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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL STAR INDEMNITY COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

STEVEN D. BROOKS, Individually and as Trustee of The BROOKS 2006 CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST Dated 3/14/2006; CATHERINE S. BOOKS, as Trustee of The BROOKS 2006 CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST Dated 3/14/2006; BROOKS 2006 CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST Dated 3/14/2006; and DOES 1 THROUGH 25, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C11-01565 SI

## STIPULATION TO STAY ACTION AND ORDER STAYING ACTION

Action Filed: February 15, 2011

DISCOVERY CUTOFF: None Set MOTION CUTOFF: None Set TRIAL DATE: None Set

On February 15, 2011, Plaintiff General Star Indemnity Company ("General Star") filed a Complaint for Subrogation, Indemnity, and Contribution against Steven D. Brooks, individually and as Trustee of the Brooks 2006 Charitable Remainder Unitrust dated 3/14/2006, Catherine S. Brooks, as Trustee of the Brooks 2006 Charitable Remainder Unitrust dated 3/14/2006, and Brooks 2006 Charitable Remainder Unitrust dated 3/14/2006 (collectively "Brooks") in the San Francisco County Superior Court, Case Number CGC-11-508261.

On March 31, 2011, Brooks filed a Notice of Removal to the United States District

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Court for the Northern District of California, Case Number C11-01565 JCS.

In its Complaint, General Star seeks amounts paid by General Star to defend and indemnify its insured, Jay Morton ("Morton") in an action pending before the San Francisco County Superior Court, Case Number 468359 (the "Underlying Action"). The Underlying Action has proceeded to trial in the San Francisco County Superior Court and has resulted in a verdict. No judgment has as yet been entered in the Underlying Action.

As Morton's subrogee, General Star "stands in the shoes" of Morton with respect to its rights to recover defense and indemnity payments made on Morton's behalf in the Underlying Action. General Star's rights cannot be determined until final judgment is rendered in the Underlying Action.

WHEREFOR, General Star and Brooks, by and through their attorneys, stipulate as follows:

- 1. That this action be stayed by and between General Star and Brooks until final judgment, including appeals, is entered in the Underlying Action;
- 2. That all discovery in this action shall be stayed until the stay in this action is lifted by stipulation or court order;
- 3. This stipulation may be signed in counterparts and a facsimile signature may be filed with the Court.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

DATED: May 24, 2011

SINNOTT, PUEBLA, CAMPAGNE & CURET, APLC

By:

RANDY M/MARMOR

Attorneys for Plaintiff GENERAL STAR

INDEMNITY COMPANY

DATED: May 24, 2011 2 3 By: THOMAS J. LOSAVIO 4 Attorneys for Defendants Steven D. Brooks, individually and as Trustee of the Brooks 5 2006 Charitable Remainder Unitrust dated 6 3/14/2006; Catherine S. Brooks, as Trustee of the Brooks 2006 Charitable Remainder 7 Unitrust dated 3/14/2006; and Brooks 2006 8 Charitable Remainder Unitrust dated 3/14/2006 ORDER 10 For good cause appearing, the Court accepts the parties' stipulation set forth above 11 and makes the following orders: 12 1. This action, including all discovery, is hereby stayed until final judgment, 13 including appeals, is entered in the Underlying Action; 14 2. General Start shall advise the Court when final judgment, including 15 appeals, is entered in the Underlying Action; and 16 3. Following receipt of notice that final judgment, including appeals, has 17 been entered in the Underlying Action, the Court shall schedule an initial 18 Case Management Conference. 19 DATED: May 26, 2011 20 21 By: 22 Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California 23 24 GENSTAR\Morton\Pleadings\Stipulation and Order revised.doc 25 26 The Court will statistically close this case. Counsel may simply contact the Court to have the case repoened at any point in the future. 27 28