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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

SEAN PINKERTON,
Plaintiff,

v.

LIMANTZAKIS PROPERTIES L.L.C., et al,
Defendants.

Case No.: 2:16-cv-01506-TSZ

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery, the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal.

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1 **2. “CONFIDENTIAL” MATERIAL**

2 “Confidential” material shall include the following documents and tangible things
3 produced or otherwise exchanged or acquired: documents containing Plaintiff’s personal
4 information – including Plaintiff’s health, medical, and banking information, as well as
5 information concerning public benefits received by Plaintiff; personnel information, including
6 but not limited to personnel files and payroll information regarding current and former
7 employees or independent contractors of Defendants who are not parties to this litigation; the
8 identities of any of Defendant’s tenants; financial information about Defendants and
9 Defendants’ tenants; and any other information concerning Defendants’ tenants or private
10 business information.
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12 **3. SCOPE**

13 The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as
14 defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2)
15 all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any
16 testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal
17 confidential material. However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover
18 information that is in the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or
19 otherwise.
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21 **4. ACCESS TO, AND USE OF, CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

22 4.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use Confidential Material that is disclosed
23 or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for
24 prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential Material may be
25 disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this
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1 agreement. Confidential Material must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a
2 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized
3 under this agreement.

4 4.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered
5 by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose
6 any confidential material only to:

7 (a) the receiving party’s counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of
8 counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

9 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in-house counsel) of the
10 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the parties
11 agree that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney’s Eyes Only and is so
12 designated;
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14 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this
15 litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit
16 A);
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18 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

19 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of
20 Confidential Material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service
21 instructs the service not to disclose any Confidential Material to third parties and to
22 immediately return all originals and copies of any Confidential Material;
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24 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
25 reasonably necessary and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
26 Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court.

1 Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Confidential
2 Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone
3 except as permitted under this agreement;

4 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
5 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

6 4.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing Confidential Material or discussing or
7 referencing Confidential Material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the
8 designating party to determine whether the designating party will remove the confidential
9 designation, whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation
10 and proposed order is warranted. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be
11 followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to
12 file material under seal.
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14 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

15 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party or
16 non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take
17 care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate
18 standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material,
19 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the
20 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not
21 swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.
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23 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are
24 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to
25 unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary
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1 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

2 If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated
3 for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other
4 parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this
6 agreement (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or
7 ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must
8 be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

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10 (a) Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic documents and
11 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
12 proceedings), the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that
13 contains Confidential Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies
14 for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by
15 making appropriate markings in the margins).

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17 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings: the
18 parties must identify on the record, during the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all
19 protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony after
20 reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving a
21 deposition transcript, designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as confidential.

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23 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place on
24 the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word
25 "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection,
26 the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

1 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
2 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's
3 right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a
4 designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is
5 treated in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

6 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

7 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of
8 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality
9 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic
10 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to
11 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the
12 original designation is disclosed.

13 6.2 Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute
14 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding
15 confidential designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or
16 in a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer
17 conference with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action.
18 The certification must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith
19 effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

20 6.3 Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court
21 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under
22 Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of
23 persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and
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1 those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and
2 burdens on other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall
3 continue to maintain the material in question as confidential until the court rules on the
4 challenge.

5 **7. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN**
6 **OTHER LITIGATION**

7 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that
8 compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as
9 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that party must:
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11 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the
12 subpoena or court order;

13 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to
14 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is
15 subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and
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17 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by
18 the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

19 **8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

20 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed
21 confidential material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement,
22 the receiving party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the
23 unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the
24 protected material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were
25 made of all the terms of this agreement, and (d) request that such person or persons execute the
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1 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2 **9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE**
3 **PROTECTED MATERIAL**

4 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently
5 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the
6 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This
7 provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery
8 order or agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. Parties shall
9 confer on an appropriate non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502.

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11 **10. NON-TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS**

12 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving
13 party must destroy all Confidential Material to the producing party, including all copies,
14 extracts and summaries thereof.

15 Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all
16 documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence,
17 deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert
18 work product, even if such materials contain confidential material.

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20 The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect until a
21 designating party agrees otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

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24 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

25 DATED this 17th day of March, 2017.

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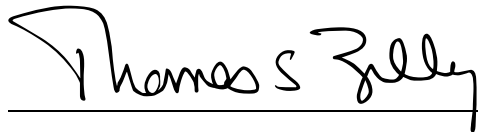
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27 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

28 DATED this 23rd day of March, 2017.

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30 Thomas S. Zilly
31 United States District Judge

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of
_____ [print or type full address], declare under
penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order
that was issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on
_____ in the case of Pinkerton v. Limantzakis Properties L.L.C., et al, Case No.
2:16-cv-01506-TSZ. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated
Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to comply could expose me to
sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose
in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any
person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the
Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated
Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

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