If the
Designating Party uses Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials in a nonConfidential manner, then the Designating Party shall advise that the designation no longer
applies.

19 Where any Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials, or Information 20 derived therefrom, is included in any motion or other proceeding governed by California Rules of 21 Court, Rules 2.550 and 2.551, the Parties and any involved non-party shall follow those rules. 22 With respect to discovery motions or other proceedings not governed by California Rules of 23 Court, Rules 2.550 and 2.551, the following shall apply: If Confidential Materials, Highly Confidential Materials, or Information derived therefrom are submitted to or otherwise disclosed 24 25 to the Court in connection with discovery motions and proceedings, the same shall be separately filed under seal with the clerk of the Court in an envelope marked: "CONFIDENTIAL - FILED 26 27 UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER AND WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SEALING ORDER REQUIRED." 28

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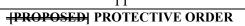
The Parties shall meet and confer regarding the procedures for use of any Confidential
 Materials or Highly Confidential Materials at trial and shall move the Court for entry of an
 appropriate order.

Nothing in this Stipulation and Protective Order shall affect the admissibility into evidence
of Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials, or abridge the rights of any person to
seek judicial review or to pursue other appropriate judicial action with respect to any ruling made
by the Court concerning the issue of the status of any Confidential Materials or Highly
Confidential Materials.

9 This Stipulation and Protective Order shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of 10 this Proceeding and all subsequent proceedings arising from this Proceeding, except that a Party 11 may seek the written permission of the Designating Party or may move the Court for relief from 12 the provisions of this Stipulation and Protective Order. To the extent permitted by law, the Court 13 shall retain jurisdiction to enforce, modify, or reconsider this Stipulation and Protective Order, 14 even after the Proceeding is terminated.

15 Upon written request made within thirty (30) days after the settlement or other termination 16 of the Proceeding, the undersigned Parties shall have thirty (30) days to either (a) promptly return 17 to counsel for each Designating Party all Confidential Materials and Highly Confidential 18 Materials, and all copies thereof (except that counsel for each Party may maintain in its files, in 19 continuing compliance with the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order, all work product, 20 and one copy of each pleading filed with the Court and one copy of each deposition together with 21 the exhibits marked at the deposition), (b) agree with counsel for the Designating Party upon 22 appropriate methods and certification of destruction or other disposition of such materials, or (c) 23 as to any Documents, Testimony, or other Information not addressed by sub-paragraphs (a) and 24 (b), file a motion seeking a Court order regarding proper preservation of such Materials. To the 25 extent permitted by law the Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction to review and rule upon the motion referred to in sub-paragraph (c) herein. 26

After this Stipulation and Protective Order has been signed by counsel for all Parties, it shall be presented to the Court for entry. Counsel agree to be bound by the terms set forth herein



1 with regard to any Confidential Materials or Highly Confidential Materials that have been produced before the Court signs this Stipulation and Protective Order.

3 The Parties and all signatories to the Certification attached hereto as Exhibit A agree to be 4 bound by this Stipulation and Protective Order pending its approval and entry by the Court. In the 5 event that the Court modifies this Stipulation and Protective Order, or in the event that the Court enters a different Protective Order, the Parties agree to be bound by this Stipulation and Protective 6 7 Order until such time as the Court may enter such a different Order. It is the Parties' intent to be 8 bound by the terms of this Stipulation and Protective Order pending its entry so as to allow for immediate production of Confidential Materials and Highly Confidential Materials under the 9 10 terms herein.

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This Stipulation and Protective Order may be executed in counterparts.

