Coppola, et al. V. Smith, et al. Doc. 324 1 GREBEN & ASSOCIATES 125 E. DE LA GUERRA ST., STE 203 2 SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101 TEL: 805-963-9090 3 FAX: 805-963-9098 4 Jan A. Greben, SBN 103464 jan@grebenlaw.com 5 Christine M. Monroe, SBN 304573 christine@grebenlaw.com 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs THE VIOLA M. COPPOLA IRREVOCABLE TRUST, GARY 7 COPPOLA, and THE TRUST OF ANTHONY M. COPPOLA 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - FRESNO DIVISION 10 THE VIOLA M. COPPOLA IRREVOCABLE Case No.: 1:11-CV-01257-AWI-BAM 11 TRUST, GARY COPPOLA, and THE TRUST OF ANTHONY M. COPPOLA; 12 Plaintiffs, STIPULATION AND ORDER 13 SUBSTITUTING PARTIES AND DIRECTING CLERK TO AMEND 14 **CAPTION** PARAGON CLEANERS (formerly sued as 15 GREGORY SMITH, an individual); et al. 16 Defendants. 17 RELATED CROSS AND COUNTER-CLAIMS 18 19 20 Plaintiffs Viola Coppola, Gary Coppola, and the Trust of Anthony M. Coppola (collectively 21 "Plaintiffs") and cross-defendants, David H. Nash and Richard P. Nash (collectively "Nash 22 Defendants") hereby stipulate to substitute to correct the identity of the trust names under which 23 cross-defendants are name in Plaintiffs' Sixth Amended Complaint as follows. 24 Whereas, Plaintiffs named the Jane Higgins Nash Trust ("Trust") as a defendant in their 25 initial complaint, being ignorant of the Trust's successor trustees. 26 Whereas, on January 24, 2014, Plaintiffs and the Nash Defendants (collectively "the 27 Parties") entered into a stipulation to join the Nash Defendants to Plaintiff's Complaint as Doe 2 28 and Doe 3, respectively, based on the information and belief that these parties were successor trustees to the William P. Nash and Jane H. Nash Revocable Trust ("Revocable Trust"), and under Dockets.Justia.com the belief that this trust was a successor trust or successor owner of the property that is at issue in this case.

Whereas, the Court entered the order, filed as Document 199, and the Nash Defendants were added as Doe 2 and Doe 3 in this case as trustees for the Revocable Trust.

Whereas, since joining the Nash Defendants, Plaintiffs have learned through discovery that these trustees were erroneously sued under the Revocable Trust, which is a different Nash trust, and Plaintiffs wish to correct the identification of the true identity so that the Nash Defendants are named in their correct capacity.

Whereas, the deadline to move to amend the pleadings and add parties is September 30, 2015, and the Parties wish to comply with this deadline and bring this stipulation in good faith.

The Parties hereby stipulate to substitute the parties as follows:

- 1. The current parties to the Complaint, namely:
 - a. Doe 2, David H. Nash as the successor co-trustee of the William P. Nash and
 Jane H. Nash Revocable Trust; and
 - b. Doe 3, Richard P. Nash as the successor co-trustee of the William P. Nash and Jane H. Nash Revocable Trust.
- 2. Shall be replaced with the parties as follows ("Successor Defendants"):
 - a. Doe 2, David H. Nash as successor trustee of the Jane Nash Trust, a trust created under the terms of the Last Will and Testament of Mabel Elaine Higgins, formerly known as the Mabel Elaine Higgins Testamentary Trust and commonly known as the Jane Higgins Nash Trust.
 - b. Doe 3, Richard P. Nash as successor trustee of the Jane Nash Trust, a trust created under the terms of the Last Will and Testament of Mabel Elaine Higgins, formerly known as the Mabel Elaine Higgins Testamentary Trust and commonly known as the Jane Higgins Nash Trust.

The Successor Defendants shall be added to the allegations and claims existing against the Jane Higgins Nash Trust as if they were fully set forth against the Successor Defendants, and each of them. The answer filed by the Jane Higgins Nash Trust will serve as the answer on behalf of

1 each of the Successor Defendants as if it were fully set forth by each of the Successor Defendants 2 individually. 3 The Plaintiffs are hereby added, on behalf of the Successor Defendants, to the allegations 4 and counterclaims made by the Jane Higgins Nash Trust as if they were fully set forth against the 5 Plaintiffs, and each of them, in the answer and counterclaims filed by the Jane Higgins Nash Trust. 6 As a result of the above stipulation, Plaintiffs hereby dismiss without prejudice from their 7 complaint, David H. Nash as the successor co-trustee of the William P. Nash and Jane H. Nash 8 Revocable Trust; and Richard P. Nash as the successor co-trustee of the William P. Nash and Jane 9 H. Nash Revocable Trust, only. 10 11 Date: August 20, 2015 **GREBEN & ASSOCIATES** 12 /s/ Jan A. Greben Jan A. Greben 13 Christine M. Monroe Attorneys for the Viola M. Coppola Irrevocable Trust, 14 Gary Coppola and the Trust of Anthony M. Coppola 15 Date: August 20, 2015 WILLIAMS, BRODERSEN & PRITCHETT LLP 16 17 /s/ Steven R. Williams Steven R. Williams 18 Attorneys for The Jane Higgins Nash Trust; Jane Nash as Executor of the Estate of Decatur Higgins AKA the 19 Estate of Mabel Elaine Higgins; Nash Properties, LLC, David H. Nash, as the successor co-trustee of the 20 William P. Nash and Jane H. Nash Revocable Trust, and Richard P. Nash, as the successor co-trustee of the 21 William P. Nash and Jane H. Nash Revocable Trust 22 23 24 25 26 27

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