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Plaintiff Laurence Stevenson ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. ("Defendant") (collectively the "Parties"), by their respective counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, the Parties anticipate that during the course of the above-captioned litigation ("Action"), the Parties will produce or provide documents and information (including electronic data), which one or more Parties contend contain trade secrets or other sensitive, private, confidential or proprietary information;

8 **WHEREAS**, the Parties wish to protect the confidentiality of such documents and 9 information and to ensure that the Parties can obtain and pursue discovery with the minimum of 10 delay and expense;

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to stipulate to protect certain privileged and otherwise protected documents, data (including electronically stored information), and other information, including without limitation, metadata (collectively, "document" or "documents"), against claims of waiver and inadvertent production in the event they are produced during the course of this Action whether pursuant to a Court Order, a Parties' discovery request or informal production.

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to comply with discovery deadlines and complete discovery as expeditiously as possible, while preserving and without waiving any privilege, including without limitation the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, or other applicable privilege, applicable to the information contained in the documents produced, including as against third parties and other Federal and State proceedings, and in addition to their agreement, need the additional protections of a Court Order under Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 502(d) and (e) to do so.

WHEREAS, this Stipulation is designed to foreclose any argument the disclosure of documents subject to a legally recognized claim of privilege, including without limitation the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine, or other applicable privilege, by the Producing Party was not inadvertent, that the Producing Party did not take reasonable steps to prevent the disclosure of privileged documents, that the Producing Party did not take reasonable or timely steps

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to rectify such disclosure and/or acts as a waiver of applicable privileges or protections associated with such documents.

**THEREFORE**, the Parties seek the entry of an Order, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(c) and the Court's Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order [Docket No. 32], governing the disclosure of documents and information therein pertaining to "Confidential Information" on the terms set forth herein, as well as an Order, pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 502, governing the return of inadvertently produced documents and data and affording the Parties the protections of Federal Rules of Evidence 502(d) and (e), on the terms set forth herein.

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## IT IS HEREBY AGREED, STIPULATED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. In connection with discovery and other proceedings in this Action, the Parties may designate any document, thing, material, testimony or other information derived therefrom, as "Confidential Information" under the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order ("Order"). Neither Party shall designate any discovery material as "Confidential Information" without first making a determination that the information is properly subject to protection under Federal Rules of Civil 16 Procedure, Rule 26(c) and that such protection is warranted in good faith. "Confidential Information" shall not be disclosed except as provided for herein.

2. 18 "Confidential Information" includes any document, database, thing, material, 19 testimony, or other information derived therefrom, that the designating Party contends in good faith 20 should be protected on the grounds that it constitutes a trade secret under the law, or that it contains 21 research, development, commercial, operational, personal, sensitive, private, financial and tax, 22 business confidential or proprietary information. Sensitive, private personal information, includes 23 but is not limited to, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, and individuals' home 24 addresses and telephone numbers, the public disclosure of which would be detrimental to a Party's 25 competitive interests or the privacy rights of its current and former employees.

3. Documents that are confidential under this Order shall be so designated by writing, typing, stamping or otherwise affixing the legend "Confidential Information" (and such other and further legend as may reasonably be included to specify such confidentiality) on copies of

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1 the document. Stamping the legend "Confidential Information" on the cover of any multi-page 2 document (or on the cover of a disc containing electronic data) shall designate all pages of the 3 document as confidential, and all data contained on a disc as confidential, unless otherwise indicated 4 by the producing party. Confidential documents (including deposition transcripts) also may be so 5 designated after production by written communication and reproduction with a "Confidential 6 Information" legend for purposes of substitution of the original documentation, and all Parties shall 7 use their best efforts to ensure that no prior disclosure shall be used or re-disclosed contrary to the 8 terms of this Order.

9 4. The inadvertent or unintentional disclosure of "Confidential Information"
10 shall not be deemed a waiver in whole or in part of a Party's claim of confidentiality. Any such
11 inadvertently or unintentionally disclosed "Confidential Information" shall be designated as
12 "Confidential Information" as soon as reasonably possible after the producing Party becomes aware
13 of the inadvertent or unintentional disclosure and the producing Party shall provide counsel for the
14 other Parties with a duplicate copy bearing the legend "Confidential Information," whereupon the
15 unmarked copies will be returned or destroyed as directed by the Producing Party.

