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 10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 11 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

12 LEON RICHARDSON,
 13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 HARD ROCK HOTEL, INC., a Nevada
 corporation, BENNIE MANCINO, Does I-
 16 X; and Roe Corporations I-X, inclusive,

17 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:13-cv-01913-GMN-CWH

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER
GOVERNING CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION

18 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), Plaintiff Leon Richardson (“Plaintiff”),
 19 Defendant HRHH Gaming Senior Mezz, LLC (erroneously sued as Hard Rock Hotel, Inc.) (“HRHH” or
 20 “Defendant”), and Defendant Bennie Mancino (“Mancino” or “Defendant”) (collectively, the “Parties”),
 21 by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree that the handling of
 22 confidential material in these proceedings shall be governed by the provisions set for the below.

23 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

24 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential,
 25 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for
 26 any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation would be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby

1 stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties
2 acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
3 discovery and that the protection it affords extends only to the limited information or items that are
4 entitled under the applicable legal principles to treatment as confidential.

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6 **2. DEFINITIONS**

7 **2.1 PARTY:** any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors,
8 consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their support staff).

9 **2.2 DISCLOSURE OR DISCOVERY MATERIAL:** all items or information,
10 regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things,
11 testimony, transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to
12 discovery in this matter.

13 **2.3 "CONFIDENTIAL" INFORMATION OR ITEMS:** information (regardless
14 of how generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things reflecting confidential or personal
15 information that counsel or any of the stipulating parties has in good faith designated as "Confidential."

16 **2.4 RECEIVING PARTY:** a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material
17 from a Producing Party.

18 **2.5 PRODUCING PARTY:** a Party or non-party that produces Disclosure or
19 Discovery Material in this action.

20 **2.6 DESIGNATING PARTY:** a Party or non-party that designates information or
21 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "Confidential."

22 **2.7 PROTECTED MATERIAL:** any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is
23 designated as "Confidential."

24 **2.8 OUTSIDE COUNSEL:** attorneys who are not employees of a Party but who
25 represent or advise a Party in this action.

26 **2.9 HOUSE COUNSEL:** attorneys who are employees of a Party.

2.10 COUNSEL: Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as their support
staffs).

1 **2.11 EXPERT:** a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter
2 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or
3 consultant in this action and who is not a past or a current employee of a Party or of a competitor of a
4 Party and who, at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or a
5 competitor of a Party. This definition includes a professional jury or trial consultant retained in
6 connection with this litigation.

7 **2.12 PROFESSIONAL VENDORS:** persons or entities that provide litigation
8 support services (e.g., photocopying; videotaping; translating; preparing exhibits or demonstrations;
9 organizing, storing, retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.) and their employees and subcontractors.

10 **3. SCOPE**

11 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as
12 defined above), but also any information copied or extracted there from, as well as all copies, excerpts,
13 summaries, or compilations thereof, plus testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or counsel
14 to or in court, or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material.

15 **4. DURATION**

16 Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order
17 shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order or
18 arbitrator's order otherwise directs.

19 **5. PROTECTED MATERIAL DEFINED**

20 **5.1 Applicability of Protective Order** – The parties through their counsel agree that
21 certain documents to be produced by HRHH, marked “Subject to Protective Order” fall within the scope
22 of this Protective Order. Said documents contain private information pertaining to HRHH's video
23 surveillance and will be treated as protected pursuant to the terms of this Order as of the date of filing,
24 regardless of the date the Order may be entered by the Court. The scope of this Stipulated Protective
25 Order is not limited to the expressly identified documents herein. In addition, this Protective Order shall
26 govern the designation and handling of all documents marked “Subject to Protective Order” that may be
produced in discovery in this litigation, whether by voluntary production or disclosure or in response to
any formal discovery procedure, including designation and handling of nonpublic information of a

1 confidential nature.

2 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

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

8 **6.2 Meet and Confer.** A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating
9 Party's confidentiality designation must do so in good faith and must begin the process by conferring
10 directly (in writing or voice-to-voice dialogue) with counsel for the Designating Party. In conferring, the
11 challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper
12 and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the
13 circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen
14 designation. A challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it has
15 engaged in this meet and confer process first.

16 **6.3 Judicial Intervention.** A Party that elects to challenge a confidentiality
17 designation, after considering the justification offered by the Designating Party, may file and serve a
18 motion consistent with this Stipulated Protective Order that identifies the challenged material and sets
19 forth in detail the basis for the challenge. Each such motion must be accompanied by a competent
20 declaration that affirms the movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed in the
21 preceding paragraph and that sets forth with specificity the justification for the confidentiality
22 designation given by the Designating Party in the meet and confer dialogue.

23 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.
24 Until the Court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the
25 level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation.

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

7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed
or produced by another Party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,

1 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the
2 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been
3 terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

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

6 **7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items.** Unless otherwise
7 ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose
8 any information or item designated CONFIDENTIAL only to:

9 (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of record in this action, as well as
10 employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this
11 litigation;

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

14 (c) experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
15 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound
16 by Protective Order" (Exhibit A);

17 (d) the Judge, the Court, and its personnel;

18 (e) court reporters, their staff and professional vendors to whom disclosure is
19 reasonably necessary for this litigation;

20 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
21 reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit
22 A). Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material
23 must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted
24 under this Stipulated Protective Order.

25 (g) the author and recipient of the document or the original source of the
26 information.

(h) parties to the litigation.

(i) persons reasonably believed to either be a possible witness or who may

1 have relevant information to assist in evaluating or investigating the claims/issues in this matter

2 **8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL.** If a Receiving
3 Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in
4 any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must
5 immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best
6 efforts to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom
7 unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or
8 persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A.)


9 **9. FINAL DISPOSITION.** Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order affects, in any way,
10 the admissibility of any documents, testimony, or other evidence at trial.

11 **10. MISCELLANEOUS**

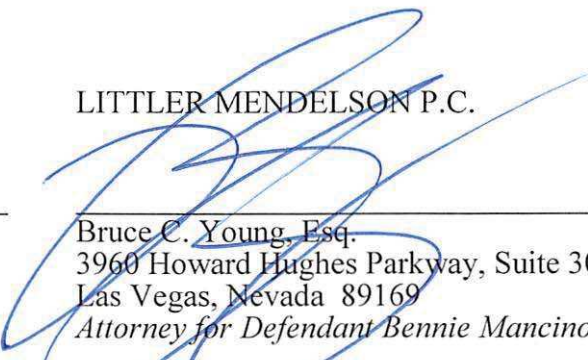
12 **10.1 Right to Further Relief.** Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person
13 to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

1 **10.2 Right to Assert Other Objections.** By stipulating to the entry of this Protective
2 Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any
3 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party
4 waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this
5 Protective Order.


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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: July 13, 2015

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29 United States Magistrate 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 Court on [date] in the case of *Leon Richardson v. Hard Rock Hotel, Inc. et al.* Case No. 2:13-cv-01913-GMN-CWH. I agree to comply with and to be bound by a 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, District of Nevada, 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 Nevada 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: _____
[printed name]

Signature: _____