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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

THE UPPER DECK COMPANY, a Nevada corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

RYAN MILLER, an individual; and  
RAVENSBURGER NORTH AMERICA, INC., a Washington corporation,

Defendants.

NO. 2:23-cv-01936-KKE

**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.

2. “CONFIDENTIAL” AND “ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” MATERIAL

“CONFIDENTIAL” material means information, documents, or things the designating party believes in good faith is not generally known to others, and which the designating party (i) would not normally reveal to third parties except in confidence or has undertaken with others to

1 maintain in confidence, or (ii) believes in good faith is protected by a right to privacy under federal  
2 or state law or any other applicable privilege or right related to confidentiality or privacy.  
3 Information and other material may be designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” for purposes of this  
4 Protective Order if the producing party in good faith considers it to constitute or to contain trade  
5 secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information.  
6 “CONFIDENTIAL” material shall include all information, documents, and things referring or  
7 relating to the foregoing, including but not limited to copies, summaries, and abstracts of the  
8 foregoing.

9 “ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” material means information, documents, and things the  
10 designating party believes in good faith is not generally known to others and has significant  
11 competitive value such that unrestricted disclosure to others would create a substantial risk of  
12 serious injury to the designating party, and which the designating party (i) would not normally  
13 reveal to third parties except in confidence or has undertaken with others to maintain in confidence,  
14 or (ii) believes in good faith is significantly sensitive and protected by a right to privacy under  
15 federal or state law or any other applicable privilege or right related to confidentiality or privacy.  
16 The designation is reserved for information that constitutes proprietary financial, technical, or  
17 commercially sensitive competitive information that the designating party maintains as highly  
18 confidential in its business, including:

- 19 • Information obtained from a non-party pursuant to a current Nondisclosure  
20 Agreement;
- 21 • Product development documents including prototypes, drafts, mockups, playtest  
22 materials, and other nonpublic design documents;
- 23 • Strategic plans;
- 24 • Nonpublic financial data;
- 25 • Customer lists;
- 26 • Documents that would reveal trade secrets;
- 27 • Licensing documents and licensing communications; and

- Settlement agreements or settlement communications;

the disclosure of which is likely to cause harm to the competitive position of the designating party. “ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” material shall include all information, documents, and things referring or relating to the foregoing, including but not limited to copies, summaries, and abstracts of the foregoing.

### 3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only “CONFIDENTIAL” and “ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” material (collectively, “Protected Material”), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from “Protected Material;” (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of “Protected Material;” and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal “Protected Material.”

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

### 4. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL AND “ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” MATERIAL

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

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

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

1 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in house counsel) of the  
2 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

3 (c) experts and consultants to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this  
4 litigation and who have signed the “**Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound**” (Exhibit  
5 A);

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

7 (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of  
8 “**CONFIDENTIAL**” material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging  
9 service instructs the service not to disclose any “**CONFIDENTIAL**” material to third parties and  
10 to immediately return all originals and copies of any “**CONFIDENTIAL**” material;

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

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

19 4.3. Disclosure of “ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY” Material. Unless otherwise ordered  
20 by the court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may disclose any  
21 “**ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY**” material only to those listed in categories (a)-(g) in Section 4.2,  
22 except for category (b) unless category (f) or (g) applies.

23 4.4. Filing “Protected Material.” Before filing “**Protected Material,**” or discussing or  
24 referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating party,  
25 in accordance with Local Civil Rule 5(g)(3)(A), to determine whether the designating party will  
26 remove the designation, whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or  
27 stipulation and proposed order is warranted. During the meet and confer process, the designating

1 party must identify the basis for sealing the specific information at issue, and the filing party shall  
2 include this basis in its motion to seal, along with any objection to sealing the information at issue.  
3 Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will  
4 be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal. A party who  
5 seeks to maintain the designation of its information must satisfy the requirements of Local Civil  
6 Rule 5(g)(3)(B), even if it is not the party filing the motion to seal. Failure to satisfy this  
7 requirement will result in the motion to seal being denied, in accordance with the strong  
8 presumption of public access to the Court's files.

9 5. DESIGNATING "PROTECTED MATERIAL"

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

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

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

24 5.2. Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this  
25 agreement (*see, e.g.*, second paragraph of section 5.2(b) below), or as otherwise stipulated or  
26 ordered, disclosure or discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must  
27 be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

1 (a) Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic documents and  
2 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings),  
3 the designating party must affix the word “**CONFIDENTIAL**” or “**ATTORNEY’S EYES**  
4 **ONLY**” to each page that contains designated material. If only a portion or portions of the material  
5 on a page qualify for protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected  
6 portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

7 (b) Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial proceedings: The parties  
8 and any participating non-parties must identify on the record, during the deposition, all protected  
9 testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony after reviewing the  
10 transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving the transcript of the  
11 deposition, designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as “**Protected Material.**” If a  
12 party or non-party desires to shield “**Protected Material**” at trial, the issue should be addressed  
13 during the pretrial conference. With respect to any testimony presented at a hearing or in other  
14 pretrial or trial proceedings, the parties reserve the right to, upon a showing of extraordinary  
15 circumstances, to request that such testimony, or portions thereof, be treated as  
16 “**CONFIDENTIAL**” OR “**ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY.**”

17 (c) Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place  
18 on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the label  
19 “**CONFIDENTIAL**” or “**ATTORNEY’S EYES ONLY.**” If only a portion or portions of the  
20 information or item warrant protection, the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify  
21 the protected portion(s).

22 5.3. Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
23 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party’s  
24 right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
25 designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated  
26 in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

27 6. CHALLENGING DESIGNATIONS

1           6.1.   Timing of Challenges. Any party or non-party may challenge a designation under  
2 this order at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party’s designation is necessary  
3 to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a significant  
4 disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to challenge a designation by  
5 electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

6           6.2.   Meet and Confer. The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute  
7 regarding designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding designations or for a  
8 protective order must include a certification, in the motion or in a declaration or affidavit, that the  
9 movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer conference with other affected parties in an  
10 effort to resolve the dispute without court action. The certification must list the date, manner, and  
11 participants to the conference. A good faith effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a  
12 telephone conference.

13           6.3.   Judicial Intervention. If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
14 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain the designation under  
15 Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable) within 21 days of  
16 the initial notice of challenge or within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and confer  
17 process will not resolve their dispute, whichever is earlier. Failure by the Designating Party to  
18 make such a motion including the required declaration within 21 days (or 14 days, if applicable)  
19 shall automatically waive each challenged designation. The burden of persuasion in any such  
20 motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper  
21 purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose  
22 the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to maintain the information in question  
23 as “**Protected Material**” until the court rules on the challenge. In addition, the challenging party  
24 may file a motion challenging a designation at any time if there is good cause for doing so,  
25 including a challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript or any portions thereof.

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2 7. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
3 LITIGATION

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

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

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

12 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by  
13 the designating party whose “**Protected Material**” material may be affected.

14 8. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF “PROTECTED MATERIAL”

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

22 9. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR “PROTECTED MATERIAL”

23 When a producing party gives notice to receiving parties that certain inadvertently  
24 produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the  
25 receiving parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision  
26 is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order or  
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1 agreement that provides for production without prior privilege review. The parties agree to the  
2 entry of a non-waiver order under Fed. R. Evid. 502(d) as set forth herein.

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4 10. NON TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS

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

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

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

14 RESPECTFULLY STIPULATED TO AND DATED this 25th day of November, 2024.

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1 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 502(d), the production of any  
3 documents, electronically stored information (ESI) or information, whether inadvertent or  
4 otherwise, in this proceeding shall not, for the purposes of this proceeding or any other federal or  
5 state proceeding, constitute a waiver by the producing party of any privilege applicable to those  
6 documents, including the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product protection, or any  
7 other privilege or protection recognized by law. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the  
8 maximum protection allowed by Fed. R. Evid. 502(d). The provisions of Fed. R. Evid. 502(b) do  
9 not apply. Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a party's right to  
10 conduct a review of documents, ESI or information (including metadata) for relevance,  
11 responsiveness and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production.  
12 Information produced in discovery that is protected as privileged or work product shall be  
13 immediately returned to the producing party.

14 DATED: November 25, 2024

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19 United States District Judge  
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2 EXHIBIT A

3 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

4 I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of  
6 perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was  
7 issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on [date] in the  
8 case of *The Upper Deck Company v. Ryan Miller, et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-01936-KKE. I agree to  
9 comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I  
10 understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and  
11 punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner  
12 any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity  
13 except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

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

17 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

19 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

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