September 22, 2022 14 Dated: 15 **MANNING & KASS** ELLROD, RAMIREZ, TRESTER LLP 16 17 By: By: 18 Anthony J. Ellrod Linna T. Loangkote 19 Attorneys for Plaintiff/ Cross-Defendant, WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL 20 21 22 Dated: 23 LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT W. COHEN LLP 24 25 Bv: 26 Robert W. Cohen Attorneys Cross-Defendant, WALTÉR DAY 27 28 12 [PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER

Dated: SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

TASHROUDIAN LAW GROUP, APC

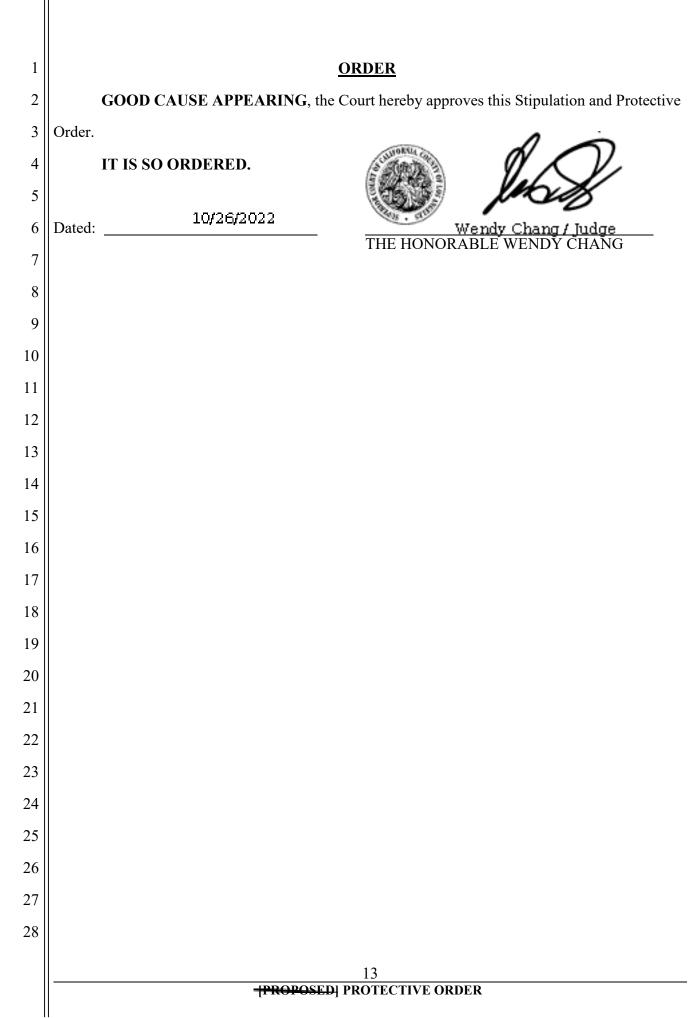
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Attorneys for Defendant/Cross-Complainant TWIN GALAXIES, LLC

