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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 MARIKA HAMILTON, an individual, on her  
 own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly  
 12 situated  
 13 Plaintiff,  
 14 v.  
 15 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
 16 Defendant.

Case No.: CV 09-04152 CW  
 CLASS ACTION  
**[STIPULATED] PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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1 Pursuant to a stipulation of the parties, good cause having been shown, the Court hereby  
2 orders that the following procedures are to be employed in this action for the protection of the  
3 parties, and others from whom information may be obtained in connection with this action,  
4 against disclosure or any improper use of confidential information produced in discovery, filed  
5 with this Court or otherwise disclosed in connection with this litigation:

6 1. Application. This Stipulated Protective Order shall apply to (i) all documents,  
7 information, or other materials produced in discovery in this case or disclosed by any party or  
8 third-party to another party, formally or informally, and (ii) all documents, information, or other  
9 materials submitted in support of a motion before the court by any party or third-party  
10 (“Producing Party”), that shall have been designated by any party in this case or by any third-  
11 party (“Designating Party”) as “Confidential” or “Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes Only.” All  
12 documents, information, or other materials marked “Confidential” or “Confidential – Attorneys’  
13 Eyes Only” by a Designating Party, and all documents, information, or other materials derived  
14 from or in any way reflecting such “Confidential or “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only”  
15 documents, information, or other materials, and all copies, photographs, excerpts, and summaries  
16 thereof, as well as testimony and oral conversation derived from such documents, information, or  
17 other materials, shall be referred to collectively in this Stipulated Protective Order as  
18 “Confidential Material.” This Stipulated Protective Order is entered into for the purpose of  
19 expediting this case and facilitating the production and/or submission of relevant documents and  
20 information by limiting and/or eliminating disputes over whether documents should be withheld  
21 from production on the basis of trade sensitivity, privilege, or confidentiality.

22 2. Designating Confidential Material. Any party, or a third-party producer of  
23 documents, in accordance with general principles of good faith, may designate as “Confidential”  
24 or “Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes Only” any documents, information, or other materials  
25 provided in this case. For purposes of this Stipulated Protective Order, the term “documents,” as  
26 used herein, is intended to be construed as broadly as allowable under Federal Rule of Civil  
27 Procedure 26(b), and shall include, but is not limited to, papers, photographs, films, recordings,  
28 memoranda, books, records, reports, accounts, e-mail, voicemail, communications of all types,

1 and all retrievable information in computer storage. Any document, information, or other  
2 material designated “Confidential” may bear the label or stamp “CONFIDENTIAL” or other  
3 similar identifying label or stamp. Any document, information, or other material designated  
4 “Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes Only” may bear the label or stamp “CONFIDENTIAL -  
5 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” or other similar identifying label or stamp. Confidential Material  
6 may be so designated either at the time of production or within 30 days thereafter by provision of  
7 marked copies of previously produced documents to replace previously unmarked documents or  
8 by written designation of previously unmarked documents, information, or other material that are  
9 to be considered Confidential Material. A designation of Confidential Material after production  
10 of documents or provision of information shall specify with particularity which document(s) or  
11 information is being designated as “Confidential” or “Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

12 3. Material Received from Third-Parties. Any party or its counsel that receives  
13 documents, information, or other material from a third-party—that is either responsive to a  
14 discovery request or may potentially be used by either party in the case—whether received  
15 pursuant to a subpoena or other request, formally or informally, shall, within 10 business days of  
16 receipt, provide such documents, information, or other material to the attorneys for the other  
17 parties in this case. Such other parties or their counsel shall have 30 days after receiving the  
18 materials to designate such documents, information, or other materials as Confidential Material  
19 under paragraph 2 above and subject to the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order. Any  
20 documents received from any third party shall be treated as Confidential Material until the earlier  
21 of the expiration of the 30 day period or written confirmation from the other party that they do not  
22 constitute Confidential Material.

23 4. Deposition Testimony. Deposition testimony, or any portions thereof, may be  
24 designated as Confidential Material by any attorney for a party to this action before or during the  
25 deposition or within 30 days after the attorney’s receipt of the transcript of the deposition.

