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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

13 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

14 CHARLES GORDON, *individually and on*
 15 *behalf of those similarly situated,*

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 HOVG, LLC dba BAY AREA CREDIT
 19 SERVICE, LLC,

20 Defendant.

) Case No. 2:17-cv-00135-GMN-NJK

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) **STIPULATED MOTION AND**
) **PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER**
) **REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY**
) **OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL AND**
) **INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE**
) **ORDER**

) as amended on pp. 7, 8, 9, and 10

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 22 Plaintiff, Charles Gordon ("Plaintiff"), and Defendant HOVG, LLC dba Bay Area Credit
 23 Service, LLC ("Defendant") (collectively "the Parties"), hereby respectfully move the Court for
 24 entry of a Protective and Inadvertent Disclosure Order. The Parties seek to maintain the
 25 confidentiality of certain documents by governing their handling and to protect documents
 26 subject to the attorney-client privilege or work product doctrine, pursuant to Federal Rules of
 27 Civil Procedure 26(c)(1)(G) and Federal Rules of Evidence 502(d), and in support thereof states
 28 as follows:

1 The Parties' proposed order is intended to permit and restrict the exchange of confidential
2 information and documents during discovery. For example, the Parties seek to protect
3 discoverable documents and materials relating to items such as (1) the materials, policies and
4 procedures Defendant uses to comply with applicable credit reporting-related laws, and training
5 of employees and agents with complying with such laws, (2) Defendant's internal reports and
6 notes, (3) Plaintiff's consumer information, (4) Defendant's internal logs, and (5) other trade
7 secret information maintained by the Parties (collectively "Confidential Information"). The basis
8 for this Motion is several fold: 1) to protect confidential and sensitive consumer information as
9 this matter deals with alleged credit reporting issues, 2) to protect confidential and sensitive
10 personal and/or business information, and 3) to protect disclosure of trade secrets and other
11 confidential information resulting from Defendants investment of millions of dollars from the
12 public and/or competitors. Such confidential and trade secret information is generally not known
13 to competitors and not made available to the public.

14 Should Defendant's confidential information become available to the public, it would
15 result in a windfall for other businesses involved in providing similar services. In addition, it
16 would place Defendant at a disadvantage competitively because Defendant would lose the edge
17 it has over other similar businesses that have not made similar investments in training, systems,
18 and procedures. Defendant's Confidential Information include private information on how
19 Defendant organizes and documents activity on the subject account that is the result of
20 Defendants investments of thousands of dollars. Public disclosure of these materials would place
21 Defendant at a disadvantage competitively because its competitors would be aware of
22 Defendant's Confidential Information. That type of knowledge could reasonably negatively
23 impact Defendants business.

24 In light of the above, the Parties respectfully request the Court enter the proposed
25 Protective Order.

26 DATED this 9th day of June, 2017.

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HINSHAW & CULBERTSON LLP

DATED June 9, 2017

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PROTECTIVE AND INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE ORDER

Charles Gordon (“Plaintiff”), and Defendant HOVG, LLC dba Bay Area Credit Service, LLC (“Defendant”), (collectively referred to as “the Parties” or singularly as “a Party”), having agreed to the entry of a Protective and Inadvertent Disclosure Order pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Evidence 502(d), and the Court being fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. For the purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

a. Confidential Information: Generally, information subject to disclosure containing personal information, financial information, trade secrets or other confidential research, including, but not limited to, formulas, methods, or development plans, confidential business information such as marketing plans, customer lists, financial information, sales figures, advertising expenditures, pricing plans, and balance sheets, supplier identities, business plans, license agreements, or other information which could put the producing person or entity at a competitive disadvantage if the information became known to the receiving party or other information reasonably believed to be confidential. Information, the whole of which is publicly available, should not be designated as “Confidential” or “Attorneys Eyes Only.”

1 b. CONFIDENTIAL Designation: Documents not previously disclosed to the
2 public should be designated “Confidential” when such documents contain confidential
3 information that may be reviewed by the Receiving Party, but must be protected against
4 disclosure to third parties.

