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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
17 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

18 ADELINA HERNANDEZ, an individual,
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20 Plaintiff,
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22 vs.
23 CAPITAL ONE SERVICES, LLC, a
24 Nevada Corporation; DOES 1 thru V,
25 inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS 1 thru
26 V, inclusive,
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28 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:16-cv-01246-RFB-GWF

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

29 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), LR IA 6-2, and LR 7-1, Plaintiff Adelina Hernandez
30 (“Plaintiff”), together with Defendant Capital One Services II, LLC (erroneously identified in the
31 Complaint as Capital One Services, LLC) (“Capital One” or “Defendant”) hereby stipulate and
32 agree as follows:

33 Plaintiff is expected to and has requested confidential, non-public information and
34 documents from Defendant, including but not limited to, personnel files, investigative files, and
35 other information and documents regarding certain Capital One employees, who are not, and are
36 not expected to be, individual parties to this action. Plaintiff is also expected to request documents
37 related to Capital One’s business operations. Capital One considers this information and these

1 documents to be private and confidential. Defendant is expected to seek and has requested
2 documents and information regarding the Plaintiff's compensation and personal finances,
3 employment history, education and medical treatment, which Plaintiff considers to be private and
4 confidential.

5 Discovery in this case will require the production of documents, inspection of tangible
6 things, the answering of Interrogatories and Requests for Admission, and the taking of oral and/or
7 written depositions, during which the aforementioned proprietary, trade secret, confidential and/or
8 private information and documents of the parties will be exchanged and disclosed. To expedite the
9 flow of discovery, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality, and to protect
10 adequately material entitled to be kept confidential, the parties agree to limit the disclosure and use
11 of proprietary, confidential, and private information and documents as stipulated, pursuant to this
12 Stipulated Protective Order on the following terms:

13 **I. DEFINITIONS**

14 The following definitions shall apply to this Stipulated Protective Order:

- 15 A. The "Action" shall refer to in the instant litigation filed in the United States District
16 Court for the District of Nevada and any appeal thereof through final determination.
- 17 B. "Producing Party" shall mean any person or entity producing documents,
18 information or other materials in the Action, including any Party to the Action or
19 any third parties.
- 20 C. "Party" shall mean the Plaintiff and Defendant in this Action, and any other person
21 that may become a named Party to the Action.
- 22 D. "Confidential" information shall be defined as such documents, deposition
23 testimony or other information disclosed during discovery in the Action which the
24 Producing Party or another Party reasonably and in good faith contends contains
25 information that should be protected from disclosure pursuant to this Stipulated
26 Protective Order. Any Party may designate any information or documents as
27 Confidential in the reasonable exercise of such Party's sole discretion; provided,
28 however, by agreeing to this Stipulated Protective Order, no Party waives the right

1 to challenge any other Party's designation of any information or document as
2 Confidential.

- 3 E. "Legend" as used herein shall mean a stamp or similar insignia stating Confidential.
4 F. When reference is made in this Stipulated Protective Order to any document or
5 Party, the singular shall include the plural, and plural shall include the singular.
6 G. "Attorneys' Eyes Only" shall mean only to be reviewed by counsel of record.

7 **II. DESIGNATION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS**

- 8 A. When any document or things produced under this Stipulated Protective Order are
9 designated Confidential, a Legend shall be affixed to the first page and all pages
10 containing information for which the Producing Party seeks protection. When
11 information produced in answer to an Interrogatory, or response to a Request for
12 Production or Request for Admission is designated as Confidential, the response or
13 answer shall be preceded with the appropriate designation.
14 B. Some documents being produced by both Plaintiff and Defendant may contain
15 social security numbers of Plaintiff and/or Capital One's employees. Without need
16 of any designation, social security numbers will be deemed to be Confidential. In
17 the event a document is produced without the redaction of a social security number,
18 any Party seeking to use the document will make every effort to redact the social
19 security number before its use in a deposition, court proceeding or court filing.
20 C. The initial failure to designate information or documents as Confidential in
21 accordance with this Stipulated Protective Order shall not preclude the Producing
22 Party from, at a later date, designating any information or documents as
23 Confidential. The Producing Party may, by written notice to counsel of record for
24 the receiving Party, designate previously produced information or documents as
25 Confidential, which it had inadvertently failed to designate. Upon receipt of such
26 notice, the receiving Party shall promptly mark its copies of the information or
27 documents so designated, and shall, thereafter, treat the information and documents
28 as if it had been designated Confidential and shall restrict the disclosure or use of