26 5. Limitations on Disclosure. Confidential Material shall be produced only to  
27 counsel for the parties to this case, who shall use such Confidential Material solely in the  
28 prosecution or defense of this case and consistent with this Stipulated Protective Order, and for no

1 other litigation, business or other purpose. Confidential Material shall not be exhibited or  
2 disclosed by counsel to any party or other person or entity except as provided for in this  
3 Stipulated Protective Order. If any party (a) is subpoenaed in another action, (b) is served with a  
4 demand in another action to which it is a party, or (c) is served with any other legal process by  
5 one not a party to this action, seeking information or material which was produced or designated  
6 Confidential Material by someone other than that party, the party shall give prompt actual written  
7 notice to the Producing Party and the Designating Party, by hand or e-mail (with confirmation of  
8 receipt) transmission, within three business days of receipt of such subpoena, demand or legal  
9 process, and shall object to its production and set forth the existence of this Stipulated Protective  
10 Order. No Confidential Material shall be produced in any other action absent an express Court  
11 Order requiring such production.

12           6.       Permitted Disclosures of Material Marked “Confidential”. Subject to the terms of  
13 this Stipulated Protective Order, a party or its counsel may disclose Confidential Material  
14 designated as “Confidential”—including any documents, information, photocopies, testimony, or  
15 other material derived from or reflecting such Confidential Material designated “Confidential”—  
16 to the following persons only, who shall use such documents and the information contained  
17 therein solely in the prosecution or defense of this case and for no other litigation, business or  
18 other purpose:

- 19           a.       attorneys for the parties, including outside and in-house counsel, as well as all  
20                   clerical staff, administrative assistants, and paralegals working with such  
21                   attorneys;
- 22           b.       the parties, including any officers, directors, employees, or former employees,  
23                   of the party or its counsel, if such persons are actively engaged in connection  
24                   with, or who are making decisions with respect to, the preparation for and trial  
25                   of this matter (for the purposes of this Stipulated Protective Order, “party” shall  
26                   include any parent entity of any party in the above-captioned lawsuit);
- 27           c.       court personnel and/or court reporters who are actively engaged in connection  
28                   with the administration of, preparation for and trial of this matter;
- d.       independent experts and consultants and their employees or clerical assistants  
                    who are employed, retained or otherwise consulted by the counsel of record or a  
                    party for the purpose of analyzing data, conducting studies or providing  
                    opinions to assist in any way in this matter, only to the extent necessary for such  
                    expert or consultant to perform his or her work in connection with this litigation,  
                    and only after 14 days following the receipt by the Designating Party of written

1 notice containing (1) the identity of such individuals; (2) a current resume or  
2 curriculum vitae for such persons; and (3) an affidavit in the form attached to  
3 this Stipulated Protective Order as Exhibit A;

- 4 e. witnesses or potential witnesses currently not employed by either party, in  
5 preparation for giving testimony in this matter by deposition or at a hearing  
6 and/or trial relating to “Confidential” documents or who are believed to possess  
7 information deemed necessary for the prosecution or defense of this matter,  
8 provided that the witness or potential witness has executed an affidavit in the  
9 form attached to this Stipulated Protective Order as Exhibit A;
- 10 f. any person who otherwise would be entitled to review the “Confidential”  
11 documents, including auditors, as a result of contractual obligations, federal or  
12 state laws, or court orders; provided, however, that such “Confidential”  
13 documents will not be produced pursuant to a request for production of  
14 documents in any other litigation or action in the absence of an order requiring  
15 such production as provided under paragraph 5 above;
- 16 g. employees of litigation support companies, including reproduction companies  
17 and imaging vendors;
- 18 h. the jury, if the Court admits such documents into evidence; and/or
- 19 i. Other persons by the prior written consent of the Parties or their counsel or by  
20 Order of the Court.

21 7. Permitted Disclosures of Materials Marked “Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes Only”.

22 Confidential Material designated as “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only”—including any  
23 documents, information, photocopies, testimony, or other material derived from or reflecting such  
24 Confidential Material designated “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only”—may be disclosed,  
25 summarized, described, revealed or otherwise made available only in accordance with the terms  
26 of this Stipulated Protective Order, and only to the persons described in paragraphs 6(a), (c) and  
27 (g) of this Stipulated Protective Order. No other persons or entities shall receive, view, or  
28 otherwise access Confidential Material designated as “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” for  
any other purpose absent an express court order directing or permitting such disclosure.

8. Disclosure to Additional Persons. No party shall disclose Confidential Material to  
any person other than as provided in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Stipulated Protective Order.