5. Portions of transcripts of depositions, in which any "Confidential Information" is quoted, paraphrased, discussed, or referred to, or in which the subject matter covered by any "Confidential Information" is discussed or referred to, shall be subject to the same confidential treatment as provided herein for the underlying "Confidential Information" and shall be designated as confidential. Requests for such Confidential treatment may be made at the deposition or at the latest within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of an official transcript thereof. All transcripts of depositions shall be treated as Confidential for at least that 7-day period.

6. Recognizing the legitimate confidentiality needs of the Parties, discovery responses marked Confidential pursuant to the definition set forth in Paragraph 2(a) herein shall only be used by the Parties to this Action, and no one else, for purposes of resolution of the claims asserted in this Action, any trial and appeal of this Action, and enforcement of any award or judgment thereon. Information designated as "Confidential Information" under this Order, and any summaries, copies (including electronic copies), abstracts, or other documents derived in whole or in

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part from information, designated as Confidential, shall be used only by the Parties to this Action; 2 for the purpose of the prosecution, defense, or settlement of the claims asserted in this Action, any 3 trial and appeal of this Action and the enforcement of any award or judgment based on such claims, 4 and for no other purpose.

7. 5 "Confidential Information" produced pursuant to this Order may be disclosed 6 or made available only to counsel for a Party (including the paralegal, clerical, and secretarial staff 7 employed by such counsel), to a trier of fact or law in any forum in which the claims asserted in this 8 Action may be adjudicated or enforced and the administrators of that forum, and to "Qualified 9 Persons." A Qualified Person is a person who falls into one of the categories set forth below:

10 A Party, or a current or former officer, director, or employee of a Party (a) 11 deemed necessary by counsel to aid in the prosecution, defense or settlement of this Action;

12 (b) Experts or consultants (together with their staff) retained by such counsel 13 to assist in the prosecution, defense or settlement of this Action, who execute **Attachment A**; 14 provided; however, prior to disclosure to an expert or consultant, the Party that wishes to make the 15 disclosure shall determine whether that expert or consultant has worked for a competitor discount 16 variety retailer during the previous five (5) years and, if so, shall require the expert or consultant to 17 execute the Authorization attached to this Stipulation as Attachment A, affirming that the opposing 18 Party's Confidential Information shall not be revealed outside this litigation to the expert or 19 consultant's own clients.

20 (c) Witnesses testifying at deposition or at any hearing in this matter either 21 during their testimony or in preparation therefore; however, if a witness refuses to sign the 22 Nondisclosure Agreement, the Parties shall meet and confer with each other and, if necessary, 23 submit the issue to the Court prior to the disclosure to the witness of any "Confidential Information;"

(d) Any person to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary to enforce any award or judgment rendered against any Party in this proceeding; and

Any other person ordered by the Court or as to whom all Parties in writing 26 (e) 27 agree.

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1 8. Any person or entity to whom "Confidential Information" is disclosed 2 pursuant to Subparagraphs 7 (a)-(e), above, shall, prior to receiving such Confidential Information, 3 be provided with a copy of this Order and shall execute a Nondisclosure Agreement in the form set 4 forth in Attachment A hereto, such forms to be maintained by counsel for the Party sharing 5 "Confidential Information" and undertaking to have such forms executed. 6 9. On the request of any Party, any person who is not a Qualified Person shall be 7 excluded from any deposition during the period in which "Confidential Information" is used, 8 referred to or discussed. 9 The restrictions set forth in this Order shall not: 10. 10 (a) Apply to any discovery matter which a Party can show was lawfully 11 possessed, obtained, or developed by it other than through discovery in this Action; 12 (b) Apply to any information which lawfully is or lawfully becomes public 13 knowledge in a manner that is not in violation of this Order; 14 Operate as an admission by the recipient that any of the information (c) contains or reflects "Confidential Information;" 15 16 (d) Prejudice in any way the right of any Party or non-party to object on any 17 basis to the production of discovery matter it considers not subject to discovery; 18 (e) Prejudice in any way the right of any Party or non-party to seek a 19 determination from the Court as to whether particular information shall be produced; 20 (f) Prevent the Parties from entering into a written agreement to alter or waive 21 the provisions or protections provided herein, generally or with respect to any "Confidential 22 Information;" 23 (g) Prejudice in any way the right of any Party or non-party to seek such 24 additional or other protection as that Party may deem appropriate with regard to the confidentiality 25 of the information; 26 Be construed to require any Party to produce information that it considers (h) 27 privileged or otherwise not subject to discovery; and, 28 TLER MENDELSON, P.C. 650 California Street 20th Floor Francisco, CA 94108.2693 STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] 5. CASE NO. 11-CV-01433 KJM CKD PROTECTIVE ORDER

