**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re: )

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[ ] ) Chapter \_\_

) Case No. \_\_-\_\_\_\_ (PB)

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Debtor(s) )

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Plaintiff(s), )

) Adv. Proc. No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (PB)

- against - )

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) JOINT PRETRIAL ORDER

) (PROPOSED)

Defendant(s). )

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The parties having conferred among themselves and with the Court pursuant to

Fed. R. Civ. P. 16, the following statements, directions and agreements are adopted as the

Pretrial Order herein.

1. NATURE OF THE CASE

[Set forth a brief statement of the general nature of the action and the relief sought by each party.]

1. BASIS FOR JURISDICTION, WHETHER THE CASE IS CORE OR NON-CORE, AND WHETHER THE BANKRUPTCY JUDGE MAY ENTER FINAL ORDERS OR JUDGMENT

[Set forth the basis for subject matter jurisdiction and whether the case is core or non-core, and if core, whether the Court can enter final orders and judgment. If these matters are disputed, the positions of each of the parties should be explained. Also, state whether the parties consent to the bankruptcy judge entering final orders or judgment.]

1. STIPULATED FACTS

[Set forth any stipulated facts.]

1. PARTIES' CONTENTIONS

The pleadings are deemed amended to embrace the following, and only the

following, contentions of the parties:

1. Plaintiff's Contentions

[Set forth a brief statement of the plaintiff's contentions in separately numbered paragraphs as to all ultimate issues of fact and law.]

1. Defendant's Contentions

[Set forth a brief statement of the defendant's contentions in separately numbered paragraphs as to all ultimate issues of fact and law.]

1. ISSUES TO BE TRIED

[Set forth an agreed statement of the issues to be tried.]

1. PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBITS
2. DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS

No exhibit not listed by plaintiff or defendant may be used at trial except (a) for impeachment or rebuttal, or (b) if good cause for its exclusion from the pretrial order is shown. Each side shall list all exhibits it intends to offer on its case in chief. The list shall include a description of each exhibit. All exhibits shall be pre-marked with each exhibit bearing a unique number or letter (numbers for plaintiff and letters for defendant), with the prefix PX for plaintiff’s exhibits and DX for defendant’s exhibits. In accordance with Judge Bentley’s individual Chambers Rules, two indexed sets of exhibits shall be delivered to Chambers at least five days before the start of the trial, together with, if available, a flash drive containing PDF copies of all of the exhibits.

1. STIPULATIONS AND OBJECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO EXHIBITS

 Any objections not set forth herein will be considered waived absent good cause shown. [The parties shall set forth any stipulations with respect to the authenticity and admissibility of exhibits and indicate all objections to exhibits and the grounds therefor.]

1. PLAINTIFF'S WITNESS LIST
2. DEFENDANT'S WITNESS LIST

 The witnesses listed may be called at trial. No witness not identified herein shall be permitted to testify on either party's case in chief absent good cause shown. Each party shall list the witnesses it intends to call on its case in chief and, if a witness's testimony will be offered by deposition, shall designate by page and line numbers the portions of the deposition transcript it intends to offer. Counsel are expected in good faith to offer only those portions of deposition testimony that are necessary and shall refrain from designating the entireties of deposition transcripts and from designating cumulative or irrelevant matters. Each party shall set forth any objections it has to deposition testimony designated by the other and the basis therefor.

1. RELIEF SOUGHT

 The plaintiff shall set forth the precise relief sought, including each element of damages.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 [Signature of Plaintiff’s counsel]

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 [Signature of Defendant’s counsel]

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| Dated: New York, New York \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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|  | **Honorable Philip Bentley** **United States Bankruptcy Judge** |