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September 14, 2011

Hon. Edward Chen United States District Court 450 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, CA

Re: Case #: 11-01253 EJD

Garcia v. Resurgent Capital Services, LP, LVNV Funding LLC, The Brachfeld Law Group, P.C. Letter Requesting Deadline to File Joint Letter Regarding Discovery Dispute

Dear Hon. Edward Chen,

Plaintiff needs the Court's assistance in having Defendants comply with the Court's Standing Order requiring the parties submit a joint letter to address discovery disputes. See Docket #29.

The parties began meeting and conferring on Defendants' discovery response back on August 4, 2011. When the parties could not resolve their differences Plaintiff took the following actions:

On August 22, 2011, Plaintiff sent Defendant's Resurgent Capital Services and LVNV a draft joint letter to submit to the Court in lieu of a Motion to Compel written discovery (pursuant to its Standing Order, see Docket #29). **Exhibit 1**.

On August 22, 2011, Defendants responded that they would address the matter. **Exhibit 2**.

On August 29, 2011, Defendants again indicated they would be responding shortly to the Plaintiff's request for Defendants' comments regarding a joint letter. **Exhibit 3**.

On August 29, 2011, Plaintiff requested that Defendants respond by August 30, 2011. **Exhibit 4**.

On September 1, 2011, Defendants indicated they were preparing a response for the joint letter and would provide it by Tuesday, September 6, 2011. **Exhibit 5**.

On September 9, 2011, Plaintiff again requested Defendants provide their comments for the joint letter. **Exhibit 6**.

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It is now September 14, 2011, and Defendants have yet to provide their comments regarding a joint letter. This is particularly unfortunate since Defendants are currently holding on to documents that are responsive to the discovery requests (statements relating to the alleged debt, insurance coverage documents, written agreements with other parties, etc.).

Plaintiff understands that the Court prefers the parties not file unilateral statements. *Chattler v. United States*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 43304, 2-3 (N.D. Cal. May 12, 2009). Thus, Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court enter an Order requiring Defendant to provide their comments regarding the joint letter by Wednesday, September 21, 2011, and that a joint letter be filed with the Court by Friday, September 23, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Konald Wilcox

Edward M. Chen
U.S. District Edge IT IS SO ORDERED

Judge Edward M. Chen

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From: Ronald Wilcox < ronaldwilcox@me.com>
Subject: Garcia v. LVNV, et al., Joint Letter to Court

Date: August 22, 2011 11:42:53 AM PDT

To: David Dalby <ddalby@hinshawlaw.com>



#### Dear David,

Please add your comments to this joint letter. Call me this afternoon if any questions.

Thanks,

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To the Hon. Edward Chen,

The parties have met and conferred and cannot resolve issues regarding Defendant Resurgent Capital Services and LVNV Funding's discovery responses. We believe additional briefing and a Motion to Compel regarding the items below will be necessary. Thus, we hereby submit this joint letter pursuant to the Court's standing order.

#### **Local Rules**

Defendants' discovery responses failed to set forth the question in full before each answer or objection.

L.R. 33-1, states, "Form of Answers and Objections. Answers and objections to interrogatories must set forth each question in full before each answer or objection." Requests to Admit and Request for Production of Documents have similar rules. However, Defendant refuses to supplement its defective discovery responses. Thus, Plaintiff needs an Order from this Court compelling Defendants

to abide by the Local Rules and supplement the discovery responses.

### Telephone Billing Records (Request for Production 2)

This case is about unlawful telephone calls, thus all records relating to such are relevant. Defendant fails to state, "that a dilligent search and reasonable inquiry has been made in an effort to locate the item requested;" and has failed to state the reason Defendant is unable to comply. Thus, Plaintiff needs an Order from this court compelling Defendants to abide by the F.R.C.P supplement this response.

#### **Insurance (RPD 5)**

Defendant fails to state, "that a dilligent search and reasonable inquiry has been made in an effort to locate the item requested." Defendant refuses to supplement. Thus, Plaintiff needs an Order from this court compelling Defendants to abide by the F.R.C.P supplement this response.