5 c. ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY Designation: Documents not previously
6 disclosed to the public should be designated “Attorneys’ Eyes Only” when such documents
7 contain confidential information that 1) may only be reviewed by counsel for the Receiving Party
8 who, or 2) may only be reviewed by agreed upon named representatives of the Receiving Party
9 and their counsel and must be protected against disclosure to third parties.

10 d. The “Producing Party” is the Party that provides CONFIDENTIAL /
11 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY Information;

12 e. The “Receiving Party” is a Party that receives CONFIDENTIAL /
13 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY Information; and

14 f. An “Inadvertently Produced Document” is a document that a Party to this
15 litigation provides to the opposing Party in this case, but that should have been withheld by the
16 Producing Party, in whole or in part, based on a claim of privilege, work-product protection,
17 confidentiality or other restrictions on disclosure, and for which the Producing Party provides the
18 notice required in this Order.

19 2. When used in this Order, the word “document” means all written, recorded, or
20 electronically stored material of any kind, and copies thereof (whether identical or not identical)
21 including, but not limited to, interrogatory answers, production responses, requests to admit and
22 responses thereto, documents, as defined in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or in the
23 discovery requests in this action, or physical items produced by any Party or non-party in this
24 action whether pursuant to subpoena, court order, discovery requests, or by agreement,
25 deposition transcripts and exhibits, and any portions of any court papers which quote from or
26 summarize any of the foregoing.

27 3. Information produced by any party or non-party in this action may be designated
28 by the producing party(ies) as “Confidential” or “Attorneys Eyes Only.” Information designated

1 “Confidential” or “Attorneys Eyes Only” may be used only in connection with this litigation, and
2 not for any other purpose. Such information may not be disclosed to anyone except as provided
3 in this Order and the parties shall exercise due care regarding storage, custody, and use.

4 4. The protections of this Order may be used by third parties that are called upon to
5 provide documents, information or testimony in this case by following the provisions of this
6 Order.

7 5. Discoverable documents protected under this order and shall be designated as
8 CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY and/or may be redacted. Relevant and
9 discoverable documents that are protected under this order and designated as CONFIDENTIAL
10 or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY, and/or may be redacted, include items such as materials,
11 policies and procedures of Defendant, Defendant’s internal reports, notes and logs, Plaintiff’s
12 consumer information maintained by Defendant, trade secret information, and medical records
13 and personal information, and may include other documents as determined by the designating
14 party not specifically addressed herein. Nothing herein shall be construed as an agreement or
15 requirement by the parties to produce specific types of documents, and the parties specifically
16 reserve their rights to challenge any request for documents that may also contain Confidential
17 Information.

18 6. Any Party producing documents or other materials in this action may designate
19 such materials and the information contained therein subject to this Order by typing or stamping
20 on the front of the document, or on the portion(s) of the document for which confidential
21 treatment is designated, “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” if the Party has
22 a reasonable and good faith belief the material contains Confidential Information.

23 7. Any Confidential Information not reduced to documentary, tangible or physical
24 form or which cannot conveniently be designated in the manner set forth in paragraph 6,
25 including data contained in any electronic form, shall be designated CONFIDENTIAL or
26 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY by informing the Receiving Party in writing that all of the
27 information is either CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY. If any Party produces
28 Confidential Information stored electronically, including but not limited to production of

1 magnetic diskettes or downloaded or uploaded files transferred by any method including
2 electronic mail, then all of that information retains its CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS'
3 EYES ONLY nature regardless of whether the information is manipulated or converted to any
4 other media, including, but not limited to, the creation of print-outs or other hard copies and
5 conversations, or manipulation of data for conversation or manipulation for processing by any
6 other computer hardware or software.

7 8. In the instance of deposition testimony, the witness under deposition or his or her
8 counsel shall invoke the provisions of this Order in a timely manner and designate the level of
9 restriction. During the deposition, unauthorized persons shall be excluded from testimony
10 designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or "ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY" as applicable under this
11 Order. The witness under deposition or his or her counsel shall have the right to designate or
12 change the level of restriction within a thirty (30) day period after the deposition. Any part of
13 deposition testimony in this case may be designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES
14 ONLY by advising the reporter and all Parties of such fact, or by notifying the reporter and all
15 Parties in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the transcript by the deponent or
16 deponent's counsel. Deposition testimony marked CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES
17 ONLY shall be given to no one other than people described in paragraphs 11 and 12. Any
18 CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY testimony must be marked, treated, used
19 and/or disclosed only as provided in this Order.

