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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MUFG Union Bank, N.A., a national  
association,

Plaintiff,

v.

Aaron Tyler, an individual; John  
Fogliani, an individual; Jessica Allis,  
an individual; Heidi Brindle, an  
individual; Bianca Mack, an  
individual; Wendy McKenzie, an  
individual; Micaela Meza, an  
individual; Darrick Cox, an  
individual; and U.S. Bank, a national  
association,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:17-cv-01766-RSM

**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.

1 2. “CONFIDENTIAL” MATERIAL

2 “Confidential” material shall include the following documents and tangible things  
3 produced or otherwise exchanged:

- 4 (a) documents containing protected customer information such social security numbers,  
5 bank account numbers, or financial information;
- 6 (b) documents containing information internal business, sales, or marketing strategy;
- 7 (c) documents containing non-public financial information; or
- 8 (d) documents containing purported trade secrets.

9 3. SCOPE

10 The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only confidential material (as  
11 defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2) all  
12 copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any testimony,  
13 conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential material.

14 However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in  
15 the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

16 4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

17 4.1 Basic Principles. A receiving party may use confidential material that is disclosed  
18 or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,  
19 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be disclosed only to the  
20 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement. Confidential material  
21 must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures  
22 that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

23 4.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered  
24 by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any  
25 confidential material only to:  
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1 (a) the receiving party's counsel of record in this action, as well as employees  
2 of counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

3 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in house counsel) of the  
4 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless the parties  
5 agree that a particular document or material produced is for Attorney's Eyes Only and is so  
6 designated;

7 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
8 litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

9 (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

10 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of  
11 confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service  
12 instructs the service not to disclose any confidential material to third parties and to immediately  
13 return all originals and copies of any confidential material;

14 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is  
15 reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
16 (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
17 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential material must  
18 be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted  
19 under this agreement;

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

22 4.3 Filing Confidential Material. Before filing confidential material or discussing or  
23 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party  
24 to determine whether the designating party will remove the confidential designation, whether the  
25 document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed order is  
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1 warranted. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards  
2 that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

3 4.3 Admissibility of Designations. Confidentiality designations are admissible only for  
4 the purpose of enforcement of this Order and are not admissible for any other purpose.

5 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

6 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each party  
7 or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must take  
8 care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate  
9 standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material,  
10 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the  
11 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept  
12 unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

13 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are  
14 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to  
15 unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses  
16 and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

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

20 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this  
21 agreement (see, *e.g.*, second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or  
22 ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must  
23 be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

24 (a) Information in documentary form: (*e.g.*, paper or electronic documents and  
25 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings),  
26 the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that contains

1 confidential material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection,  
2 the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate  
3 markings in the margins).

4 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial proceedings: the parties  
5 and any participating non-parties must identify on the record, during the deposition or other pretrial  
6 proceeding, all protected testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony  
7 after reviewing the transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving the  
8 transcript of the deposition or other pretrial proceeding, designate portions of the transcript, or  
9 exhibits thereto, as confidential. If a party or non-party desires to protect confidential information  
10 at trial, the issue should be addressed during the pre-trial conference.

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

15 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
16 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party’s  
17 right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
18 designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated  
19 in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

20 6. SERVING THIS PROTECTIVE ORDER ON A NON-PARTY.

21 A party serving a subpoena on a non-party must simultaneously serve a copy of this  
22 protective order and LCR 26(c).

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24 7. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

25 7.1 Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of  
26 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party’s confidentiality

1 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
2 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to  
3 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
4 original designation is disclosed. Once a designation has been challenged, if the Designating party  
5 does not agree to the redesignation within five (5) business days, the parties must meet and confer  
6 with fifteen (15) days of the challenged designation.

7       7.2     Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute  
8 regarding confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding confidential  
9 designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration  
10 or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other  
11 affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The certification must list  
12 the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires a face-  
13 to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

14       7.3     Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
15 intervention within ten (10) days of the meet and confer, the objecting party may seek judicial  
16 intervention and failure to do so waives the objection. The challenging party may file and serve a  
17 motion to retain confidentiality under Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule  
18 5(g), if applicable). The burden of persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party.  
19 Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose  
20 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions.  
21 All parties shall continue to maintain the material in question as confidential until the court rules  
22 on the challenge.

23       7.4     Non-Waiver. Failure to challenge a Document's confidentiality designation does  
24 not constitute an admission or waive any arguments regarding the status of the documents or  
25 documents' content as trade secrets or protected information.

1 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
2 LITIGATION

3 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
4 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL,” that party  
5 must:

6 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the  
7 subpoena or court order;

8 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to  
9 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is  
10 subject to this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

11 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by  
12 the designating party whose confidential material may be affected.

13 9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

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

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23 10. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
24 MATERIAL

25 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently  
26 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the

1 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision  
2 is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or  
3 agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. The parties agree to the  
4 entry of a non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) as set forth herein.

5 11. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

6 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving  
7 party must return all confidential material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts and  
8 summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of destruction.

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

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

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16 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

17 DATED: June 22, 2018 s/Clarence M. Belnavis, WSBA#36681, per email  
18 authorization  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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20 DATED: June 22, 2018 s/Aaron D. Goldstein, WSBA#34425  
Attorneys for Defendant

21 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 502(d), the production of any  
23 documents in this proceeding shall not, for the purposes of this proceeding or any other proceeding  
24 in any other court, constitute a waiver by the producing party of any privilege applicable to those  
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1 documents, including the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, or any other  
2 privilege or protection recognized by law.

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4 DATED: June 25, 2018

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RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 EXHIBIT A

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

3 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
4 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of  
5 perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was  
6 issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on \_\_\_\_ in the  
7 case of *Union Bank v. U.S. Bank et al*, No. 2:17-cv-01766-RSM. I agree to comply with and to be  
8 bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that  
9 failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I  
10 solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to  
11 this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the  
12 provisions of this Order.

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

16 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

17 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

18 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

19 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_