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 15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 16 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

17 IN RE HANKINS PLASTIC SURGERY
 ASSOCIATES, P. C. dba HANKINS & SOHN
 18 PLASTIC SURGERY ASSOCIATES

Case No.: 2:23-cv-00824-RFB-DJA

19 This Document Relates to: All Actions

STIPULATED DISCOVERY PLAN AND SCHEDULING ORDER

(SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW REQUESTED)

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 23 **AMENDED STIPULATED DISCOVERY PLAN AND SCHEDULING ORDER FOR**
 24 **PHASE I (PRE-CERTIFICATION) DISCOVERY**
 25 **(SPECIAL SCHEDULING REVIEW REQUESTED)**

26 Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) and Local Rule 26-1, the parties, through their respective counsel,
 27 conducted a telephone conference on December 21, 2023, April 23, 2024, and April 30, 2024, to generally
 28 discuss the claims, and to schedule a discovery planning conference.

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1 Plaintiffs' counsel and Defendant's counsel conducted a discovery conference on December 21,
2 2023, April 23, 2024, and April 30, 2024, and hereby submit to the Court the following proposed
3 Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order:

4 **II. Statement of the Case**

5 Defendant Hankins Plastic Surgery Associates P.C. dba Hankins & Sohn Plastic Surgery
6 Associates is a healthcare provider with locations in Henderson and Las Vegas, Nevada. Hankins
7 provides plastic surgery care to patients across the greater Las Vegas Valley. In February 23, 2023, hackers
8 successfully infiltrated Defendant's computer networks and obtained information of over a hundred of
9 individuals (hereinafter the "Cyberattack"). The compromised data included personally identifying
10 information ("PII"), protected health information ("PHI"), and/or pre- and/or post-surgery nude
11 photographs. Plaintiffs allege that as a result of the data breach, class members' information has been
12 distributed to friends, colleagues, and neighbors, as well as to the general public on the internet.

13 Plaintiffs filed their Amended Class Action Complaint on September 15, 2023. ECF No. 19. In
14 this Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs allege that they are individuals whose information was exposed in the
15 data breach. Plaintiffs allege that Defendant failed to implement reasonable data security measures to
16 protect their information and retained Plaintiffs' information for longer than necessary. In this
17 consolidated action, Plaintiffs seek to represent the following Class of persons defined as follows:

18 All individuals in the United States whose PII and/or PHI was
19 compromised in the Hankins Data Breach which occurred on or about
20 February 23, 2023 (the "Class"). ECF No. 19 at ¶ 114.

21 Caroline Aurora also filed a Class Action Complaint, which was later consolidated in this matter.
22 See ECF No. 35-1. In that Class Action Complaint, Aurora seeks to represent the following Class of
23 persons defined as follows:

24 All persons residing in the United States whose PHI was compromised in the Data
25 Breach announced by the Hankins & Sohn Defendants that suffered actual harm
26 due to the Data Breach.

27 ECF No. 35-1 at ¶ 82.

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1 **II. Procedural Background**

2 Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit on behalf of themselves and all those similarly situated against
3 Defendant. The Court consolidated one other later-filed class action¹ into this lead case, and appointed the
4 undersigned as Plaintiffs’ Interim Co-Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel. ECF Nos. 16, 19, 31.

5 Plaintiffs filed a consolidated complaint on April 14, 2023, which added an additional Plaintiff,
6 and asserts claims for negligence, breach of implied contract, unjust enrichment, violation of the Nevada
7 consumer fraud act, declaratory judgment, and negligent misrepresentation. ECF No. 19. Defendant
8 moved to dismiss the complaint in its entirety. ECF No. 27. This motion has been fully briefed.

9 On December 22, 2023, Defendant filed a Notice of Related Cases to notify the Court that another
10 Class Action Complaint was removed to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada
11 regarding the Cyberattack pursuant to the Court’s Order regarding the Consolidation. ECF Nos. 16, 34.
12 Defendant also filed a Notice of Related Cases in the case it recently removed where Plaintiff Caroline
13 Aurora makes nearly identical allegations against Defendant (hereinafter the “*Aurora* matter”). [*See*
14 *generally* ECF No. 35-1]. The *Aurora* action has been removed then transferred to this Court because it
15 arises out of the same or similar operative facts as the Consolidated Action. Therefore, Plaintiffs have
16 recently filed their Unopposed Motion for Clarification ECF No. 45 seeking clarification as to whether
17 *Aurora* is consolidated with the Consolidated Action pursuant to this Court’s August 14, 2023 Order [ECF
18 No. 16]. Defendant filed its Motion to Dismiss the Complaint from the *Aurora* matter on April 30, 2024.
19 Plaintiff in *Aurora* has neither communicated nor coordinated with Plaintiffs in this matter regarding any
20 topic.

21 **A. Initial Disclosures**

22 Plaintiffs made their initial disclosures on January 16, 2024. Defendant made its initial disclosures
23 on April 30, 2024.

24 **B. Areas of Discovery**

25 **1.** Plaintiffs and Defendant have conferred and believe that the areas of discovery for
26 Phase I (Pre-Certification) Discovery should include the following topics:

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28 ¹ *Alysia Wrenn v. Hankins Plastic Surgery Associates, P.C. dba Hankins & Sohn Plastic Surgery Associates, et. al.*, Case No. 2:23-cv-00710-CDS-EJY

- (i) Whether, and if so, to what extent, Plaintiffs' and the putative Class members' personal information was accessed by cyber criminals during the attack on Defendant's computer systems;
- (ii) How Plaintiffs and putative class members were affected by the data breach;
- (iii) Information Defendant provided to Plaintiffs and putative class members about the data breach; and
- (iv) The nature and extent of each Plaintiff's and putative class member's relationship with Defendant.
- (v) Defendant's discovery of and response to the data breach for the purpose and with the limitation of determining commonality, predominance and typicality as it relates to Plaintiffs and putative class members;
- (vi) The extent of the data breach for the purpose and with the limitation of determining commonality, predominance and typicality as it relates to Plaintiffs and putative class members and how they were affected by the data breach; and
- (vii) Defendant's post-breach investigation and remediation for the purpose and with the limitation of determining commonality, predominance and typicality as it relates to Plaintiffs and putative class members.