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| 1  | EXHIBIT A                                                                                                     |  |  |  |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 2  | Certification Re Confidential Discovery Materials                                                             |  |  |  |
| 3  |                                                                                                               |  |  |  |
| 4  | [POSITION AND EMPLOYER], am about to                                                                          |  |  |  |
| 5  | receive Confidential Materials and/or Highly Confidential Materials supplied in connection with the           |  |  |  |
| 6  | Proceeding, Case No. 19STCV12592. I certify that I understand that the Confidential Materials and/or          |  |  |  |
| 7  | Highly Confidential Materials are provided to me subject to the terms and restrictions of the Stipulation and |  |  |  |
| 8  | Protective Order filed in this Proceeding. I have been given a copy of the Stipulation and Protective Order;  |  |  |  |
| 9  |                                                                                                               |  |  |  |
| 10 | I understand that the Confidential Materials and Highly Confidential Materials, as defined in the             |  |  |  |
| 11 | Stipulation and Protective Order, including any notes or other records that may be made regarding any such    |  |  |  |
| 12 | 2 materials, shall not be Disclosed to anyone except as expressly permitted by the Stipulation and Protective |  |  |  |
| 13 | Order. I will not copy or use, except solely for the purposes of this Proceeding, any Confidential Materials  |  |  |  |
| 14 | or Highly Confidential Materials obtained pursuant to this Stipulation and Protective Order, except as        |  |  |  |
| 15 | provided therein or otherwise ordered by the Court in the Proceeding.                                         |  |  |  |
| 16 | I further understand that I am to retain all copies of all Confidential Materials and Highly                  |  |  |  |
| 17 | Confidential Materials provided to me in the Proceeding in a secure manner, and that all copies of such       |  |  |  |
| 18 | materials are to remain in my personal custody until termination of my participation in this Proceeding,      |  |  |  |
| 19 | whereupon the copies of such materials will be returned to counsel who provided me with such materials.       |  |  |  |
| 20 | I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is          |  |  |  |
| 21 | true and correct. Executed this day of, 20, at                                                                |  |  |  |
| 22 |                                                                                                               |  |  |  |
| 23 | DATED:BY:Signature                                                                                            |  |  |  |
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| 25 | Title                                                                                                         |  |  |  |
| 26 | Address                                                                                                       |  |  |  |
| 27 | City, State, Zip                                                                                              |  |  |  |
| 28 | Telephone Number                                                                                              |  |  |  |
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| 1        | PROOF OF SER                                                                                                                                                                                 | VICE              |  |  |
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| 2        | 2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANG                                                                                                                                                     | GELES             |  |  |
| 3        | At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am                                                                                                      |                   |  |  |
| 4        | employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. My business address is 801 S. Figueroa St, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017-3012.                                               |                   |  |  |
| 5        | STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER – CONFIDENTIAL AND                                                                                                                               |                   |  |  |
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| 7        |                                                                                                                                                                                              | ey for Defendants |  |  |
| 8        |                                                                                                                                                                                              | Galaxies          |  |  |
| 9        | 9 12400 Ventura Blvd. Suite 300<br>Studio City, CA 91604                                                                                                                                     |                   |  |  |
| 10       | Facsimile: (818) 561-7381                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |  |  |
| 11       | Email: mona@tashlawgroup.com                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |  |  |
| 12       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |  |  |
| 13<br>14 | LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT W. COHEN,                                                                                                                                                              | ey for Walter Day |  |  |
| 14       | 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1910                                                                                                                                                         |                   |  |  |
| 16       | Phone (310) 282-7586, Ext. 101                                                                                                                                                               |                   |  |  |
| 17       | Fax (310) 282-7589                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |  |  |
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| 20       | <b>BY E-MAIL OR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION:</b> I caused a copy of the document(s) to be sent from e-mail address shc@manningllp.com to the persons at the e-mail                               |                   |  |  |
| 21       | addresses listed in the Service List. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful. |                   |  |  |
| 22       | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.                                                                         |                   |  |  |
| 23       | Executed on September 22, 2022, at Los Angeles, California.                                                                                                                                  |                   |  |  |
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# EXHIBIT B

#### **Kristina Ross**

| From:    | David Tashroudian <david@tashlawgroup.com></david@tashlawgroup.com>                        |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sent:    | Saturday, November 4, 2023 7:27 PM                                                         |
| То:      | Kristina Ross                                                                              |
| Cc:      | Anthony J. Ellrod; Rhea Mercado; Norma Limon; rwc robertwcohenlaw.com; Mona<br>Tashroudian |
| Subject: | Re: Motion for Sanctions [Mitchell v. Twin Galaxies]                                       |
| -        |                                                                                            |

Thank you for the call on Friday. We are agreeable to making it easy and stipulating to keeping the docs sealed.

David A. Tashroudian, Esq. **TASH LAW GROUP** 12400 Ventura Blvd., Suite 300 Studio City, California 91604 (818) 561-7381

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On Fri, Nov 3, 2023 at 2:11 PM Kristina Ross <<u>Kristina.Ross@manningkass.com</u>> wrote:

David,

After review of your notice and the Protective Order, we believe this is a discovery motion as it is based upon an alleged failure to produce documents in discovery and seeks a discovery remedy in part.

As such, the Protective Order (p10) states that we do not have to file a motion for seal as you should have filed it marked "CONFIDENTIAL – FILED UNDER SEAL PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER AND WITHOUT ANY FURTHER SEALING ORDER REQUIRED" it as indicated in the protective order.

Therefore, we will need to file a stipulation that those documents should have been filed under seal without an order so they do not become public.

Please advise if you will agree to this stipulation by end of business today.

