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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ALFRED MCZEAL, JR.,
Plaintiff,
v.
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-04714-RGK-PD
**ORDER ACCEPTING REPORT
AND ADOPTING FINDINGS,
CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, the Court has reviewed the Amended Complaint, the special motion to strike Plaintiff's Amended Complaint under California Code of Civil Procedure § 425.16 filed by Defendants Melissa Robbins Coutts and McCarthy & Holthus, LLP (the "McCarthy Defendants"), the records on file, the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge ("Report"), Plaintiff's Objections, Opposition, and Declaration to the Report, and Plaintiff's request for judicial notice. [Dkt. Nos. 13, 31, 39, 42, 47, 49, 51-52.]

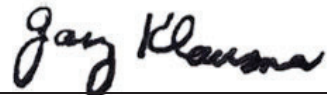
The Court has conducted a *de novo* review of the portions of the Report to which Objections were directed. The Court accepts the findings and

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recommendations of the Magistrate Judge and adopts them as its own findings and conclusions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the McCarthy Defendants' motion to strike Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is granted and the McCarthy Defendants are dismissed from this action with prejudice.

DATED: January 28, 2025



HON. R. GARY KLAUSNER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE