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17	EASTERN DIS	TRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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19	TERRY T. SNIPES, SR., an individual,	No. 2:15-cv-00878-MCE-KJN (TEMP)
20	Plaintiff,	STIPULATION AND PROTECTIVE ORDER
21	v.	
22	DOLLAR TREE DISTRIBUTION, INC., a Virginia corporation, and DOES 1 through	
23	50, Inclusive,	
24	Defendant.	
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Subject to the approval of this Court, Plaintiff Terry T. Snipes, Sr. ("Snipes" or "Plaintiff") and Defendant Dollar Tree Distribution, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Dollar Tree"), by and through their counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree to the following Protective Order:

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WHEREAS, the parties to this proceeding anticipate that during the course of the abovecaptioned litigation, 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;

WHEREAS, the parties to this proceeding wish to protect the confidentiality of such documents and information and to ensure that the parties can obtain and pursue discovery with the minimum of 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 litigation whether pursuant to a Court Order, a parties' discovery request or informal production.

16 WHEREAS, the parties wish to comply with discovery deadlines and complete discovery as expeditiously as possible, while preserving and without waiving any evidentiary protections or 18 privileges 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 FRE 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 to rectify such disclosure and/or acts as a waiver of applicable privileges or protections associated with such documents.

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THEREFORE, the parties seek the entry of an Order, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil

Procedure 26(c), governing the disclosure of documents and information therein pertaining to "Confidential Information" or "Counsel Only" information on the terms set forth herein, as well as an Order, pursuant to FRE 502, governing the return of inadvertently produced documents and data and affording them the protections of FRE 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 Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c) and that such protection is warranted in good faith. "Confidential Information" shall not be disclosed except as provided for herein.

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"Confidential Information" includes:

14 Information that any party reasonably believes has not lawfully been made (a) 15 public and which concerns or relates to the personnel information, processes, objectives, strategies, 16 plans, advertising, methodologies, procedures, operations, type of work, products, services, sales, 17 purchases, transfers, identification of customers, customer information, bank and payroll related 18 agreements, policies, marketing plans, vendor information, profit margins, product quantities and 19 costs amount or source of income, costs, profits, losses, financial information, business forecasts, or 20 expenditures of any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other organization or organizational 21 structure, if the disclosure of such information has the effect of causing harm or potential harm to the 22 competitive position or privacy rights of the person, firm, partnership, corporation, or to the 23 organization from which the information was obtained or of third parties, including but not limited to 24 persons transacting business with any of the parties to this action.

(b) The personnel records of current or former employees or applicants of
Defendant, Defendant's parent company and affiliates, or non-parties acquired by or otherwise
associated with Defendant; and,

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(c) Any sensitive or private personal information, such as social security

numbers, driver's license numbers, home or business addresses, home or business phone numbers for any individual, financial or tax information, and medical information.

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

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

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 twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of a transcript thereof. All transcripts of depositions shall be treated as Confidential for at least that 20-day period unless otherwise agreed upon by counsel or ordered by the Court.

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1 6. Recognizing the legitimate confidentiality needs of the parties, all discovery shall be 2 used only by the parties to this action for purposes of resolution of the claims asserted in this action, 3 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 4 5 electronic copies), abstracts, or other documents derived in whole or in part from information, 6 designated as Confidential, shall be used only by the parties to this action; for the purpose of the 7 prosecution, defense, or settlement of the claims asserted in this action, any trial and appeal of this 8 action and the enforcement of any award or judgment based on such claims, and for no other purpose 9 unless and until such designation is removed either by agreement of the parties or by order of the 10 Court.

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

16 (a) A party, or a current or former officer, director, or employee of a party
17 deemed necessary by counsel to aid in the prosecution, defense or settlement of this action;

18 (b) Experts or consultants (together with their staff) retained by such counsel to 19 assist in the prosecution, defense or settlement of this action provided; however, that prior to disclosure of any "Confidential Information" to an expert or consultant, the party that wishes to 20 21 make the disclosure shall affirm that the expert or consultant has not previously been retained by the 22 non-disclosing party or a competitor of the non-disclosing party. (A competitor shall be defined as 23 any discount variety retailer.) If the expert or consultant has been so retained, the parties shall meet 24 and confer with each other and, if necessary, submit the issue to the Court prior to the disclosure to 25 the expert or consultant of any "Confidential Information;"

(c) Witnesses testifying at deposition or at any hearing in this matter either during their testimony or in preparation therefore; however, if a witness refuses to sign the Nondisclosure Agreement, the parties shall meet and confer with each other and, if necessary, submit the issue to

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1 the Court prior to the disclosure to the witness of any "Confidential Information;" 2 Any person to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary to enforce any award (d) 3 or judgment rendered against any party in this proceeding; 4 (e) Any author or any recipient of any document or information; 5 (f) Independent legal translators retained to translate in connection with this 6 action; 7 (g) Independent copying, scanning, technical support and electronic document 8 processing services retained by Counsel in connection with this action; 9 (h) Graphics, translation, or design services retained by Counsel for the purposes 10 of preparing demonstrative or other exhibits for deposition, trial or otherwise in connection with this 11 action; (i) 12 Non-technical jury or trial consulting services retained by Counsel in 13 connection with this action; and 14 Any other person ordered by the Court or as to whom all parties in writing (j) 15 agree. 16 8. Any person or entity to whom "Confidential Information" is disclosed pursuant to 17 Subparagraphs 7 (a)-(j), above, shall, prior to receiving such Confidential Information, be provided 18 with a copy of this Order and shall execute a Nondisclosure Agreement in the form set forth in 19 Attachment A hereto, such forms to be maintained by counsel for the party sharing "Confidential 20 Information" and undertaking to have such forms executed. 21 9. On the request of any party, any person who is not a Qualified Person shall be 22 excluded from any deposition during the period in which "Confidential Information" is used, 23 referred to or discussed. 24 10. The parties may further designate certain discovery material, testimony, or other 25 information of an extraordinarily private, highly confidential, or propriety nature as 26 "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION -- COUNSEL ONLY" (hereinafter "Counsel Only" Material 27 in the manner described above. Such designation shall not be used routinely or to gain advantage in 28 this litigation, but rather shall be used only in exceptional cases where the protections afforded by 5.

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1 the "Confidential" classifications are insufficient. "Counsel Only" Material, and the information 2 contained therein, shall be disclosed only to counsel for the parties (including the paralegal, clerical, 3 and secretarial staff employed by such counsel) and to experts who execute Attachment A. "Counsel 4 Only" Material may not be disclosed to opposing counsel's clients pursuant to Professional Rules of 5 Responsibility, Rule 3-700. If disclosure of "Counsel Only" Material is made pursuant to this 6 Paragraph, all other provisions in this Order with respect to confidentiality shall also apply. 7 11. The restrictions set forth in this Order shall not: 8

8 (a) Apply to any discovery matter which a party can show was lawfully
9 possessed, obtained, or developed by it other than through discovery in this action;

10 (b) Apply to any information which it lawfully possesses by other means or which
11 lawfully is or lawfully becomes public knowledge in a manner that is not in violation of this Order;

12 (c) Operate as an admission by the recipient that any of the information contains
13 or reflects "Confidential Information;"

14 (d) Prejudice in any way the right of any party or non-party to object on any basis
15 to the production of discovery matter it considers not subject to discovery;

(e) Prejudice in any way the right of any party or non-party to seek a
determination from the Court as to whether particular information shall be produced;

(f) Prevent the parties from entering into a written agreement to alter or waive the
provisions or protections provided herein, generally or with respect to any "Confidential
Information;"

(g) Prejudice in any way the right of any party or non-party to seek such
additional or other protection as that party may deem appropriate with regard to the confidentiality
of the information;

(h) Be construed to require any party to produce information that it considers
privileged or otherwise not subject to discovery;

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

12. This Order shall be without prejudice to the right of any party at any time after

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information is designated "Confidential Information" to file a motion with the Court, upon not less than ten (10) calendar days' notice to all parties: (i) to challenge the designation of any particular document or information as Confidential or whether its use should be restricted, provided such party has first made a good-faith attempt to resolve such question with the designating party; or (ii) seek a separate protective order as to any particular document or information, including restrictions differing from those as specified herein. The Order shall not be deemed to prejudice the parties in any way in any future application for modifications of this Order.

13. The parties will mark any document that they believe should be filed under seal as "Confidential Information" or "Counsel Only" Material. Defendant's use of such designations shall only apply to documents containing private, trade secret, business confidential, and proprietary information of the Defendant, the public disclosure of which would be detrimental to Defendant's competitive interests or the privacy rights of its current and former employees. The sealing requirements of Local Rule 141 will apply to any document so designated until and unless a Court orders that the documents are not subject to seal.

14. The burden of establishing that any information designated as "Confidential Information" or "Counsel Only" Material meets the definitions set forth herein shall be on the party that seeks to uphold the designation. Any information or documents designated as "Confidential Information," which are subject to sealing motion pursuant to Paragraph 13 shall be treated as "Confidential Information" in accordance with the terms of this Order until such time as the Court rules otherwise.

15. All documents produced in this proceeding designated "Confidential Information" or "Counsel Only" 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 except as otherwise required by law or by order of the Court.

16. Pursuant to FRE 502(d) and (e), the parties agree to and the Court orders protection of privileged and otherwise protected documents and electronically stored information against claims of waiver (including as against third parties and in other federal and state proceedings) in the event

they are produced during the course of this litigation, whether pursuant to a Court Order, a party's discovery request, or informal production, as 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.

7 (b) The inadvertent production of any document in this action shall not result in
8 the waiver of any privilege, evidentiary protection, or other protection associated with such
9 document as to the Receiving Party, or any third parties, and shall not result in any waiver, including
10 subject matter waiver, of any kind.

11 (c) If, during the course of this litigation, a party determines that any document 12 produced by another party is on its face subject to a legally recognizable privilege or evidentiary 13 protection, the Receiving Party shall: (a) refrain from reading the document any more closely than is 14 necessary to ascertain that it is privileged; (b) immediately notify the Producing Party in writing that 15 it has discovered documents believed to be privileged or protected; (c) specifically identify the 16 documents by Bates number range or hash value range, and, (d) where possible, return, sequester, or 17 destroy all copies of such documents, along with any notes, abstracts or compilations of the content 18 thereof, within ten (10) business days of discovery by the Receiving Party. Where such documents 19 cannot be destroyed or separated it shall not be reviewed, disclosed, or otherwise used by the 20 Receiving Party. Notwithstanding, the Receiving Party is under no obligation to search or review 21 the Producing Party's documents to identify potentially privileged or work product protected 22 documents.

(d) If the Producing Party intends to assert a claim of privilege or other protection
over documents identified by the Receiving Party, the Producing Party will, within five (5) business
days of receiving the Receiving Party's written notification, inform the Receiving Party of such
intention in writing and shall provide the Receiving Party with a log for such document, data or
information that is consistent with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, setting
forth the basis for the claim of privilege or other protection, and in the event, if any portion of the

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document does not contain privileged or protected information, the Producing Party shall also
 provide to the Receiving Party a redacted copy of the document that omits the information that the
 Producing Party believes is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection.

4 If, during the course of this litigation, a party determines it has produced a (e) 5 document protected from discovery by a legally recognized claim of privilege or other protection, 6 the Producing Party may notify the Receiving Party of such inadvertent production in writing, and 7 demand the return of such documents. Such notice shall be in writing, however, it may be delivered 8 orally on the record at a deposition, promptly followed up in writing. The Producing Party's written 9 notice will identify the document, data and/or information inadvertently produced by bates number 10 range or hash value range, the privilege or protection claimed, and the basis for the assertion of the 11 privilege and shall provide the Receiving Party with a log for such document that is consistent with 12 the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, setting forth the basis for the claim of 13 privilege or other protection, and in the event any portion of the document that does not contain 14 privileged or protected information, the Producing Party shall also provide to the Receiving Party a 15 redacted copy of the document that omits the information that the Producing Party believes is subject 16 to a claim of privilege or other protection. After receiving such written notification, the Receiving 17 Party must, within ten (10) business days of receiving the written notification, return, sequester, or 18 destroy the specified document and any copies, along with any notes, abstracts, or compilations of 19 the content thereof.

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

(g) To the extent that the information contained in a document subject to a claim of privilege or other protection has already been used in or described in other documents generated or maintained by the Receiving Party, then the Receiving Party will sequester such documents until

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the claim has been resolved. If the Receiving Party disclosed the specified document before being notified of its inadvertent production, it must take reasonable steps to retrieve it. The Producing Party shall preserve the specified document until the claim is resolved.

4 (h) The Receiving Party's return, sequestering, or destruction of such privileged 5 or protected documents as provided herein will not act as a waiver of the Requesting Party's right to 6 move for the production of the returned, sequestered, or destroyed documents on the ground that the 7 documents are not, in fact, subject to a viable claim of privilege or protection. However, the 8 Receiving Party is prohibited and estopped from arguing that the production of the documents in this 9 matter acts as a waiver of an applicable privilege or evidentiary protection, that the disclosure of the 10 documents was not inadvertent, that the Producing Party did not take reasonable steps to prevent the 11 disclosure of the privileged documents or that the producing party failed to take reasonable or timely 12 steps to rectify the error pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B), or otherwise.

(i) Either party may submit the specified documents to the Court under seal for a
determination of the claim of privilege or other protection and will provide the Court with the
grounds for the asserted privilege or protection. 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.

(j) Upon a determination by the Court that the specified documents are protected by the applicable privilege or evidentiary protection, and if the specified documents have been sequestered rather than returned or destroyed, the specified documents shall be returned or destroyed. The Court may also order the identification and/or review of documents that have been identified as being potentially subject to a legally recognized claim by search terms or other means.