However, if counsel shall hereafter desire to give, show, make available or communicate  
Confidential Material to any person not referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 or above, counsel shall  
notify the counsel for the Designating Party in writing of the proposed use or disclosure and shall

1 specify the name, occupation and address of the person to whom disclosure is proposed, the  
2 reason for the proposed disclosure, and a description of the documents or information to be  
3 disclosed. Within 7 days following receipt of said notice, counsel for the Designating Party shall  
4 notify the counsel who proposed to disclose Confidential Material to a person not identified in  
5 paragraphs 6 and 7 above in writing of any objection and the grounds therefore, and, if such  
6 objection(s) are not resolved on an informal basis, shall promptly submit such objection(s) to the  
7 Court for ruling. There shall be no disclosure of Confidential Material pending notice and  
8 resolution of any objection either on an informal basis or by a ruling of the Court.

9           9.     Acknowledgements. Confidential Material designated as “Confidential” shall not  
10 be given, shown, made available, discussed or otherwise communicated to anyone other than the  
11 attorneys of record and in-house counsel and persons specified in paragraph 6(b) without first  
12 informing him or her of the contents of this Stipulated Protective Order. In the case of the  
13 persons specified in paragraph 6(d) through paragraph 6(f), as applicable, counsel shall obtain  
14 from such person a signed acknowledgment, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A prior to the  
15 disclosure, discussion or other communication of any Confidential Material designated as  
16 “Confidential.” Counsel making such disclosure shall retain the original acknowledgments  
17 described hereinabove, together with the full names and addresses of each signer for a period of  
18 60 days following the entry of a final and unappealable order resolving this litigation. Within 60  
19 days after final resolution of this litigation as to the parties, counsel making such disclosure shall  
20 provide, if requested by the Designating Party, to counsel for the Designating Party all signature  
21 pages and acknowledgments.

22           10.    Use of Confidential Material During Depositions. Confidential Material  
23 designated “Confidential” may be referred to in the course of depositions, or made exhibits to  
24 depositions, and the deponent, all counsel, and other persons present at the deposition, or who  
25 review the transcript thereof, shall be informed of and be bound by the terms of this Stipulated  
26 Protective Order. Documents and information designated as “Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes  
27 Only” may not be used or referred to in the course of depositions absent an agreement between  
28 the parties or a court order expressly permitting such use.

1           11.     Use of Confidential Material in Court Papers. Confidential Material designated as  
2 “Confidential” may be referred to in pleadings such as briefs and memoranda filed with the Court  
3 or made exhibits to such documents, provided that any such pleadings filed with the Court which  
4 contain or attach such Confidential Material shall be sealed and shall be made public in whole or  
5 in part only after notice to all parties and opportunity for them to be heard. Any Confidential  
6 Material designated “Confidential” presented to or filed with the Court shall be placed in a sealed  
7 envelope and shall bear the following statement:

8                   CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS - Subject to the Stipulated Protective Order in  
9                   *Marika Hamilton v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, Case No. 09-cv-04152. This  
10                  envelope contains documents filed in this case by [name of party] and is not to be  
11                  opened nor the contents to be displayed nor revealed except by Order of the Court  
                    or agreement of the parties.

12 Confidential Material designated “Confidential - Attorneys’ Eyes Only” may not be referred to in  
13 any papers filed with the Court, nor shall they be made exhibits to such papers, except as  
14 necessary to resolve designation disputes under paragraph 15 of this Stipulated Protective Order  
15 or to seek permission to disclose or otherwise use such information and in such cases the  
16 provisions of this paragraph shall apply.

17           12.     Post-litigation Duties of Counsel Receiving Confidential Material. Unless the  
18 Court orders otherwise, within 30 days after the conclusion of this litigation, every counsel who  
19 has received Confidential Material shall, upon request of the Producing Party:  
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- 21           a.     return all documents, information, and other material designated  
22                 “Confidential” or “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” to counsel for the  
                    Producing Party; and
- 23           b.     deliver all documentary materials derived from or reflecting any such  
24                 documents, information, and other material designated “Confidential” or  
25                 “Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” to counsel for the Designating Party  
                    OR destroy such documentary materials, and notify counsel for the  
26                 Designating Party in writing that such action has been taken; and
- 27           c.     provide counsel for the Designating Party all original executed affidavits  
28                 required by paragraph 14 below, with a copy to counsel for the Producing  
                    Party (if different from the Designating Party); and

1 d. inform counsel for the Producing Party and Designating Party in writing of the  
2 identity of any Confidential Material known to such counsel which has *not*  
3 been returned and/or destroyed in the manner required by this Order, and the  
4 identity of any person who has failed to return each such confidential  
5 document and/or item of confidential information.

