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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

11 FLOYD CELEY,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION N/K/A
 15 HILTON WORLDWIDE, INC. – U.S. APPEALS
 COMMITTEE, HILTON HOTELS
 16 RETIREMENT BENEFIT REPLACEMENT
 PLAN, AND HILTON SUPPLEMENTAL
 17 EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN,

18 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:16-cv-02281-JCM-CWH

**STIPULATED CONFIDENTIALITY
AGREEMENT AND PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

19 Plaintiff FLOYD CELEY (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants HILTON HOTELS
 20 CORPORATION N/K/A HILTON WORLDWIDE, INC.¹ – U.S. APPEALS COMMITTEE,
 21 HILTON HOTELS RETIREMENT BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PLAN, AND HILTON
 22 SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN, (“Defendants”) (together, the
 23 “Parties”), by and through their respective counsel, have stipulated to the terms of this
 24 Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order.
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27 ¹ For purposes of this litigation, Hilton Domestic Operating Company Inc. is the successor in
 28 interest to Hilton Worldwide, Inc. f/k/a Hilton Hotels Corporation. This change resulted from a
 corporate transaction which occurred in January 2017.

1 This Confidentiality Agreement and Protective Order is designed to preserve the
2 confidentiality of information contained in documents produced pursuant to the terms of this
3 Protective Order and certain testimony given by witnesses in this case.

4 To expedite the flow of discovery material, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over
5 confidentiality, and adequately protect material entitled to be kept confidential, it is, by agreement
6 of the Parties and pursuant to the Court's authority under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,
7 STIPULATED and ORDERED that:

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9 **TERMS OF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

10 The Parties hereby stipulate and agree that the production of documents in the above-
11 entitled action, while not necessarily confidential between the Parties to this litigation, are
12 confidential as to any other party not part of this litigation. The Parties therefore agree to produce
13 documents in their "raw form" to each other, that being unredacted documents as to an individual's
14 social-security number, taxpayer-identification number, or birth date, the name of an individual
15 known to be a minor, or a financial-account number.

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17 The Parties further stipulate and agree that each Party will take all steps necessary to
18 appropriately protect and redact any sensitive information in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 5.2 and
19 Local Rule LR IC 6-1 prior to disseminating the documents, filing the documents with the Court,
20 or utilizing the documents in this litigation.

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22 The Party utilizing any document produced in this litigation must refrain from including—
23 or must partially redact, where inclusion is necessary—the following personal-data identifiers from
24 all documents filed with the court, including exhibits, whether filed electronically or in paper,
25 unless the court orders otherwise:

- 26 (1) Social Security Numbers. If an individual's Social Security number must be
27 included, only the last four digits of that number should be used.
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- 1 (2) Names of Minor Children. If the involvement of a minor child must be mentioned,
2 only the initials of that child should be used.
- 3 (3) Dates of Birth. If an individual's date of birth must be included, only the year should
4 be used.
- 5 (4) Financial Account Numbers. If financial account numbers must be included, only
6 the last four digits of these numbers should be used.
- 7 (5) Home Addresses. If a home address must be included, only the city and state should
8 be listed.
- 9 (6) Tax Identification Number. If a tax identification number must be used, only the
10 last four digits of that number should be used.

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12 A Party making a redacted filing also may file an unredacted copy under seal. The
13 document must contain the following heading in the document: "SEALED DOCUMENT UNDER
14 FED. R. CIV. P. 5.2" or "SEALED DOCUMENT UNDER FED. R. CRIM. P. 49.1," as
15 appropriate. This document must be retained by the court as part of the record until further court
16 order. But the court may still require the party to file a redacted copy for the public record.

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18 **TERMS OF PROTECTIVE ORDER**

19 Documents and testimony and other information may be deemed to be "CONFIDENTIAL"
20 as set forth below and shall be so designated in accordance with this Protective Order.