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

26 17. All "Confidential Information" or "Counsel-Only" information shall be returned to
27 the Producing Party as follows:

(a) Within sixty (60) calendar days of the conclusion of the Litigation by

1 settlement, dismissal or entry of judgment, and subject to sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) below, all 2 "Confidential Information" or "Counsel-Only" information, including any and all copies (including electronically-stored copies), abstracts, summaries, physical media by which data was transmitted, 3 4 and readable reports or output from the physical media by which data was transmitted, shall be 5 returned to the producing party. Counsel for each party shall additionally certify to counsel for the 6 opposing party, in writing, that any and all such "Confidential Information" or "Counsel-Only" 7 information, including any and all copies (including electronically-stored copies), abstracts, 8 summaries, physical media by which data was transmitted, and readable reports or output from the 9 physical media by which data was transmitted, or produced by the opposing party, has been returned. 10 Even after the Final Disposition of the Litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this 11 Order will remain in effect until a designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a Court otherwise directs. "Final Disposition" means the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this action, 12 13 with or without prejudice and (2) final judgment in this action after the completion and exhaustion of 14 all appeals, re-hearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the time limits for filing 15 any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

16 If "Confidential Information" or "Counsel-Only" information is furnished to (b) 17 outside experts or consultants pursuant to Paragraph 7(b), the attorney for the party using such expert 18 or consultant shall have the responsibility of ensuring, within sixty (60) calendar days of the 19 termination of the litigation, that all such "Confidential Information" or "Counsel-Only" information 20 including any and all copies (including electronically-stored copies), abstracts, summaries, physical 21 media by which data was transmitted, and readable reports or output from the physical media by 22 which data was transmitted, is returned to the producing party, and so certifying in writing as 23 provided in sub-part (a) above.

24 Counsel of record for the parties may indefinitely retain one copy of any part (c) 25 of the "Confidential Information" or "Counsel-Only" information produced by others that has become part of the official record of this litigation as well as abstracts or summaries of materials that 26 reference "Confidential Information" or "Counsel-Only" information that contain counsels mental impressions or opinions. Such copy shall remain subject to the terms of this Protective Order and

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1	shall not be used by the Receiving Party for any other purpose whatsoever, including but not limited	
2	to, other litigation.	
3	18. Under this Order, Professional Rule of Conduct 3-700 is inapplicable to the	
4	"Confidential Information" produced by the opposing side in discovery; and no copies (electronic or	
5	otherwise) of an opposing party's "Confidential Information" shall be retained as part of any "client	
6	file" at the conclusion of this litigation.	
7	19. This Order shall survive the final termination of this action and the Court shall retain	
8	jurisdiction to enforce, construe, or modify its terms for three (3) years after the final disposition of	
9	this action.	
10	20. Once executed by all parties, the Stipulation shall be by treated by the Parties as an	
11	Order of the Court pending its formal approval by the Court.	
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13	IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD:	
14	Dated: December 29, 2015 SUTTON HAGUE LAW CORPORATION, P.C.	
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16	<u>/S/ Jared Hague</u> S. BRETT SUTTON	
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18	Attorneys for Plaintiff TERRY T. SNIPES	
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21	Dated: December 29, 2015	
22	<u>/S/ Jeffrey J. Mann</u> LINDBERGH PORTER	
23	KURT R. BOCKES JEFFREY J. MANN	
24	LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C. Attorneys for Defendant	
25	DOLLAR TREE DISTRIBUTION, INC.	
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1	<u>ORDER</u>
2	The parties' stipulated protective order is APPROVED and ENTERED, except that:
3	1. The designation of documents (including transcripts of testimony) as confidential
4	pursuant to this order does not automatically entitle the parties to file such a document
5	with the court under seal. The parties must comply with Local Rule 141 with respect to
6	requests to seal documents, and any contrary provision is disapproved.
7	2. With respect to motions regarding any disputes concerning this protective order which
8	the parties cannot informally resolve, the parties shall follow the procedures outlined in
9	Local Rule 251. Absent a showing of good cause, the court will not hear discovery
10	disputes on an ex parte basis or on shortened time.
11	Dated: January 21, 2016
12	Fordall D. Newman
13	KENDALL J. NEWMAN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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1	AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY PROTECTIVE ORDER
2	As a condition to inspecting or otherwise using documents and information produced in
3	Snipes v. Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:15-cv-00878, I certify
4	that I have read the attached Stipulated Protective Order ("Order") regarding the handling of
5	documents and information designated as "Confidential" or "Confidential Information Counsel
6	Only" and hereby agree to make no use of such documents and/or information except as permitted
7	by the express terms of the Order, to make no disclosure of such documents and/or information to
8	persons other than those who may have access to it under such Order, to return all originals and all
9	copies of such documents and/or information when required to do so under the Order, and otherwise
10	to be bound by all of the terms and provisions of the Order.
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