UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA Cung Le, Nathan Quarry, and Jon Fitch, Brandon Vera, Luis Javier Vazquez, and Kyle Kingsbury, on behalf of themselves and all No.: 2:15-cv-01045-RFB-(PAL) LETTER OF REQUEST FOR others similarly situated, **DOCUMENTS FROM GROUP ONE** HOLDINGS PTE. LTD. Plaintiffs, v. Zuffa, LLC, d/b/a Ultimate Fighting Championship and UFC, Defendant.

Le et al v. Zuffa, LLC

Case No.: 2:15-cv-01045-RFB-PAL

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1 2	REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION OF 18 MARCH 1970 ON THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE ABROAD CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MATTERS	
3		CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MAITERS
4	1.	Sender:
5		The Honorable Peggy A. Leen,
6		Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Nevada 333 South Las Vegas Blvd.
Courtroom 3B Las Vegas, NV 89101 Telephone: (702) 464-5400.		
9	2.	Central Authority of the Requested State:
10		Supreme Court of Singapore
11		1 Supreme Court Lane Singapore 178879
12	3.	Person to whom the executed request is to be returned:
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14		c/o Joseph Saveri Law Firm, Inc. 555 Montgomery Street
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17 18	4.	Specification of the date by which the requesting authority requires receipt of the response to the Letter of Request:
19		Date:
20		July 27, 2017
21		Reason for urgency:
22		Fact discovery in this litigation closes July 31, 2017, and expert reports (for which these documents are sought) are due August 31, 2017.
23		documents are sought) are due August 31, 2017.
24	IN C	ONEODMITY WITH ADTICLE 2 OF THE CONVENTION THE UNDEDSIGNED
25	INC	ONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONVENTION, THE UNDERSIGNED APPLICANT HAS THE HONOUR TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING REQUEST:
26	5. a	Requesting judicial authority:
27		United States District Court for the District of Nevada
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1	5.b	To the competent authority of:			
2		The Republic of Singapore			
3	5.c	Names of the case and any identifying number:			
4		Cung Le, Nathan Quarry, Jon Fitch, Brandon Vera, Luis Javier Vazquez, and Kyle Kingsbury, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs, v. Zuffa, LLC, d/b/a			
5		Ultimate Fighting Championship and UFC, Defendant, Case No. 2:15-cv-01045-RFB-PA Nev.)			
6 7	6.	Names and addresses of the parties and their representatives (including representatives in the requested State*) (Article 3, b))			
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9	6.a	Plaintiffs			
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24		Party From Whom Documents Are Sought:		
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Other Parties' Representatives:

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7.a Nature of the proceedings:

Antitrust class action litigation pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 2 (the Sherman Act, governing monopolization) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 (governing class actions).

7.b Summary of complaint:

Plaintiffs allege that defendant Zuffa, LLC ("Zuffa") illegally acquired and maintained monopoly power in the market for promoting live Mixed Martial Arts ("MMA") events and monopsony power in the market for acquiring the services of elite professional MMA fighters. Zuffa acquired monopoly power by acquiring its closest competitors and denying other MMA promoters access to inputs necessary to compete successfully, such as top fighters and premier venues. Plaintiffs allege that as a result of these anticompetitive actions, Zuffa has no real competitors in the market for producing live elite professional MMA bouts. The lack of true competitors contributes to Zuffa's monopsony power in the market for purchasing the services of elite professional MMA fighters, because the fighters have few—if any—viable alternatives to signing with Zuffa. As alleged, Zuffa exploits its monopoly and monopsony power to artificially suppress compensation for elite professional MMA fighters by undercompensating them for the use of their services in MMA bouts, and by undercompensating them for the use of their name, sobriquet, voice, persona, signature, likeness and/or biographical information (referred to collectively as their "Identities") in commercial applications. Plaintiffs consist of two classes: a class of all MMA fighters who fought under contract for Zuffa during the Class Period (December 14, 2010 to the present), and a class of all MMA fighters whose Identities were used for commercial purposes by Zuffa during the Class Period. Plaintiffs seek damages and injunctive relief for violations of United States antitrust law, specifically, Section 2 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 2).

7.c Summary of defense:

Defendant Zuffa contends there are pro-competitive justifications for its actions, rendering them compliant with antitrust law. Zuffa also contends that Plaintiffs have failed to properly define the relevant product market, and that Plaintiffs have failed to show the anticompetitive effects of Zuffa's alleged antitrust violations. Zuffa denies that it possesses monopoly power in the market for promoting live elite professional MMA events or monopsony power in the market for purchasing the services of elite professional MMA fighters, and that competition in those markets is robust.

7.d Other necessary information or documents:

Not applicable.

8.a Evidence to be obtained or other judicial act to be performed:

Group One Holdings Pte. Ltd. ("Group One") operates an MMA promotion under the name One Championship (formerly known as One Fighting Championship or One FC). Plaintiffs seek quarterly financial statements from Group One, from January 1, 2010 to the present related to Group One's MMA promotions. These financial statements should contain at a minimum all revenues related to the operation of One Championship or its predecessors, and all expenses related to the operation of One Championship or its predecessors, including all compensation paid to MMA fighters under contract with One Championship, its predecessors, or Group One.

8.b Purpose of the evidence or judicial act sought:

Group One Holdings Pte. Ltd. is not a party to the underlying litigation. However, documents produced in the underlying litigation have identified One Championship as a potential competitor to the defendant. These include statements made by representatives of Group One. Group One's quarterly financial statements are necessary to establish the relevant product market, and to show that One Championship is not a true competitor to Zuffa. Under United States antitrust law these are necessary to help prove a violation of 15 U.S.C. § 2. See e.g., Yamaha Int'l Corp. v. ABC Int'l Traders, Inc., No. 86-7892 RSWL, 1989 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16585, at *13 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 11, 1989) ("Before the Rule of Reason can be applied, proper allegations regarding the relevant product market are essential. The relevant product market is the particular group of products and the geographic area in which the products compete and the challenged restraint will apply. Proper market delineation is necessary to a Rule of Reason analyses to identify such factors as competitive conditions within the industry, comparative market positions of the defendants and their competitors, and to measure the impact of the challenged restraint."). Because Zuffa and Group One have both contended that One Championship is a competitor to Zuffa, Group One's evidence is relevant and necessary for Plaintiffs to fully and fairly prosecute their claims.

9. Identity and address of any person to be examined:

Not applicable.

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10. Questions to be put to the persons to be examined or statement of the subject-matter about which they are to be examined:

Not applicable.

11. Documents or other property to be inspected:

One Championship's per-event financial data and per-event per-fighter compensation data.

12. Any requirement that the evidence be given on oath or affirmation and any special form to be used:

Not applicable.

13. Special methods or procedure to be followed:

Not applicable.

14. Request for notification of the time and place for the execution of the Request and identity and address of any person to be notified:

Not applicable.

15. Request for attendance or participation of judicial personnel of the requesting authority at the execution of the Letter of Request:

Not applicable.

1	16.	Specification of priviorigin:	ilege or duty to refuse to give evidence under the law of the State of
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4	17.	The fees and costs in 14 or under Article 2	curred which are reimbursable under the second paragraph of Article 26 of the Convention will be borne by*
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7	DATI	E OF REQUEST:	June 27, 2017
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