Thanks,

Kristina

Kristina Ross

Associate



801 S. Figueroa St., 15th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Main: (213) 624-6900 | Ext.: 2642 Direct: (213) 430-2642 Kristina.Ross@manningkass.com | manningkass.com

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From: David Tashroudian <<u>david@tashlawgroup.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 9:01 PM
To: Anthony J. Ellrod <<u>Tony.Ellrod@manningkass.com</u>>; Kristina Ross <<u>Kristina.Ross@manningkass.com</u>>; Rhea
Mercado <<u>Rhea.Mercado@manningkass.com</u>>; Norma Limon <<u>Norma.Limon@manningkass.com</u>>; rwc
robertwcohenlaw.com <<u>rwc@robertwcohenlaw.com</u>>
Cc: Mona Tashroudian <<u>mona@tashlawgroup.com</u>>
Subject: Re: Motion for Sanctions [Mitchell v. Twin Galaxies]

Good evening all --

Notice of Lodgment attached for service.

David

David A. Tashroudian, Esq.

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On Wed, Nov 1, 2023 at 12:58 PM David Tashroudian <<u>david@tashlawgroup.com</u>> wrote:

Good afternoon all --

Attached hereto is a service copy of Twin Galaxies' motion for sanctions and supporting documents.

Thank you.

David

David A. Tashroudian, Esq.

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| 4  | employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. My business address is 801 S. Figueroa St, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017-3012.                                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | On November 13, 2023, I served true copies of the following document(s) described as<br>MOTION TO SEAL RE DEFENDANT'S LODGMENT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023 RE                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 6  |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | David Tashroudian, Esq. Robert W. Cohen, Esq.                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | Mona Tashroudian, Esq. Law Offices of Robert W. Cohen                                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | TASHROUDIAN LAW GROUP, APC1901 Avenue of The Stars, Suite 191012400 Ventura Blvd. Suite 300Los Angeles, CA 90067                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
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| 11 | Facsimile: (818) 561-7381         Email: david@tashlawgroup.com         Attorneys for Cross-Defendant, WALTER DAY                                                                                |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Email: <u>mona@tashlawgroup.com</u>                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Attorney for Defendants, TWIN GALAXIES                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | BY E-MAIL OR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION: I caused a copy of the                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | document(s) to be sent from e-mail address rhea.mercado@manningkass.com to the persons at the e-mail addresses listed in the Service List. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.                                                                             |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Executed on November 13, 2023, at Los Angeles, California.                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |
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# **Court Reservation Receipt**

| Reservation                                                                                                                                      |                                                             |       |     |         |
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| Reservation ID:<br>786359911283                                                                                                                  | Status:<br>RESERVED                                         |       |     |         |
| Reservation Type:<br>Motion to Seal (Motion To Seal Re Defendant's Lodgment<br>On November 1, 2023 Re Defendant's Motion For Issue<br>Sanctions) | Number of Motions:<br>1                                     |       |     |         |
| Case Number:<br>19STCV12592                                                                                                                      | Case Title:<br>WILLIAM JAMES MITCHELL vs TWIN GALEXIES, LLC |       |     |         |
| Filing Party:<br>William James Mitchell (Plaintiff)                                                                                              | Location:<br>Stanley Mosk Courthouse - Department 36        |       |     |         |
| Date/Time:<br>February 29th 2024, 8:30AM                                                                                                         | Confirmation Code:<br>CR-6ZHLDNZFVGASA3CKC                  |       |     |         |
| Fees                                                                                                                                             |                                                             |       |     |         |
| Description                                                                                                                                      |                                                             | Fee   | Qty | Amount  |
| Motion to Seal (name extension)                                                                                                                  |                                                             | 60.00 | 1   | 60.00   |
| Credit Card Percentage Fee (2.75%)                                                                                                               |                                                             | 1.65  | 1   | 1.65    |
| TOTAL                                                                                                                                            |                                                             |       |     | \$61.65 |
| Payment                                                                                                                                          |                                                             |       |     |         |
| Amount:<br>\$61.65                                                                                                                               | Type:<br>MasterCard                                         |       |     |         |
| Account Number:<br>XXXX0764                                                                                                                      | Authorization:<br>036116                                    |       |     |         |
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