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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff.

V.

POKERSTARS, ET AL.,

Defendants,

and

ALL RIGHT TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE PROPERTIES LISTED IN SCHEDULE B.

Defendants in rem.

No. 11-CV-02564 (LBS) ECF CASE

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#### STIPULATION AND ORDER OF SUBTITUTION OF COUNSEL

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned and pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4, that the law firm of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP hereby is substituted in place of the law firm William Cowden LLC as counsel of record for claimant Chad Elie in the above-captioned action.

A supporting declaration is attached hereto pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all pleadings, notices of hearing, and other filings in this matter should be served upon the following incoming counsel:

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The Honorable Leonard B. Sand

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## **DECLARATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 1.4**

### BARRY H. BERKE declares as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New York and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. I am a partner of the law firm Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP ("Kramer Levin").
- 2. I respectfully submit this declaration, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 1.4 of the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, in support of the stipulation and order substituting Kramer Levin for William Cowden LLC ("William Cowden") as counsel of record for claimant Chad Elie in the above-captioned action.
- 3. Mr. Elie has requested that Kramer Levin represent him in this action and has consented to the withdrawal of William Cowden.
- 4. The Verified First Amended Complaint was filed on September 21, 2011, and Mr. Elie's response is currently due on January 23, 2012.

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5. I respectfully submit that the substitution of counsel will not unnecessarily delay this action or prejudice any party, and therefore respectfully request that the Court approve the Stipulation and Order of Substitution of Counsel submitted herewith.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 6, 2012

Barry H. Berke, Esq.

## Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on January 6, 2012, I caused a copy of the within proposed Stipulation and Order of Substitution of Counsel and supporting Declaration to be served by Federal Express upon the following:

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