1 the information or documents in accordance with this Stipulated Protective Order.
2 If the information or documents have previously been disclosed to non-parties, the
3 Parties shall take reasonable steps to obtain all such previously disclosed
4 information or documents and advise the non-parties to treat the designated
5 materials in a manner that is consistent with this Stipulated Protective Order and as
6 though the information and documents were originally so designated.

7 **III. LIMITATIONS**

- 8 A. This Stipulated Protective Order shall govern only documents, information and
9 materials generated or produced in response to any method of discovery conducted
10 by any Party to the Action, and used in the prosecution and defense of the Action.
11 B. Persons obtaining access to Confidential information under this Stipulated
12 Protective Order shall use the information only for the preparation of and the trial in
13 the Action. Persons shall not use such information for any other purpose, including
14 business, commercial, personal, administrative or judicial proceedings.
15 C. Nothing contained in this Stipulated Protective Order shall require any Party to treat
16 as Confidential documents or information lawfully obtained by means other than
17 through discovery in the Action and under circumstances that would lead a
18 reasonable person to conclude that the documents or information were not intended
19 to be kept confidential by the recipient; provided, however, that nothing in this
20 Stipulated Protective Order shall authorize any use of documents or information
21 which is otherwise impermissible.

22 **IV. PERMISSIBLE DISCLOSURES/ACCESS**

23 Except as set forth herein, Confidential information, and any facts or information contained
24 therein or derived therefrom, shall be disclosed only to the Court on the condition that the Court
25 enters an order similar to this Stipulated Protective Order and/or to: (a) the Parties in the Action,
26 including their agents, officers, directors and employees, but only to the extent that such disclosure
27 is necessary for the conduct of litigation in the Action; (b) outside counsel for the Parties hereto
28 and their agents, employees, paralegals, or other secretarial and clerical employees or agents; (c)

1 experts, independent contractors, consultants, or advisors who are employed or retained by, or on
2 behalf of, one or more of the Parties to the Action or their counsel to assist in preparation of the
3 Action for trial; (d) deponents and their counsel who have a need to review this material during the
4 course of, or in connection with, depositions taken in or for the Action; (e) stenographic reporters
5 who are involved in depositions, the trial or any hearings or proceedings before the Court in the
6 Action; (f) people who have previously received or created the document; and (g) witnesses in the
7 Action who need to review this material in connection with their testimony in the Action.
8 Confidential information may be disclosed to persons listed in this paragraph only after such
9 person has been shown a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order and agrees to be bound by the
10 terms of this Stipulated Protective Order in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

11 **V. DECLASSIFICATION**

12 Unless and until otherwise ordered by the Court, or otherwise agreed by the Parties, all
13 documents and other discovery materials designated Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only shall be
14 treated as such under this Stipulated Protective Order. In the event that any Party objects to the
15 designation of any document, the objecting Party may seek modification of the designation or the
16 disclosure of the redacted information in accordance with the following procedure:

- 17 A. At any time, the receiving Party of any document or information designated
18 Confidential may notify the Producing Party, in writing, that the receiving Party
19 does not concur in the designation or redaction. The Parties shall attempt to resolve
20 such challenges informally. In the event that such attempts are not successful, the
21 receiving Party may file a motion seeking to remove the designation as
22 Confidential, and the Court shall make an independent determination as to whether
23 or not any given document or information is Confidential and/or properly redacted
24 based upon facts then existing, and in so doing, the Court shall not be bound by any
25 Party's designation; provided, however, that such documents or discovery material
26 shall be deemed Confidential unless and until the Court rules otherwise. The Party
27 or entity making the designation must show that there is good cause for the
28 document or information to have such protection.

