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10	In re		Case No. 2:20-bk-21022-BR	
11	GIRARDI KEESE		Chapter 7	
12 13			NOTICE OF MOTION AND MO ORDER REQUIRING EXAMIN	
14	Debtor	r.	AND PRODUCTION OF DOCU BY BENJAMIN KHAKSHOUR	
15			PURSUANT TO RULE 2004 O FEDERAL RULES OF BANKE	RUPTCY
16 17			PROCEDURE; MEMORANDU POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF RONALD RICHARDS IN SUPPORT THE	
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# 1TO THE HONORABLE BARRY RUSSELL, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE,2THE DEBTOR, BENJAMIN KHAKSHOUR, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

3 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, pursuant to this "Notice of Motion and Motion 4 for Order Requiring Production of Documents Pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules 5 of Bankruptcy Procedure; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Declaration of Ronald 6 Richards in Support Thereof' (the "Motion"), Elissa D. Miller (the "Trustee"), the duly appointed, qualified, and acting chapter 7 trustee for the estate of the debtor Girardi 7 8 Keese (the "Debtor"), respectfully requests, pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules 9 of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1, an order directing Benjamin 10 Khakshour ("Khakshour") to produce the documents identified in Exhibit "A" attached 11 hereto (the "Requested Documents") by no later than July 20, 2021, and that Khakshour 12 appear for examination, under oath, and that such examination take place on July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time. 13

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in light of anticipated continuation
of office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustee requests that the
documents be produced electronically by email to ron@ronaldrichards.com and
morani@ronaldrichards.com.

18 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in light of anticipated continuation
19 of office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the examination shall take place via
20 "zoom.com" and the instructions for the zoom meeting shall be provided to Khakshour no
21 later than July 21, 2021.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Motion is brought in
accordance with Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local
Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1, in light of the fact that no adversary proceeding is pending in
which Khakshour is a party, and is made on the grounds that the examination is
necessary for the Trustee to ascertain and discover assets of the estate including,
without limitation, possible avoidance power claims against, among others, Erika Girardi
aka Erika Jayne aka Erika Chahoy and her affiliated entities. Due to the limited scope of

this Motion, the Trustee anticipates that further document production(s) and
examination(s) may be necessary.

3 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Motion is based on the
4 attached memorandum of points and authorities, the attached exhibits, and the file in this
5 case, of which the Court is requested to take judicial notice.

6 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, unless otherwise ordered by the
7 Court, this Motion will be ruled on without a hearing pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule
8 9013-1(p).

9 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, since Khakshour is not the
10 debtor, the Trustee also will be issuing a subpoena pursuant to Rule 9016 of the Federal
11 Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,
12 which will be served after the order granting the Motion is entered.

13 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to Local Bankruptcy 14 Rule 2004-1(f), the party whose examination is requested may file a motion for protective 15 order if grounds exist under Rule 7026 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and 16 Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. A motion for protective order must be 17 filed and served not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the examination, and 18 set for hearing not less than two (2) days before the scheduled examination, unless an 19 order setting hearing on shortened notice is granted by the court pursuant to Local 20 Bankruptcy Rule 9075-1. The parties may stipulate, or the court may order, that the 21 examination be postponed so that the motion for protective order can be heard on regular 22 notice under Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1.

23 WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an24 order:

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1. granting the Motion;

26 2. directing Benjamin Khakshour to produce the documents identified in
27 Exhibit "A" by no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 20, 2021, and that such documents be

