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17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

18 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

19 CLASSIC DISTRIBUTING AND)
20 BEVERAGE GROUP, INC., a)
21 California corporation,)

22 Plaintiff,)

23 vs.)

24 TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND)
25 SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA,)
26 a Connecticut corporation,)

27 Defendant.)

) CASE NO.: CV 11-07075 GAF (RZx)
) (Assigned to Hon. Gary A. Fees and
) Hon. Ralph Zarefsky, Magistrate)
) **[PROPOSED] ORDER ON**
) **STIPULATION FOR PROTECTIVE**
) **ORDER REGARDING**
) **CONFIDENTIALITY**

1 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

2 Plaintiff Classic Distributing and Beverage Group, Inc. (“Classic”) and
3 Defendant Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America (“Travelers”),
4 through their counsel of record, hereby stipulate to the following Protective Order
5 governing the disclosure of certain private and/or proprietary documents or
6 information that may be produced by the Parties or third parties during this
7 litigation:

8 **1.0 GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

9 This is an insurance coverage action concerning, among other things, defense
10 expenses incurred in defense of the Underlying Action. Classic must prove those
11 expenses by production of defense counsel billing records. These records include
12 the monthly billing statements of defense counsel which include details concerning
13 defense and strategy regarding the Underlying Action. These records must be kept
14 confidential, because they would reveal Classic’s defense and strategy in other
15 employment-related class actions. Accordingly, Under Rule 26(c)(1)(G), a
16 protective order (“Order”) is necessary to avoid any prejudice or harm in the form of
17 loss of attorney client work product or attorney client privilege which could result if
18 such information is disclosed in the absence of the protections set forth herein.

19 The Parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections
20 on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords extends
21 only to the limited information or items that are entitled under the applicable legal
22 principles to treatment as confidential. The Parties further acknowledge, as set forth
23 in Section 11, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order creates no entitlement to
24 file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5.1 sets forth the
25 procedures that must be followed and reflects the standards that will be applied
26 when a Party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

27 Furthermore, the Parties acknowledge that this Order is not intended to circumscribe
28 the confidential or proprietary topics the parties may request or exchange.

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2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their support staff).

2.2 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

2.3 “Confidential” Information or Items: information (regardless of how generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under standards developed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c) and include all monthly billing statements and/or invoices sent by Steven W. Brennan and/or the law firm of St. John Wallace Brennan & Folan LLP, to Classic for services rendered in relation to the Underlying Action.

2.4 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

2.5 Producing Party: a Party or non-party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this action.

2.6 Designating Party: a Party or non-party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

2.7 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as “Confidential.”

2.8 Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a Party but who are retained to represent or advise a Party in this action.

2.9 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a Party.

2.10 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as their support staffs).

1 2.11 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
2 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as
3 an expert witness or as a consultant in this action and who is not a past or a current
4 employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party's and who, at the time of retention,
5 is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or a competitor of a Party's.
6 This definition includes a professional jury or trial consultant retained in connection
7 with this litigation.

8 2.12 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support
9 services (e.g., photocopying; videotaping; translating; preparing exhibits or
10 demonstrations; organizing, storing, retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.) and
11 their employees and subcontractors.

12 2.13 Confidentiality Agreement: the agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto.

13 2.14 Underlying Action: All proceedings under the case captioned,
14 *Amezquita v. Classic Distributing and Beverage Group, Inc.*, No. BC412216, Los
15 Angeles County Superior Court.

16 **3.0 SCOPE**

17 3.1 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
18 Protected Material (as defined above), but also any information copied or extracted
19 therefrom, as well as all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations thereof, plus
20 testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or counsel to or in court or in
21 other settings that might reveal Protected Material.

22 3.2 This order shall not govern in connection with dispositive motions or at
23 trial. If protection is desired in connection with those proceedings, it must be sought
24 separately, from the judicial officer who will preside at those proceedings. *See Foltz*
25 *v. State Farm Mutual Auto Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1136 (9th Cir. 2003); *Kamakana*
26 *v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006).

4.0 DURATION

Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.

5.0 DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

Each Party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. A Designating Party must take care to designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify - so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified, or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process, or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties), expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Party's or a non-party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection at all, or do not qualify for the level of protection initially asserted, that Party or non-party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a), below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

1 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

2 (a) for information in documentary form (apart from transcripts of
3 depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the
4 legend “CONFIDENTIAL” at the top or bottom of each page that contains protected
5 material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for
6 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s)
7 (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

8 A Party or non-party that makes original documents or materials available for
9 inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has
10 indicated which material it would like copied and produced.

11 During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made
12 available for inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting
13 Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing
14 Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection
15 under this Order, then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing
16 Party must affix the appropriate legend (“CONFIDENTIAL”) at the top of each page
17 that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a
18 page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the
19 protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

20 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial
21 proceedings, that the Party or non-party offering or sponsoring the testimony
22 identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other
23 proceeding, all protected testimony, and further specify any portions of the
24 testimony that qualify as “CONFIDENTIAL.” When it is impractical to identify
25 separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection, and when it
26 appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify for protection, the
27 Party or non-party that sponsors, offers, or gives the testimony may invoke on the
28 record (before the deposition or proceeding is concluded) a right to have up to 20

1 days to identify the specific portions of the testimony as to which protection is
2 sought. Only those portions of the testimony that are appropriately designated for
3 protection within the 20 days shall be covered by the provisions of this Stipulated
4 Protective Order.