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 (i) Be deemed a waiver of any objections a Party otherwise would have to any discovery request propounded in this Action or a waiver of any third party's claim to right of privacy.

4 11. Any Party believing in good faith that materials designated as "Confidential" 5 by another is public or is otherwise not entitled to such designation may at any time advise the 6 designating Party of that belief in writing, providing a brief statement of the basis for that belief, 7 with service on all other Parties. The Party that designated the materials as "Confidential" shall have 8 twenty-one (21) days from the receipt of such written notice to apply to the Court for an order 9 confirming the confidentiality designation or to seek a separate protective order regarding the 10 document or information contained therein. The designating Party shall bear the burden of showing 11 that the materials in question qualify for protection under applicable law. If following a duly noticed 12 motion pursuant to Local Rule 302, the Magistrate Judge sustains the designation; the provisions of 13 this Protective Order shall continue to apply. If following a duly noticed motion, the Magistrate 14 Judge denies the designation; the materials in question shall no longer be subject to the provisions of 15 this Protective Order. Should the designating Party fail to move to confirm its designation with the 16 Magistrate Judge pursuant this Paragraph, the materials in question shall no longer be subject to the 17 provisions of this Protective Order. Any information or documents designated as "Confidential 18 Information," which have been challenged pursuant to this paragraph shall be treated as 19 "Confidential Information" in accordance with the terms of this Protective Order until: (i) twenty-20 one (21) days from the receipt of such written notice challenging the designation have elapsed 21 without the designating Party moving for an order from the Magistrate Judge confirming such 22 designation; or (ii) if the designating Party has moved for an order confirming the designation, the 23 Magistrate Judge rules otherwise. A Party does not, however, waive its right to challenge a 24 confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original 25 designation is disclosed.

26 12. Pursuant to the Court's Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order on file herein
27 [Docket No. 32], should any Party desire to file with the Court any document that is redacted or that
28 has been marked as "Confidential" or such that the document is subject to sealing, that Party must

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provide the designating Party with sufficient notice in advance of such filing to allow the designating Party to seek an order of sealing or redaction from the Court. *Id.* at VII. *See also* Local Rules 140 and 141. A Party seeking to submit documents in redacted form must seek a protective order or order authorizing redaction pursuant to Local Rule 140. For documents a Party wishes to seal, the designating Party shall prepare a "Notice of Request to Seal or Redact Documents," a Request to Seal or Redact Documents," a proposed order, and all documents covered by the Request as required pursuant to Local Rule 141(b).

13. All "Confidential Information" produced in this proceeding shall be used by the Party to whom such documents are produced solely for purposes of the investigation and/or resolution of the claims arising in this Action, any trial and appeal of this Action, and the enforcement of any award thereon and for no other purpose.

12 14. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 502(d) and (e), the Parties agree 13 to and the Court orders, protection of privileged (including by the work product doctrine) documents 14 and electronically stored information against claims of waiver (including as against third parties and 15 in other federal and state proceedings) in the event they are produced during the course of this 16 Action, whether pursuant to a Court Order, a party's discovery request, or informal production, as 17 follows:

(a) The inadvertent production of documents by a Producing Party subject to a
legally recognized claim of privilege, including without limitation the attorney-client privilege, and
work product doctrine, to a Receiving Party, shall in no way constitute the voluntary disclosure of
such document, data or information;

(b) The inadvertent production of any document in this Action shall not result
in the waiver of any privilege, evidentiary protection, or work product associated with such
document as to the Receiving Party, or any third parties, and shall not result in any waiver, including
subject matter waiver, of any kind;

(c) If, during the course of this Action, a Party determines that any document
produced by another Party is on its face subject to a legally recognizable privilege, the Receiving
Party shall: (i) refrain from reading the document any more closely than is necessary to ascertain that