1 **VI. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN DEPOSITIONS**

2 A. In the case where Confidential information or documents are used or revealed
3 during a deposition, designation of the transcript or any portion thereof, including
4 the designated documents or other exhibits, as Confidential, may be made by a
5 statement by a Party, counsel or the witness on the record, so that the stenographer
6 transcribing the deposition can affix a Legend to the cover page and all appropriate
7 pages of the transcript and to each copy thereof for dissemination to counsel and in
8 compliance with this Stipulated Protective Order.

9 B. A Party or a witness may designate a deposition or trial transcript, or a portion
10 thereof, disclosing, containing or referring to any Confidential information or
11 documents as “Confidential” by informing counsel for all other Parties to this
12 Action in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of the transcript as to the
13 specific pages and lines deemed Confidential, and thereafter such pages and lines
14 shall constitute Confidential information or documents pursuant to this Stipulated
15 Protective Order. Upon receipt of such notice, any Party in possession of copies of
16 the transcript with the designated pages and lines shall affix the appropriate Legend
17 thereto. During the 30-day interval following receipt of a transcript, the transcript
18 shall be treated as Confidential.

19 **VII. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN BRIEFS**

20 In the event that any Confidential document or information, or information derived
21 therefrom is included with, or the contents thereof are disclosed in any documents filed with the
22 Clerk of this Court or any other court, including, without limitation, any pleadings, motion papers,
23 briefs or deposition transcripts, such documents shall be filed under seal subject to the provisions
24 of LR IA 10-5.

25 **VIII. DESIGNATED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS IN THE RECORD OF THE**
26 **ACTION**

27 Confidential information or documents may be offered in evidence at any hearing or the
28 trial in the Action, provided that the Parties have met, conferred and agreed in advance of the

1 hearing and/or trial as to how the information or documents will be used, including, by way of
2 example, requesting that the Court designate that portion of the transcript containing the Parties'
3 discussion of the Confidential information or documents as Confidential and maintain it under seal,
4 only to be produced to the Parties' at their request. If the Parties cannot agree about how the
5 information or documents will be used during a hearing, before or at the time of the hearing, the
6 Party designating such Confidential status may move the Court for an order that the evidence be
7 received *in camera* or under other conditions to prevent unnecessary disclosure. If such a motion
8 is made regarding evidence to be introduced at the time of trial, then the Party designating such
9 Confidential status shall notify opposing counsel and the Court of its intent to make the motion
10 sufficiently in advance of and outside the presence of the jury so that counsel has the opportunity
11 to object to the evidence and/or an opportunity to seek appropriate protection from the Court
12 outside the presence of the jury and before the information or documents are offered into evidence
13 in open court. The Court will then determine whether the proffered evidence should continue to be
14 treated as Confidential and, if so, what protection, if any, may be afforded to such information at
15 the hearing.

16 **IX. SUBPOENA BY COURT OR OTHER AGENCIES**

17 If at any time any document or information protected by this Stipulated Protective Order is
18 subpoenaed by any court, administrative or legislative body, or is requested by any other person or
19 entity purporting to have authority to require the production of such information, the Party to
20 whom the subpoena or other request is directed shall immediately give written notice thereof to
21 any Party which has designated such information Confidential. The Party that received the
22 subpoena shall object to production under Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any
23 similar rule protecting the production of Confidential documents in that proceeding. After receipt
24 of the notice specified under this paragraph, the designating Party shall be responsible for
25 obtaining any order it believes necessary to prevent disclosure of documents designated, and the
26 Party to whom the referenced subpoena or other request is directed shall produce such document or
27 information only upon an order issued by a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction requiring
28 such production.

1 **X. CLIENT CONSULTATION**

2 Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel from
3 rendering advice to their clients and, in the course thereof, relying generally on examination of
4 stamped Confidential information or documents; provided, however, that in rendering such advice
5 and otherwise communicating with such clients, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any
6 items so designated except pursuant to the procedures in Paragraph IV above.