5 Transcript pages containing Protected Material must be separately bound by
6 the court reporter, who must affix to the top of each such page the legend
7 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS’ EYES
8 ONLY,” as instructed by the Party or nonparty offering or sponsoring the witness or
9 presenting the testimony.

10 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary, and for
11 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the
12 exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the
13 legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only portions of the information or item warrant
14 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected
15 portions as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

16 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
17 failure to designate qualified information or items as “CONFIDENTIAL” does not,
18 standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this
19 Order for such material. If material is appropriately designated as
20 “CONFIDENTIAL” after the material was initially produced, the Receiving Party,
21 on timely notification of the designation, must make reasonable efforts to assure that
22 the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

23 **6.0 CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

24 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating
25 Party’s confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable substantial
26 unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a later significant disruption or delay
27 of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality
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1 designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original
2 designation is disclosed.

3 6.2 Meet and Confer. A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a
4 Designating Party's confidentiality designation must do so in good faith and must
5 comply with Civil Local Rule 37-1. In conferring, the challenging Party must
6 explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and
7 must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to
8 reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain
9 the basis for the chosen designation. A challenging Party may proceed to the next
10 stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process
11 first.

12 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If counsel are unable to settle their differences
13 over a confidentiality designation after considering the justification offered by the
14 Designating Party, the parties shall formulate a written stipulation under Civil Local
15 Rule 37-2 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rules 37-2.1 through 37-4). Each
16 such motion must be accompanied by a competent declaration that affirms that the
17 movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the
18 preceding paragraph and that sets forth with specificity the justification for the
19 confidentiality designation that was given by the Designating Party in the meet and
20 confer dialogue.

21 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the
22 Designating Party. Until the court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue
23 to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under
24 the Producing Party's designation.

25 **7.0 ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

26 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
27 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a non-party in connection with this
28 case only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such

1 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
2 conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been terminated, a
3 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 12, below (FINAL
4 DISPOSITION).

5 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a
6 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons
7 authorized under this Order.

8 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
9 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
10 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated CONFIDENTIAL
11 only to:

12 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of record in this action, as well
13 as employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the
14 information for this litigation;

15 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the
16 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this;

17 (c) experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
18 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the
19 Confidentiality Agreement;

20 (d) the Court and its personnel;

21 (e) court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to whom
22 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the
23 Confidentiality Agreement;

24 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
25 reasonably necessary and who have signed the Confidentiality Agreement. Pages of
26 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected
27 Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to
28 anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order;

1 (g) the author of the document or the original source of the information.

2 **8.0 PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED**
3 **PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION.**

4 If a Receiving Party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in other
5 litigation that would compel disclosure of any information or items designated in
6 this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” the Receiving Party must so notify the
7 Designating Party, in writing (by fax, if possible) immediately and in no event more
8 than three court days after receiving the subpoena or order. Such notification must
9 include a copy of the subpoena or court order.

10 The Receiving Party also must immediately inform in writing the Party who
11 caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all the
12 material covered by the subpoena or order is the subject of this Protective Order. In
13 addition, the Receiving Party must deliver a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order
14 promptly to the Party in the other action that caused the subpoena or order to issue.

15 The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the
16 existence of this Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an
17 opportunity to try to protect its confidentiality interests in the court from which the
18 subpoena or order issued. The Designating Party shall bear the burdens and the
19 expenses of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material - and nothing
20 in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving
21 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

22 **9.0 UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

23 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
24 Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this
25 Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in
26 writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts
27 to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to
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1 whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d)
2 request such person or persons to execute the Confidentiality Agreement.

3 **10.0 FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL.**

4 Without written permission from the Designating Party or a court order
5 secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the
6 public record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under
7 seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5.1.

8 **11.0 FINAL DISPOSITION.**

9 Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party, within
10 sixty days after the final termination of this action, each Receiving Party must return
11 all Protected Material to the Producing Party. As used in this subdivision, “all
12 Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any
13 other form of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. With
14 permission in writing from the Designating Party, the Receiving Party may destroy
15 some or all of the Protected Material instead of returning it. Whether the Protected
16 Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written
17 certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the
18 Designating Party) by the sixty day deadline that identifies (by category, where
19 appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and that
20 affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations,
21 summaries or other forms of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.
22 Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all
23 pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence or attorney
24 work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival
25 copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective
26 Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION), above.

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EXHIBIT A
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I, _____,
acknowledge I have read the Stipulated Protective Order Re: Confidentiality entered
in this action, CLASSIC DISTRIBUTING AND BEVERAGE GROUP, INC. v.
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA, et al.,
United States District Court Case No. CV 11-07075 GAF (RZx). I understand the
terms of the Stipulated Protective Order Re: Confidentiality, and I agree to be bound
by it. I further understand that a violation of this Stipulated Protective Order Re:
Confidentiality may be punishable as a contempt of court.

By: _____

Print: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, David A. Shaneyfelt, an attorney, hereby certify that on July 9, 2012, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served via the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, on all parties registered for e-filing in Case Number **CV 11-07075 GAF (RZx)**. Counsel of record are required by the Court to be registered e-filers, and as such, are automatically e-served with a copy of the documents upon confirmation of e-filing.

s/ David A. Shaneyfelt
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