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1 it is privileged; (ii) immediately notify the Producing Party in writing that it has discovered 2 documents believed to be privileged or work product; (iii) specifically identify the documents by 3 Bates number range or hash value range, and, (iv) where possible, return, sequester, or destroy all 4 copies of such documents, along with any notes, abstracts or compilations of the content thereof, 5 within five (5) days of discovery by the Receiving Party. Where such documents cannot be 6 destroyed or separated it shall not be reviewed, disclosed, or otherwise used by the Receiving Party. 7 Notwithstanding, the Receiving Party is under no obligation to search or review the Producing 8 Party's documents to identify potentially privileged or work product protected documents;

9 (d) If the Producing Party intends to assert a claim of privilege or work product 10 protection over documents identified by the Receiving Party, the Producing Party will, within five 11 (5) business days of receiving the Receiving Party's written notification, inform the Receiving Party 12 of such intention in writing and shall provide the Receiving Party with a log for such document, data 13 or information that is consistent with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 14 setting forth the basis for the claim of privilege or work product protection, and in the event, if any 15 portion of the document does not contain privileged or work product information, the Producing 16 Party shall also provide to the Receiving Party a redacted copy of the document that omits the 17 information that the Producing Party believes is subject to a claim of privilege or work product 18 protection;

19 (e) If, during the course of this Action, a Party determines it has produced a 20 document protected from discovery by a legally recognized claim of privilege or work product protection, the Producing Party may notify the Receiving Party of such inadvertent production in 22 writing, and demand the return of such documents. Such notice shall be in writing, however, it may 23 be delivered orally on the record at a deposition, promptly followed up in writing. The Producing 24 Party's written notice will identify the document, data and/or information inadvertently produced by 25 bates number range or hash value range, the privilege or work product claimed, and the basis for the assertion of the privilege and shall provide the Receiving Party with a log for such document that is 26 consistent with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, setting forth the basis for 27 the claim of privilege or work product protection, and in the event any portion of the document that

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1 does not contain privileged or work-product information, the Producing Party shall also provide to 2 the Receiving Party a redacted copy of the document that omits the information that the Producing 3 Party believes is subject to a claim of privilege or work product protection. After receiving such 4 written notification, the Receiving Party must, within five (5) business days of receiving the written 5 notification, return, sequester, or destroy the specified document and any copies, along with any 6 notes, abstracts, or compilations of the content thereof;

7 (f) To the extent that an inadvertently produced document has been loaded 8 into a litigation review database, the Producing Party can elect to either (i) have the document 9 returned or destroyed *via* an extraction of the electronic copies from the database; or (ii) have the 10 document disabled from further use or otherwise rendered inaccessible to the Receiving Party in the 11 litigation review database. If the Producing Party selections option (f)(i), it shall bear the costs of 12 the return or destruction of such electronic copies;

13 (g) To the extent that the information contained in a document subject to a 14 claim of privilege or work product protection has already been used in or described in other 15 documents generated or maintained by the Receiving Party, then the Receiving Party will sequester 16 such documents until the claim has been resolved. If the Receiving Party disclosed the specified 17 document before being notified of its inadvertent production, it must take reasonable steps to retrieve 18 the specified document. The Producing Party shall preserve the specified document until the claim is 19 resolved:

20 (h) The Receiving Party's return, sequestering, or destruction of such privileged or protected documents as provided herein will not act as a waiver of the Requesting 22 Party's right to move for the production of the returned, sequestered, or destroyed documents on the 23 ground that the documents are not, in fact, subject to a viable claim of privilege or protection. 24 However, the Receiving Party is prohibited and estopped from arguing that the production of the 25 documents in this matter acts as a waiver of an applicable privilege or work product protection, that 26 the disclosure of the documents was not inadvertent, that the Producing Party did not take reasonable 27 steps to prevent the disclosure of the privileged documents or that the Producing Party failed to take

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reasonable or timely steps to rectify the error pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(b)(5)(B), or otherwise;

3 (i) Either Party may submit the specified documents to the Court for in 4 *camera* review for a determination of the claim of privilege or work product protection and will 5 provide the Court with the grounds for the asserted privilege or work product protection. During the Court's review, the Receiving Party may not use the documents for any purpose absent this Court's Order. Any Party may request expedited treatment of any request for the Courts determination of the claim:

9 (i) Upon a determination by the Court that the specified documents are 10 protected by the applicable privilege or evidentiary protection, and if the specified documents have 11 been sequestered rather than returned or destroyed, the specified documents shall be returned or 12 destroyed; and,

13 (k) Nothing contained herein is intended to, or shall serve to, limit a Party's 14 right and obligation to conduct a review of documents for relevance, responsiveness, or the 15 segregation of privileged and/or protected information.