6 13. Notice of the Conclusion of Litigation. Within 21 days after the conclusion of this  
7 litigation, unless the Court orders otherwise, upon request by the Designating Party, counsel for  
8 any party who received Confidential Material shall send notices to all persons to whom such  
9 counsel provided Confidential Material under paragraphs 6(d) through 6(f) that the litigation has  
10 concluded. The notices shall direct the recipient to return all Confidential Material in his/her  
11 possession, custody or control to his/her counsel in this case, or the party or counsel who  
12 provided such person with such Confidential Material. All persons who receive a notice shall  
13 comply with the directions stated in the notice. Copies of such notices shall be provided to  
14 counsel for the Designating Party and, upon request, filed with the Court.

15 14. Designation Disputes. If any party or its counsel objects to another party's  
16 designation of Confidential Material, it shall advise the Designating Party and the parties shall  
17 make a reasonable, good-faith effort to resolve the issue. If the parties are unable to resolve the  
18 issue, the objecting party may move the Court for an appropriate Order. A dispute over the  
19 designation of Confidential Material shall not be grounds for delay of or refusal to permit  
20 discovery; provided, however, that until otherwise ordered by the Court, all of the materials as to  
21 which a dispute exists shall be treated as Confidential Material and subject to the provisions of  
22 this Stipulated Protective Order. The burden of establishing that documents, information or  
23 testimony has been properly designated as Confidential Material shall be upon the Designating  
24 Party at all times.

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27 15. This Order shall be without prejudice to the right of the Parties or other persons to:  
28 (i) bring before the Court at any time the question of whether any particular document or



1 information is properly designated as Confidential Information, or (ii) present a motion to the  
2 Court for a separate protective order as to any particular document or information, including  
3 restrictions differing from those specified herein. This Order shall not be deemed to prejudice the  
4 Parties in any way in any future application for modification of this Order.  
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6 16. In the event of a disclosure of Confidential Information to a person not authorized  
7 to have had such disclosure made to him or her under the provisions of this Order, the Party  
8 responsible for having made such disclosure shall immediately procure the return of the material,  
9 and inform Counsel for the Producing Person whose Confidential Information has thus been  
10 disclosed of all relevant information concerning the nature and circumstances of such disclosure.  
11 The responsible Party shall also take all reasonable measures promptly to ensure that no further or  
12 greater unauthorized disclosure of the Confidential Information occurs.  
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14 17. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to govern or affect the admissibility or use  
15 of any Confidential Information at trial or hearing in open court.

16 18. Miscellaneous.

- 17 a. The parties agree that this Stipulated Protective Order may not be used in this  
18 or any other matter for any purpose against any party, except as may be  
19 necessary to enforce its terms.  
20 b. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any interested member of the public to  
21 challenge the sealing of any documents. In the event of such a challenge, the  
22 Party asserting confidentiality shall have the burden of proving the propriety of  
23 that designation.  
24 c. This Stipulated Protective Order may be executed in counterparts, each of  
25 which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute one  
26 and the same agreement.  
27 d. Until this Stipulated Protective Order has been signed by the Court, it shall be  
28 effective as an agreement among the parties immediately upon its execution by  
counsel of record for all parties.

This Stipulated Protective Order shall survive the termination of this action.

1 **SO STIPULATED:**

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12 **IT IS SO ORDERED. But see L. R. 79-5.**

13 DATED: 9/1/2010

  
THE HONORABLE CLAUDIA WILKEN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**EXHIBIT A**

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
PURSUANT TO STIPULATED  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

I \_\_\_\_\_, subject to the penalties for perjury, state the following:

1. I have received and read, or been informed of, the Stipulated Protective Order entered herein by the Court;
2. I understand the terms thereof and agree to be bound thereby;
3. I am aware that a violation of such Order may result in a finding of contempt of Court;
4. I agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, to permit the enforcement of the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order; and
5. Prior to signing this Acknowledgement, I had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing to discuss the terms of the Stipulated Protective Order and my obligations thereunder.

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Signature

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Date

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Print Name, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code