### Procedure manuals (RPD 7)

Defendant fails to state, "that a dilligent search and reasonable inquiry has been made in an effort to locate the item requested;" and has failed to state the reason Defendant is unable to comply. Defendant refuses to supplement, and also refused to sign a stipulation that no such documents exist. Thus, Plaintiff needs an Order from this court compelling Defendants to abide by the F.R.C.P supplement this response.

### Credit Reports (RPD 8)

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### Agreements with other parties (RPD 10)

Defendants used other parties in an attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff; however Defendant refuses to produce its written agreements with these other parties.

The Northern District of California has held this information must be disclosed. *Trevino v. ACB American*, 232 F.R.D. 612 (N.D. Cal. 2006)(compelling unredacted version of the agreement). Thus, Plaintiff needs an Order from this court compelling Defendants to abide by the F.R.C.P and disclose this

information.

## <u>Documents regarding financial condition and net worth- tax returns</u> (RPD 10-11)

Plaintiff has alleged claims for punitive damages; however, Defendant refuses to answer discovery necessary to support those claims. The Northern District of California has held tax returns must be disclosed. *Fausto v. Credigy*, 251 F.R.D. 427 (N.D. Cal 2008). Thus, Plaintiff needs an Order from this court compelling Defendants to abide by the F.R.C.P and disclose this information.

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### Affirmative Defenses (Int 4-6)

Defendant has alleged multiple affirmative defenses, but refuses to reveal facts, witnesses and documents regarding such affirmative defenses. Furthermore, Defendants allege co-defendants may have procedures in place to prevent and avoid violating the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, but fail to state the facts, witnesses and documents that support such belief. The Northern District of California has held this information must be disclosed. *Bretana v. International Collection Corp.*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 79334 (N.D. Cal. 2008). Thus, Plaintiff needs an Order from this court compelling Defendants to abide by the F.R.C.P and disclose this information.

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Subject: Re: Garcia v. LVNV, et al., Joint Letter to Court

Date: August 22, 2011 2:54:22 PM PDT

To: Ronald Wilcox < ronaldwilcox@me.com>

Ron,

Thank you for your email.

I think we are getting closer to an agreed statement of issues, but your email raises some new issues that you had not previously raised, and I have to go back to try to understand how the new issues arose.

In any event, I will respond as soon as I can. Although I have three depositions in the next two days and a significant court appearance tomorrow afternoon.

Regards,

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To David Dalby <ddalby@hinshawlaw.com>

08/22/2011 11:42 AM

Subject Garcia v. LVNV, et al., Joint Letter to Court

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Subject: Garcia v. LVNV, et al.

Date: August 29, 2011 8:14:53 AM PDT

To: Ronald Wilcox < ronaldwilcox@me.com>

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From: Ronald Wilcox <ronaldwilcox@me.com>

Subject: Re: Garcia v. LVNV, et al.

Date: August 29, 2011 2:23:24 PM PDT

To: ddalby@hinshawlaw.com



#### Dear David,

I plan to file a letter regarding discovery with Judge Chen tomorrow afternoon, thus please reply today or tomorrow morning, so we can try to resolve this befoe the mediation.

You can also call me if that could help resolve any issues.

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From: ddalby@hinshawlaw.com

Subject: Garcia v. LVNV, et al., Joint Letter to Court

Date: September 1, 2011 5:43:27 PM PDT

To: Ronald Wilcox < ronaldwilcox@me.com>

#### Ron,

I have been preparing my clients response for the joint letter, and I do not believe that we are very far apart. I am also awaiting some documents from my clients.

I will send you my clients' response for the draft letter on Tuesday, September 6.

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Subject: Re: Garcia v. LVNV, et al., Joint Letter to Court

Date: September 9, 2011 2:21:42 PM PDT

To: ddalby@hinshawlaw.com



#### Dear David,

I received no joint letter from Defendant on September 6, 2011. Please be kind enough to email it to me before 5 p.m. today so we can attempt to avoid burdening the Court.

Thank you,

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