20 9. If opposing counsel objects to the designation of certain information as
21 CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, or dispute concerning who may view such
22 information, he or she shall promptly inform the other Parties' counsel in writing of the specific
23 grounds of objection. Counsel shall then, in good faith and on an informal basis, attempt to
24 resolve such dispute. If after such good faith attempt, counsel are unable to resolve their dispute,
25 opposing counsel may move for a disclosure order consistent with this order. Any motion for
26 disclosure shall be filed within fourteen (14) days of providing written notice of the objection,
27 and the information shall continue to have CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY
28 status from the time it is produced until the ruling by the Court on the motion.

1 10. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any Party from objecting to discovery that it
2 believes is improper.

3 11. Any documents and/or other information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL,” as
4 well as any copies or excerpts thereof, or analyses or reports that pertain thereto, may be made
5 available only to:

- 6 a. Plaintiff and Defendant in this case, including officers, directors,
7 employees, and in-house attorneys of the Parties;
- 8 b. Counsel of record for the Parties to the case;
- 9 c. Attorneys, paralegals, secretaries and other personnel employed or
10 retained by or working under the supervision of counsel of record
11 described in subparagraph 9(b) who are assisting in this action;
- 12 d. Court reporters and videographers used to record deposition testimony in
13 this case;
- 14 e. Experts specifically retained as consultants or expert witnesses in connection
15 with this case, provided that the person signs a document in the form of
16 **Exhibit A** attached hereto;
- 17 f. Any other person or entity as to whom counsel for the producer or
18 provider of the confidential information agreed in writing, or whom the
19 Court directs, shall have access to such information, provided that the
20 person signs a document in the form of **Exhibit A** attached hereto, stating
21 that he or she has read and understands this Order and agrees to be bound
22 by its terms, before seeing CONFIDENTIAL documents; and
- 23 g. The Court and Court personnel.

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26 12. Documents and/or other information designated “Attorneys Eyes Only,” as well
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- a. Attorneys of record for the Receiving Party, and their employees and other attorneys and/or employees of their firms directly involved in the matter, except for any persons with a present ownership or other financial interest in one or more parties or in the outcome of this litigation;
- b. Judges, the Court and jury, law clerks and other clerical personnel of the Court before which this action is pending.
- c. Independent experts not associated directly or indirectly with a party whom the receiving party identifies to the Producing Party at least ten (10) days prior to disclosure. Such independent experts must sign a document in the form of **Exhibit A**, stating that he or she has read and understands this Order and agrees to be bound by its terms, before seeing ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY documents. No such entity or person may be a former or present employee of, or have had or currently have any ownership interest in any of the parties to this action. If the producing party has any objection to the proposed independent expert, it shall so notify the receiving party within the ten (10) day period. The parties shall attempt to resolve any differences concerning such independent experts, but if they are unable to do so, the receiving party may seek relief from the Court as provided in paragraph 9 above. No disclosure of the information shall be made to the proposed independent expert until after the Court has ruled upon the issue.
- d. Except as provided herein, deponents at their depositions shall not be given access to confidential information designated "Attorneys Eyes Only" by any party or third party, other than the party who has made the designation. In the event a party intends to provide "Attorneys Eyes

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Only” documents to a deponent during a deposition and such deponent otherwise does not have access to such documents, the party shall give a ten (10) day notice to counsel of the designating party. If there is no objection, the deponent shall comply with paragraph 13 below and be allowed to review such documents. If the designating party objects to the disclosure, the receiving party may seek relief from the Court as provided in paragraph 9 above.

13. Each person permitted by this Order to have access to Confidential Information, other than the parties’ counsel, shall, prior to being given such access, be provided with a copy of this Order for review. Upon receiving this Order, each person shall sign a statement in the form of Exhibit A hereto indicating that he has read the order and agrees to comply with its terms. See order issued concurrently herewith.

15. Nothing contained in this Order shall preclude a Party from using its own CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY material in any manner it sees fit, or from revealing such CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY material to whomever it chooses, without prior consent of any other Party or of this Court.

