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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE LENDING CLUB SECURITIES LITIGATION)	Case No. 3:16-cv-02627-WHA
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This Document Relates To:)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
ALL ACTIONS)	STIPULATED [PROPOSED] PROTECTIVE ORDER
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1 This Stipulated Protective Order (“Order”) is meant to protect confidential information
2 obtained by the parties in connection with this case.

3 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

4 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of
5 confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure
6 and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly,
7 the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Order. The parties
8 acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
9 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited
10 information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles.
11 The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in section 12.3, below, that this Order does not entitle
12 them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that
13 must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the
14 Court to file material under seal.

15 **2. DEFINITIONS**

16 2.1 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of
17 information or items under this Order.

18 2.2 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is
19 generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of
20 Civil Procedure 26(c).

21 2.3 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and In-House Counsel (as well as their support
22 staff).

23 2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it
24 produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY
25 CONFIDENTIAL.”

26 2.5 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium
27 or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony,
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1 transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to
2 discovery in this matter.

3 2.6 Expert: a person who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert
4 witness or as a consultant in this action.

5 2.7 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: highly sensitive trade secrets or
6 confidential business or financial information, the disclosure of which would result in the disclosure
7 of trade secrets or other highly sensitive research, development, production, personnel, commercial,
8 market, financial, or business information.

9 2.8 In-House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. In-House
10 Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

11 2.9 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal
12 entity not named as a Party to this action.

13 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this action
14 but are retained to represent or advise a party to this action and have appeared in this action on
15 behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party.

16 2.11 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,
17 consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

18 2.12 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery
19 Material in this action.

20 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services
21 (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing,
22 storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

23 2.14 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as
24 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.”

25 2.15 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a
26 Producing Party.

1 **3. SCOPE**

2 The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above),
3 but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts,
4 summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
5 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the
6 protections conferred by this Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that
7 is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public
8 domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of
9 this Order, including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any
10 information known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party
11 after the disclosure from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation of
12 confidentiality to the Designating Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by
13 a separate agreement or order.

14 **4. DURATION**

15 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this
16 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order
17 otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and
18 defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion
19 and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the
20 time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law.

21 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

22 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or
23 Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit
24 any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The
25 Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or
26 oral or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents,
27 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within
28 the ambit of this Order.

1 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are
2 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to
3 unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary
4 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

5 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated
6 for protection do not qualify for protection, the Designating Party must promptly notify all other
7 Parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

8 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order, or
9 as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
10 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

11 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

12 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but
13 excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings) that the Producing Party
14 designates "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" the Producing Party shall affix the
15 legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that contains Protected
16 Material. For previously requested documents being re-produced in this case, the parties agree that
17 the documents may be produced bearing the Designations used in the prior productions, and those
18 Designations shall suffice as Designations of Protected Material under this Order. The parties agree
19 to meet and confer regarding any changes to the Designation of those Protected Materials for
20 purposes of this case, and all parties reserve their rights to challenge or justify those Designations or
21 to seek amendment of this Protective Order if the parties are unable to reach agreement. As to
22 documents originally produced in this case, if only a portion or portions of a document qualifies for
23 protection, the Producing Party must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making
24 appropriate markings in the margins).

25 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection
26 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it
27 would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the
28 material made available for inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY

1 CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and
2 produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for
3 protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party
4 must affix the “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” legend to each page that
5 contains Protected Material.

6 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that
7 the Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other
8 proceeding, all protected testimony and specify the level of protection being asserted. When it is
9 impractical to identify separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection and it
10 appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify for protection, the Designating Party
11 may invoke on the record (before the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding is concluded) a right
12 to have up to 21 days to identify the specific portions of the testimony as to which protection is
13 sought and to specify the level of protection being asserted. Only those portions of the testimony that
14 are appropriately designated for protection within the 21 days shall be covered by the provisions of
15 this Stipulated Protective Order. Alternatively, a Designating Party may specify, at the deposition or
16 up to 21 days afterwards if that period is properly invoked, that the entire transcript shall be treated
17 as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.”

18 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any
19 other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the
20 container or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or
21 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant
22 protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

23 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
24 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s
25 right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a
26 designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in
27 accordance with the provisions of this Order.

1 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

2 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of
3 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party’s confidentiality
4 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens,
5 or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a
6 confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original
7 designation is disclosed.

8 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process
9 by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each
10 challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must
11 recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph
12 of the Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin the
13 process by conferring within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring, the Challenging
14 Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and
15 must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the
16 circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen
17 designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it
18 has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes that the Designating Party is
19 unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely manner.