Class discovery is intended to illuminate class certification issues, which include issues such as commonality, predominance, and typicality." *In re MGM Resorts Int'l Data Breach Litig.*, No. 2:20-cv-000376-GMN-NJK, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 61199, at *14 (D. Nev. Apr. 2, 2024). Class certification requires a rigorous analysis. *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 564 U.S. 338, 351, 131 S. Ct. 2541, 2551 (2011). The analysis will often include "some overlap with the merits of the plaintiff's underlying claim. *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 564 U.S. 338, 338, 131 S. Ct. 2541, 2544 (2011). "[W]hile discovery of certification issues during Phase I may overlap with issues related to the merits in Phase II, the parties agreed to limit their discovery in each Phase to the particular aims and subject matter of each respective

1 Phase.” See *Tyus v. Wendy's of Las Vegas, Inc.*, No. 214CV00729GMNVCF, 2017 WL 3026403, at *5
2 (D. Nev. July 17, 2017).

3 **C. Discovery Plan**

4 Accordingly, pursuant to Local Rule 26-1(b), and following the Court’s order that the parties focus
5 their efforts on class discovery, the parties propose the following Discovery Plan for this matter as it
6 currently stands (for deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday have been scheduled for
7 the next judicial day):

Event	Date
Interim Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date	November 13, 2024 (197 days after the parties’ discovery-planning conference)
Close of Class Certification Expert Discovery	January 14, 2025 (229 days after the parties’ discovery-planning conference)
Phase I (Pre-Certification) Discovery Cut-Off Date	February 13, 2025 (289 days after the parties’ discovery-planning conference)
Amending Pleadings and Adding Parties	November 15, 2024 (90 days to Phase I (Pre-Certification) Discovery Cut-off Date)
Initial Class Certification Expert Designations	December 16, 2024 (60 days to Phase I (Pre-Certification) Discovery Cut-off Date, next judicial day)
Rebuttal Class Certification Expert Designations	January 14, 2025 (30 days to Phase I (Pre-Certification) Discovery Cut-off Date, next judicial day)
Motion for Class Certification	March 17, 2025
Motions to Exclude Certification Experts	April 14, 2025
Deadline to Participate in Mediation	April 16, 2025
Joint Proposed Discovery Plan Regarding Post-Certification Phase	Within 30 days of the Decision on Motion for Class Certification

24 **D. Court Conferences**

25 If the Court has questions regarding the dates proposed by the parties, the parties request a
26 conference with the court before entry of the Scheduling Order. If the Court does not have questions, the
27 parties do not request a conference with the Court.

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1 **E. Extensions or Modifications of the Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order**

2 All motions or stipulations to extend a deadline set forth in this discovery plan shall be received
3 by the Court no later than twenty-one (21) days before the expiration of the subject deadline, must satisfy
4 the requirements of LR 26-3, and be supported by good cause for the extension.

5 **F. Alternative Dispute Resolution**

6 The parties certify that they have met and conferred about the possibility of using alternative
7 dispute-resolution processes including mediation, arbitration, and if applicable, early neutral evaluation.

8 **G. Alternative Forms of Case Disposition**

9 The parties certify that they have considered consent to trial by a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C.
10 § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and the use of the Short Trial Program (General Order 2013-01). The
11 parties do not believe that either is appropriate in this matter.

12 **H. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) Disclosures**

13 Unless the discovery plan otherwise provides and the court so orders, the disclosures required by
14 Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) and any objections to them must be included in the joint pretrial order.

15 **I. Electronic Evidence**

16 The parties certify that they have discussed and intend to present evidence in electronic format to
17 jurors for the purposes of jury deliberations and will ensure that said evidence is in an electronic format
18 compatible with the Court's electronic jury evidence display system. At present, the parties have not
19 agreed upon any stipulations regarding use of electronic evidence, but will agree to a stipulated ESI
20 protocol and address this issue again in the joint pretrial order.

21 **J. Consent to Service by Electronic Means through Electronic Mail**

22 The undersigned, on behalf of Plaintiffs and Defendant, hereby consent to service of documents
23 by electronic means via electronic mail and/or by U.S. Mail. Documents served by electronic means must
24 be transmitted to the following persons at the e-mail address below:

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8 **K. Protective Order**

9 All parties agree that the dispute involves certain documentation, while not necessarily
10 confidential between all of the parties to this litigation, are confidential and/or of a sensitive nature as to
11 nonparties. This includes personally identifying information, protected health information and nude
12 photographs. The parties therefore agree that there is good cause for a protective order to be entered in
13 this matter and the parties will separately present a proposed order to the court for its consideration.

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15 DATED this 3rd day of May, 2024

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8 DANIEL J. ALBREGTS
9 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

10 DATED: May 6, 2024
11 CASE NO.: 2:23-cv-00824-RFB-DJA
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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3 Pursuant to FRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of The Bourassa Law Group, and that on

4 this date I caused to be served a true copy of **STIPULATED DISCOVERY PLAN AND**

5 **SCHEDULING ORDER** on all parties to this action by the method(s) indicated below:

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