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17. Upon request of the Producing Party and within sixty (60) days after the final disposition of all aspects of this case by settlement, judgment, or expiration of time to appeal, all documents designated CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, including any reproductions of such documents, must be destroyed or returned to the producing Party or its counsel. At the Producing Party's request, if the documents are destroyed, the Party who has destroyed the documents must furnish an affidavit attesting to same.

18. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to require the production of any document or ESI that a Party contends is protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege and/or the work product doctrine.

19. Pursuant to the agreement of the Parties under Federal Rules of Evidence 502(e) and by Order of this Court under Federal Rules of Evidence 502(d), no disclosure, production, or exchange of documents or information in this case shall constitute a waiver of any applicable attorney-client privilege or of any applicable work product protection in this or any other federal or state proceeding. This Order applies to any documents or ESI disclosed, exchanged, produced, or discussed-whether intentionally or inadvertently-among the Parties, their counsel and/or any agents (such as vendors and experts) in the course of this litigation.

20. This Order applies regardless of whether the Documents or ESI describe or relate to actions taken in this litigation, or in prior or separate litigations.

21. Upon learning of any Inadvertently Produced Documents, the Producing Party shall promptly give all counsel of record notice of the inadvertent production. The notice shall identify the document, the portions of the document that were inadvertently produced, and the first date the document was produced. If the Party that produced a document claims that only a portion of the Inadvertently Produced Document was inadvertently produced, the Party shall provide with the notice of inadvertent production a new copy of the document with the allegedly privileged portions redacted.

1 22. Upon receiving notice of an Inadvertently Produced Document, or upon
2 determining that a document received is known to be privileged, the Receiving Party must
3 promptly return, sequester or destroy the specified information and any copies it has, and shall
4 destroy any notes that reproduce, copy or otherwise disclose the substance of the privileged
5 information. The Receiving Party may not use or disclose the information until the claim is
6 resolved. If the Receiving Party disclosed the information before being notified, it must take
7 reasonable steps to retrieve and prevent further use or distribution of such information until the
8 claim is resolved.

9 23. A Party receiving documents produced by another Party is under a good faith
10 obligation to promptly alert the Producing Party if a document appears on its face or in light of
11 facts known to the Receiving Party to be privileged.

12 24. To the extent that any Party obtains any information, documents or
13 communications through Inadvertently Produced Documents, such information, documents and
14 communications shall not be filed or presented for admission into evidence or sought in
15 discovery by that Party in any action.

16 25. If the Receiving Party challenges a claim that a Inadvertently Produced Document
17 is properly privileged, the Receiving Party may in connection with a good faith challenge, make
18 reference to the contents of the document in any paper submitted to the Court, so long as such
19 filing is made under seal. If requested by the Receiving Party, the Producing Party shall provide
20 such Inadvertently Produced Documents to the Court for in-camera review.

21 26. If the Court sustains the claim that an Inadvertently Produced Document is
22 properly a Produced Privileged Document, the Receiving Party shall, within two (2) days of the
23 Court's order, return the Inadvertently Produced Document and any copies it has and destroy any
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IT IS SO ORDERED:


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: June 12, 2017.

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EXHIBIT A

1. I, _____, residing at _____, have read the foregoing Protective Order (the “Order”) in the case captioned *Charles Gordon v. HOVG, LLC dba Bay Area Credit Service, LLC*; Court No. 2:17-cv-00135-GMN-NJK (the “Action”). I agree to be bound by its terms with respect to any documents designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” there under that are furnished to me as set forth in the Order.

2. I further agree: (a) not to disclose to anyone any documents, or any information contained in documents, designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” other than as set forth in the Order; and (b) not to make any copies of any documents designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” except in accordance with the Order.

3. I hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona with regard to any proceedings to enforce the terms of the Order against me.

4. I hereby agree that any documents designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” that are furnished to me will be used by me only for the purposes of the Action, and for no other purpose, and will not be used by me in any business affairs of my employer or of my own; nor will the information contained therein be shared or otherwise imparted by me to any other person. At the conclusion of the action, I agree that all documents designed “CONFIDENTIAL” or “ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” in my possession or control, including any reproductions of such documents, must be returned to the producing Party or its counsel and that all summaries of such material and all memoranda, pleadings or other documents containing such material shall be destroyed.

Date

Signature

