

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**EXPRESS LIEN INC.**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**VERSUS**

**No. 13-3323**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CREDIT  
MANAGEMENT INC. ET AL.**

**SECTION I**

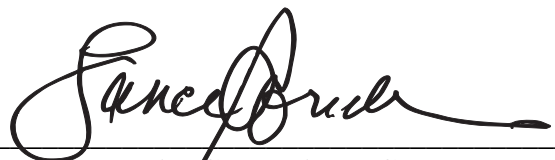
**ORDER**

Before the Court is a motion<sup>1</sup> filed by plaintiff objecting to the U.S. Magistrate Judge's discovery ruling<sup>2</sup> with respect to the inclusion of an "unaffiliated counsel" provision in the protective order. Defendant filed an opposition.<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a), nondispositive pretrial matters decided by a U.S. Magistrate Judge may be appealed to the U.S. District Court Judge. The order of a U.S. Magistrate Judge may be reversed only "where it has been shown that the magistrate judge's order is clearly erroneous or contrary to law." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a). The Court finds that the U.S. Magistrate Judge's ruling, as amended, is neither clearly erroneous nor contrary to law. Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the motion is **DENIED**.

New Orleans, Louisiana, February 5, 2014.



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**LANCE M. AFRICK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

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<sup>1</sup> R. Doc. No. 82.

<sup>2</sup> R. Doc. No. 71.

<sup>3</sup> R. Doc. No. 85.