7 **XI. COPIES OF DESIGNATED INFORMATION**

8 The attorneys of record are responsible for employing reasonable measures, consistent with
9 this Stipulated Protective Order, to control duplication of, access to, and distribution of copies of
10 Confidential information. Parties shall not duplicate Confidential information or documents except
11 working copies and for filing in Court under seal. All copies of any Confidential information or
12 documents shall be treated as provided in this Stipulated Protective Order. Any Party making, or
13 causing to be made, copies of any such documents shall make certain that each such copy bears the
14 appropriate Legend pursuant to the requirements of this Stipulated Protective Order.

15 **XII. NO WAIVER**

16 A. No Confidential information or documents shall lose such status under this
17 Stipulated Protective Order as the result of the use of such information or
18 documents in any hearing, trial, or other court proceeding in this Action, provided
19 that such use is consistent with the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order.
20 Counsel to the Parties in the Action shall confer at least five (5) days before any
21 such hearing, trial, or other court proceeding in order to work out any objections to
22 the use of any Confidential information or documents in such court proceeding and
23 to make such amendments to this Stipulated Protective Order which the Parties
24 agree are necessary to assure the continued confidentiality of such information.

25 B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, all objections as to
26 admissibility in evidence of the discovery material subject to this Stipulated
27 Protective Order are reserved and are not waived by any terms of this Stipulated
28 Protective Order. The use of Confidential information and documents as evidence

1 at trial shall be subject to this Stipulated Protective Order unless otherwise agreed to
2 by the Parties or modified by the Court.

3 C. The inadvertent disclosure of Confidential information and documents shall not,
4 under any circumstances, be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any Party's
5 claims of confidentiality.

6 D. The inadvertent production of any document or other information during discovery
7 in the Action shall be without prejudice to any claim that such material is
8 privileged, prohibited or protected from disclosure as privileged or work product,
9 and no Party shall be held to have waived any rights by reason of such inadvertent
10 production.

11 **XIII. NON-TERMINATION**

12 The termination of proceedings in the Action shall not relieve the Parties from the
13 obligation of maintaining the confidentiality of all information and documents produced and
14 designated pursuant to this Stipulated Protective Order, unless the Parties otherwise agree or the
15 Court orders or permits otherwise. Upon the final disposition of the Action, all information and
16 documents, including any summaries or abstracts of materials, however maintained, shall be kept
17 completely confidential. Counsel for either Party may use the Confidential information and
18 documents only for the purpose of defending ethical charges or professional malpractice charges,
19 and may not use Confidential information or documents in any subsequent lawsuit.

20 **XIV. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED MATERIALS**

21 A. The inadvertent production of information that is subject to a claim of any privilege
22 or other protection as trial-preparation material shall not constitute a waiver of any
23 privilege or protection, provided that – consistent with the provisions of Fed. R.
24 Civ. P. 26(b)(5) – the Producing Party notifies the receiving Party in writing of the
25 inadvertent production as soon as practicable following the Producing Party's
26 discovery of the inadvertent production.

27 B. Following the Producing Party's written notice of the inadvertent production, the
28 receiving Party shall promptly return, destroy, or delete from its databases all copies

1 of the specified information and shall make reasonable efforts to retrieve the
2 information if the receiving Party previously provided the information to third
3 parties.

4 C. The receiving Party shall not assert a claim or argument in this or any other court or
5 legal proceeding that the Producing Party's act of inadvertently producing the
6 information constituted a waiver of the Producing Party's privilege or other
7 protection over the information.

8 D. If there is a disagreement as to whether the specified information is privileged or
9 subject to protection, the receiving Party may present the information under seal to
10 the Court for a determination. Until the Court makes a determination of the
11 privileged or protected status of the information, the receiving Party shall not use in
12 any way (including, but not limited to, using the information in depositions or at
13 trial) nor disclose the information to other Parties.


14 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

15 DATED this 11th day of November, 2016. DATED this 11th day of November, 2016.
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25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 **ORDER**
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28 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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