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22 1. This Protective Order shall apply to all documents, materials, and information,
23 including, without limitation, documents produced, answers to interrogatories, responses to
24 requests for admission, deposition testimony, and other information disclosed or produced
25 pursuant to the disclosure or discovery duties created by Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

26 2. As used in this Protective Order, "document" is defined as provided in Fed. R. Civ.
27 Proc. 34(a). A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.
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1 3. Information designated “CONFIDENTIAL” shall be information that is
2 confidential and implicates the privacy interests of Plaintiffs, Defendant, or third parties to this
3 litigation and/or information contained in confidential business records, personnel records,
4 documents, materials and communications. CONFIDENTIAL information shall not be disclosed
5 or used for any purpose except in the preparation and trial of this case.
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7 4. CONFIDENTIAL documents, materials, testimony and/or information
8 (collectively “CONFIDENTIAL information”) shall not, without the consent of the party
9 producing it or further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be
10 disclosed to:

- 11 a. attorneys who are actively working on this case;
- 12 b. persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively
13 working on the case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the
14 preparation for trial, at trial, or other proceedings;
- 15 c. the Parties, including their agents, lawyers, and legal professionals;
- 16 d. expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this
17 proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial
18 or other proceedings;
- 19 e. the Court in this case and its employees (“Court Personnel”);
- 20 f. stenographic reporters and videographers who are engaged in proceedings
21 necessarily incident to the conduct of this case;
- 22 g. deponents; and
- 23 h. other persons by written agreement of the Parties.

24 5. Prior to disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL information to any person listed above
25 (other than counsel, persons employed by counsel, lawyers and legal professionals employed by
26 the Parties, Court Personnel, videographers and stenographic reporters), the Parties shall provide
27 such person with a copy of this Protective Order and obtain from such person a written
28 acknowledgment stating that he or she has read this Protective Order and agrees to be bound by its
provisions. Such written acknowledgment shall be in the form as provided in Exhibit A to this
Stipulated Protective Order, attached hereto and incorporated herein. All such acknowledgments
shall be retained by counsel and shall be subject to in camera review by the Court if good cause

1 for review is demonstrated by opposing counsel.

2 6. Documents are designated as CONFIDENTIAL by placing or affixing on them (in
3 a manner that will not interfere with their legibility) the term “CONFIDENTIAL,” or by
4 designating them as “CONFIDENTIAL” in correspondence from counsel to the party producing
5 documents. Defendant may designate documents produced by Plaintiff as CONFIDENTIAL if
6 they are documents that were originally produced or created as records of Defendant.
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8 7. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL information,
9 the deposition or portions thereof shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL and shall be subject to
10 the provisions of this Protective Order. Such designation shall be made on the record during the
11 deposition whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as
12 CONFIDENTIAL after transcription, provided written notice of the designation is promptly given
13 to all counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the stenographic reporter of the
14 completion of the transcript.
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16 8. A party may object to the designation of particular CONFIDENTIAL information
17 by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed information within ten (10) business
18 days after being notified of the designation. The written notice shall identify the information to
19 which the objection is made and the specific basis for such objection. If the parties cannot resolve
20 the objection within ten (10) business days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the
21 obligation of the party challenging the designation to file an appropriate motion requesting that the
22 Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of this Protective
23 Order. If such a motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall be treated as
24 CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. In
25 connection with a motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as
26 CONFIDENTIAL shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed
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1 information to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

2 9. Any pleadings, motions or other documents, or portions thereof, containing
3 CONFIDENTIAL information that are filed with the Court, as well as any exhibits containing
4 CONFIDENTIAL information that are attached to any pleadings, motions or other documents that
5 are filed with the Court, shall be labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and filed under seal in accordance
6 with District of Nevada Local Rule 10-5.
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8 10. At the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, each
9 document and all copies thereof which have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall be returned
10 to the party that designated it CONFIDENTIAL within forty-five (45) days of conclusion of the
11 action, or the parties may elect to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents. Where the Parties agree
12 to destroy CONFIDENTIAL documents, the destroying party shall provide all Parties with an
13 affidavit confirming the destruction within forty-five (45) days after conclusion of the action.
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15 11. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for good cause
16 shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

17 DATED this 19th day of April 2017.

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25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 DATED: April 20, 2017

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United States Magistrate Judge
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EXHIBIT A:

WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has carefully and completely read the Stipulated Protective Order in the pending litigation between Plaintiff FLOYD CELEY and Defendant HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION N/K/A HILTON WORLDWIDE, INC. – U.S. APPEALS COMMITTEE, HILTON HOTELS RETIREMENT BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PLAN, AND HILTON SUPPLEMENTAL EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN; that he/she is one of the persons contemplated in Paragraph 4 of the Stipulated Protective Order; and that he/she fully understands and agrees to abide by the obligations and confidences set forth in the Stipulated Protective Order. The undersigned consents to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada for purposes of enforcing this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: _____

Signature

Title or Position

Printed Name

Telephone Number