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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

JILL HARRISON, an Individual;

Plaintiff,

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WALMART, INC., a Delaware Corporation, BROSNAN RISK CONSULTANTS, LTD., a Delaware Corporation; DOES I - X, INCLUSIVE, and ROE CORPORATIONS I - X, Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:24-cv-491-MDC

STIPULATION OF COUNSEL IN RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

SUPPORTING DECLARATION OF RYAN ALEXANDER, ESQ.

Plaintiffs JILL HARRISON, ("HARRISON", "Plaintiff"), and Defendants WALMART, INC., ("Walmart") and BROSNAN RISK CONSULTANTS, LTD. ("Brosnan"), by and through their respective counsel, hereby submit this Stipulation in response to the Court's Order to Show Cause.

- 1. This is an ADA disability access case where Plaintiff alleges that she was denied entry and service at a Walmart store by Defendants because of her use of a scooter as a mobility device. As noted by the Court, Defendants filed Answers on July 17, 2024.
- 2. Fifteen days later, on Thursday, August 1, 2024, Counsel for Plaintiff drafted a proposed Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order ("DPSO") and emailed it to defense counsels asking if they could hold the conference that afternoon. *See Declaration of Ryan Alexander*, email

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chain as Ex. 1. Counsel for Plaintiff has handled many matters with McDonald Carano as opposing counsel in a collegial manner, and even had mutual clients in a prior federal matter. *Id*.

- 3. Defense counsels each responded on Monday, August 5, 2024, with Mr. Kay of McDonald Carano for Walmart noting that they would review the proposed DPSO and asking if Counsel also intended to formally notice a Rule 26 conference, and that he would be traveling on Friday Morning. Id. Defense counsels did not hear from Plaintiff's counsel after Mr. Kay's email.
- 4. Meanwhile, Counsel for Plaintiff was leaving later that week for an out of state trip. Id. Internally, Plaintiff's written discovery was drafted on September 5, 2024; thereafter the paralegal assisting on the file left employment as of September 19, 2024, days before Counsel began [what was scheduled as a two-week] jury trial in Clark County District Court on September 26, 2024... with another weeklong jury trial that began on November 12, 2024. Id. With a replacement litigation paralegal and two attorneys joining the firm amid two jury trials, it was chaotic through to the holiday season. Id. This is not to justify noncompliance, but to give context as to how after circulating the initial DPSO draft and pleasant communications, a conference was not held nor was the DPSO revised and submitted prior to the Court bringing it to Plaintiff's attention - for which Plaintiff apologizes. Id.
- 5. Plaintiff's Counsel circulated a second draft DPSO on January 21, 2025. Id. The Parties held a scheduling conference under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) on January 23, 2025. Id. The Parties discussed the scope of the case and necessary discovery and potential for resolution. As a disability access case, it is largely fact driven. *Id*. The parties agreed to new dates for discovery and submitted their proposed discovery plan and scheduling order in compliance with LR 26-1(b). The Parties proposed six months of discovery from the order rather than from the Answer, tentatively planned as six months from January 21, 2025 - discovery would close on June 21, 2025. Plaintiff agreed to produce her initial disclosures on January 24, 2025, with Defendants to follow within fourteen days.
- 6. As the Parties have resumed focus on this matter, complied with the Order to Show Cause in submitting a proposed plan and have begun to exchange discovery, Plaintiff asks that the Court withhold sanctions and permit the Parties to engage in what they reassure will be

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prompt and efficient discovery to prepare this matter for trial or, perhaps, alternative dispute resolution.

DATED this 27th day of January 2025. RYAN ALEXANDER, CHTD.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.
The Court has reviewed
the parties' response (ECF No 17)
to the Court's Order to Show Cause
(ECF No. 15). The parties have
shown cause and also filed a proposed
stipulated scheduling order.
Accordingly, no sanctions will be imposed.

DATED this 27th day of January 2025 McDONALD CARANO LLP /s/Katrina E. Weil

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Hon. Maximiliano D. Couvillier III United States Magistrale Judge Dated: 1-29-15