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DECLARATION OF LEONARD W. ARAGON

Case. No. 09-CV-1967 CW

- 1. I am a partner at Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP. The Court has appointed my law firm as Co-Lead Counsel with principal responsibility for the Right of Publicity claims. I submit this Declaration in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. Unless otherwise stated, I have personal knowledge of the information set forth in this Declaration.
- 2. During the litigation, I supervised the collection of Division I¹ football and men's basketball rosters for the *Keller* and *Hart/Alston* right of publicity class periods. Using this information, my team created a database containing roster information for each student-athlete on a team that had a corresponding team in an EA NCAA-Branded videogame. The database is referred to as the Real Roster Database.
- 3. I simultaneously supervised the creation of a second database with roster information pulled from the virtual rosters in EA's NCAA Branded Videogames. The second database is referred to as the Virtual Roster Database. The Virtual Roster Database includes the same data fields as the Real Roster Database. The Virtual Roster Database is currently incomplete. EA, however, has agreed to produce electronic spreadsheets from its NCAA Branded Videogames that will allow ROP Plaintiffs to complete the virtual database. Plaintiffs currently have virtual data for several games and will complete the Virtual Roster Database once they receive confirmatory discovery.
- 4. The Real Roster Database and the partially complete Virtual Roster Database were merged into a Microsoft Access 2013 database. From the Access database, I am able to run queries

¹ Division I refers to NCAA Division I (formerly known as "University Division") college or university men's basketball teams, NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly known as Division I-A) men's football teams, and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly known as Division I-AA).

² NCAA Football 2004, NCAA Football 2005, NCAA Football 2006, NCAA Football 2007, NCAA Football 08, NCAA Football 09, NCAA Football 10, NCAA Football 11, NCAA Football 12, NCAA Football 13, NCAA Football 14, NCAA March Madness 2004, NCAA March Madness 2005, NCAA March Madness 06, NCAA March Madness 07, NCAA March Madness 08, NCAA Basketball 09, and NCAA Basketball 10 (collectively, "EA NCAA Branded Videogames").

| 1 | based on virtual and real-world roster information that allows me to match student-athletes from |
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| 2 | the Real Roster Database to their virtual counterpart in the Virtual Roster Database. |
| 3 | 5. The queries produce spreadsheets of student-athletes and their virtual counterparts |
| 4 | based on matching uniform number, school, division, sport, position and home state. |
| 5 | 6. Based on the merged database, there are approximately 77,550 appearances by class |
| 6 | members in NCAA Branded football videogames and 18,400 appearances by class members in |
| 7 | NCAA Branded men's basketball games. These numbers are only estimates based on the |
| 8 | information gathered to date, and are likely to deviate based on information provided by EA. Once |
| 9 | EA produces confirmatory discovery, ROP Plaintiffs will update the databases and will provide a |
| 10 | supplemental report to the Court. |
| 11 | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is |
| 12 | true and correct. Executed this 29 th day of May, 2014 in Phoenix, Arizona. |
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