20 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court
21 intervention, the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Civil
22 Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) within 21 days of the
23 initial notice of challenge or within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and confer process
24 will not resolve their dispute, whichever is earlier. Each such motion must be accompanied by a
25 competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer
26 requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph. Failure by the Designating Party to make such a
27 motion including the required declaration within 21 days (or 14 days, if applicable) shall
28 automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each challenged designation. In addition, the

1 Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation at any time if there is
2 good cause for doing so, including a challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript or any
3 portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by a
4 competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer
5 requirements imposed by the preceding paragraph.

6 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.
7 Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose unnecessary
8 expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the
9 Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to file a motion to retain
10 confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the
11 level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the court rules
12 on the challenge.

13 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

14 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or
15 produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,
16 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Protected Material shall not be used for any
17 commercial competitive, personal, or other purpose. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only
18 to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has
19 been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below.

20 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a
21 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

22 7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered
23 by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any
24 information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:

25 (a) the Receiving Party's In-House Counsel and Outside Counsel of Record in
26 this action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably
27 necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

1 (b) the officers, directors, and employees of the Receiving Party to whom
2 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

3 (c) Experts of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for
4 this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A),
5 provided that if the Receiving Party chooses an Expert employed by any Party or one of its
6 competitors, the Receiving Party shall notify the Designating Party before disclosing any Protected
7 Material to that individual and shall give the Designating Party an opportunity to move for a
8 protective order preventing or limiting such disclosure;

9 (d) the Court and its personnel;

10 (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock
11 jurors, and;

12 (f) Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this
13 litigation;

14 (g) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
15 reasonably necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound”
16 (Exhibit A), provided that Protected Material may be disclosed to a witness who will not sign
17 Exhibit A only in a deposition at which the Designating Party is represented or has been given notice
18 that its Protected Material may be used; and

19 (h) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
20 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

21 7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items may be disclosed
22 to all persons listed in Section 7.2 above except that it shall not be disclosed to individual Parties or
23 directors, officers, or employees of a Party.

24 **8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED**
25 **IN OTHER LITIGATION**

26 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels
27 disclosure of any Protected Material, that Party must:
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1 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall
2 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;

3 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue
4 in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to
5 this Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Order; and

6 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by
7 the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

8 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena
9 or court order shall not produce any Protected Material before a determination by the Court from
10 which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party's
11 permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that
12 court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing
13 or encouraging a Receiving Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

14 **9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE**
15 **PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

16 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-
17 Party in this action and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL." Such
18 information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies
19 and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a
20 Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

21 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a
22 Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with
23 the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

24 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that
25 some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

26 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of this Order, the relevant
27 discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and
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1 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-
2 Party.

3 (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this Court
4 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may
5 produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-
6 Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its
7 possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a
8 determination by the Court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the
9 burden and expense of seeking protection in this Court of its Protected Material.

10 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

11 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected
12 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Order, the Receiving Party
13 must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures; (b) use
14 its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material; (c) inform the person or
15 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order; and (d) request
16 such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is
17 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

18 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE
19 PROTECTED MATERIAL**

20 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced
21 material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties
22 are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to
23 modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production
24 without prior privilege review. Nothing herein shall be deemed to waive any applicable privilege or
25 work-product protection, and the inadvertent production of Disclosure or Discovery Material
26 covered by any applicable privilege or work-product protection shall not be deemed to waive such
27 privilege or protection.
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1 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

2 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek
3 its modification by the Court in the future.

4 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Order no Party
5 waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or
6 item on any ground not addressed in this Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on
7 any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Order.

8 12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party or
9 a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the
10 public record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
11 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed
12 under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at
13 issue. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5, a sealing order will issue only upon a request establishing
14 that the Protected Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to
15 protection under the law. If a Receiving Party's request to file Protected Material under seal
16 pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(d) is denied by the Court, then the Receiving Party may file the
17 information in the public record pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e) unless otherwise instructed by
18 the Court. The date upon which the Protected Material is appended to a motion to file under seal
19 shall act as the date that the Protected Material is filed with the Court regardless of the date upon
20 which the Court issues an order on the motion to file under seal.

21 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

22 Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party, within 60 days after
23 the final disposition of this action, as defined in section 4, each Receiving Party shall use
24 commercially reasonable efforts to either (1) return or (2) with the Producing Party's permission,
25 destroy, all Protected Material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all
26 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
27 Protected Material, in whole or in part. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the
28 Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same

1 person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that affirms that the Receiving
2 Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format
3 reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are
4 entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing
5 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney
6 work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected
7 Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to
8 this Order as set forth in section 4.

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10 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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ORDER

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 13, 2017.



THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____
[print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on [date] in the case of *In re Lending Club Securities Litigation*, Case No. 3:16-cv-02627-WHA. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint _____ [print or type full name] of _____ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: _____
City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