16 15. All "Confidential Information" shall be returned to the Producing Party as 17 follows:

18 (a) Within thirty (30) calendar days of the conclusion of the litigation by 19 settlement, dismissal or entry of judgment, and subject to subparagraphs (c) and (d) below, all 20 "Confidential Information" information, including any and all copies (including electronically-stored 21 copies), abstracts, summaries, physical media by which data was transmitted, and readable reports or 22 output from the physical media by which data was transmitted, shall be returned to the producing 23 party, destroyed, or in the case of electronically-stored copies – erased. Counsel for each Party shall 24 additionally certify to counsel for the opposing Party, in writing and under penalty of perjury, that 25 any and all such "Confidential Information," including any and all copies (including electronically-26 stored copies), abstracts, summaries, physical media by which data was transmitted, and readable 27 reports or output from the physical media by which data was transmitted, or produced by the 28 opposing Party, has been returned, destroyed, or in the case of electronically-stored copies – erased.

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1 (b) If "Confidential Information" information is furnished to outside experts or 2 consultants pursuant to Paragraph 7(b), the attorney for the Party using such expert or consultant 3 shall have the responsibility of ensuring, within thirty (30) calendar days of the termination of the 4 litigation, that all such "Confidential Information" information including any and all copies 5 (including electronically-stored copies), abstracts, summaries, physical media by which data was 6 transmitted, and readable reports or output from the physical media by which data was transmitted, 7 is returned to the producing Party, destroyed, or in the case of electronically-stored copies – erased, 8 and so certifying in writing under penalty of perjury as provided in sub-part (a) above; and,

9 (c) Counsel of record for the Parties may indefinitely retain one copy of any 10 part of the "Confidential Information" information produced by others, that has become part of the 11 official record of this Action, as well as abstracts or summaries of materials that reference 12 "Confidential Information" information that contain counsels mental impressions or opinions. Such 13 copy shall remain subject to the terms of this Protective Order and shall not be used by the Receiving 14 Party for any other purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to, other litigation.

16. Under this Order, Professional Rule of Conduct 3-700 is inapplicable to the "Confidential Information" produced by an opposing Party in discovery; and no copies (electronic or otherwise) of an opposing party's "Confidential Information" shall be retained as part of any "client file" at the conclusion of this Action.

19 17. This Order shall survive the final termination of this Action and the Court
20 shall retain jurisdiction to enforce, construe, or modify its terms for three (3) years after the final
21 disposition of this Action.

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1	18. Once executed	by all Parties, the Stipulation shall be by treated by the Parties	
2	as an Order of the Court pending its formal approval by the Court.		
3	THE FILER OF THE DOCUMENT ATTESTS THAT THE CONTENT OF THIS		
4	DOCUMENT IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PERSONS REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT.		
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22	PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, I	IT IS SO ORDERED:	
23	Dated: August 28, 2012		
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25		CAROLYN K. DELANEY UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE	
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2	ATTACHMENT A		
3	As a condition to inspecting or otherwise using documents and information produced		
4	in the above-captioned Action entitled Stevenson v. Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., I certify that I have read		
5	the attached Stipulation and Protective and FRE 502(d) & (e) Clawback Order (the "Stipulation and		
6	Order") regarding the handling of documents and information designated as "Confidential		
7	Information" and hereby agree to make no use of such documents and/or information except as		
8	permitted by the express terms of the Stipulation and Order, to make no disclosure of such		
9	documents and/or information to persons other than those who may have access to it under such		
10	Stipulation and Order, to not disclose Confidential Information to my clients other than the Party		
11	herein, to return all originals and all copies of such documents and/or information when required to		
12	do so under the Stipulation and Order, and otherwise to be bound by all of the terms and provisions		
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