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1	produced electronic	ally by email to ron@ronaldrichards.com and
2	morani@ronaldricha	ards.com;
3	3.	directing Benjamin Khakshour to appear for examination, under oath,
4	on July 22, 2021, at	t 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time, with the examination to take place via
5	"zoom.com";	
6	4.	retaining jurisdiction to consider any additional request for
7	information and doc	cuments on appropriate notice; and
8	5.	granting such other and further relief as this Court deems just and
9	proper under the cir	cumstances.
10	DATED: June 18, 20	021 Law Offices of Ronald Richards & Associates, APC
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12		By: <u>/s/ Ronald Richards</u>
13		Ronald Richards Special Litigation Counsel for Elissa D. Miller,
14		Chapter 7 Trustee
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1	MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES			
2	I.			
3	PREFATORY STATEMENT			
4	In order to uncover the whereabouts of potential assets of the estate,			
5	including the location of millions of dollars of litigation settlement proceeds or other firm			
6	assets which may have been fraudulently transferred to Erika Girardi aka Erika Jayne			
7	aka Erika Chahoy and her affiliated entities (collectively, "Erika"), the Trustee must			
8	examine witnesses who may have first-hand knowledge of this widespread fraud.			
9	Benjamin Khakshour, who is Erika's landlord at her newly established residence, is one			
10	such witness. Because the Motion's aim is to uncover potential recipients of fraudulently			
11	transferred monies, and will aid the Trustee in fulfilling her fiduciary duties to creditors by			
12	enabling her to access key financial information relative to the Debtor's business			
13	operations and potential avoidance actions, the Motion must be granted.			
14	И.			
15	RELEVANT BACKGROUND			
16	Girardi Keese (the "Debtor") was, before its downfall, a highly regarded			
17	plaintiff's law firm based in Los Angeles, California. As the layers of the onion began to			
18	be peeled back, it was discovered that a wide-spread fraud had been perpetrated, to the			
19	detriment of scores of litigants who placed their trust in the Debtor and its widely-known			
20	founder, Thomas Girardi ("Girardi"). As a result of the unearthed information, on			
21	December 18, 2020, petitioning creditors Jill O'Callahan, as successor in interest to			
22	James O'Callahan, Robert M. Keese, John Abassian, Erika Saldana, Virginia Antonio,			
23	and Kimberly Archie (collectively, the "Petitioning Creditors") filed an involuntary chapter			
24	7 bankruptcy petition against the Debtor. <sup>1</sup>			
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27	<sup>1</sup> The Petitioning Creditors also filed an involuntary chapter 7 bankruptcy petition against Thomas V. Girardi, which is currently pending as Case No. 2:20-bk-21020-BR.			

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1 On December 24, 2020, the Petitioning Creditors filed a "Motion for 2 Appointment of Interim Trustee Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 303(g)" (the "Interim Trustee" 3 Motion") [Docket No. 12]. The Court entered an order granting the Interim Trustee Motion on January 5, 2021 [Docket No. 45] and, on January 6, 2021, the Trustee was 4 5 appointed as the interim trustee. On January 13, 2021, the Court entered its "Order 6 Directing: (1) The Clerk of Court to Immediately Enter an Order for Relief Under Chapter 7 7; (2) the United States Trustee to Immediately Appoint a Chapter 7 Trustee; (3) the 8 Debtor to File All Schedules and Related Documentation for Chapter 7 Case Within 9 Fourteen Days of the Entry of This Order; and (4) Vacating February 16, 2021 Status 10 Conference" [Docket No. 68]. The same day, the Clerk of Court entered an order for 11 relief against the Debtor, and the Trustee was subsequently appointed and accepted her 12 appointment in the Debtor's case.

13 The Trustee is six months into her administration of the estate, and is 14 beginning to unravel the numerous transactions which may be avoidable and recoverable 15 for the benefit of creditors. Among the possible assets to be recovered are the millions of 16 dollars of settlement proceeds which the Debtor may have transferred to Erika. The 17 Trustee's Special Litigation Counsel ("SLC") has already corroborated that settlement 18 funds were diverted to Erika. The SLC for the Trustee has already confirmed that the 19 Debtor has admitted in numerous filed tax documents that Erika's related companies 20 have received over \$20,000,000 according to the tax documents spanning multiple years. 21 Erika has created a new company AFTER the news broke of this scandal which appears 22 to simply be a successor company. Erika has multiple financial accounts and the Debtor's books show Erika owes large receivables to the Debtor. 23

In order to assist her in the performance of her statutory duties, on April 26,
2021, the Trustee filed an application seeking to employ the Law Offices of Ronald
Richards & Associates, APC ("Richards APC") as her special litigation counsel to
investigate and, if warranted, sue Erika. The Court overruled Erika's objection to the

Trustee's application, and an order authorizing the employment of Richards APC was
entered on June 10, 2021.

3 On June 10, 2021, the SLC sent a demand to Erika's attorney demanding 4 repayment of a Girardi Keese fee that was improperly assigned to Erika. Erika has 5 received for years this improper assignment of the Debtor's attorney fee portion arising 6 from a client settlement instead of the money going to the firm. The irrefutable evidence 7 was provided to Erika's counsel which included a notarized form signed by Erika and 8 other irrefutable evidence including a court order. Despite numerous communications 9 asking Erika's counsel to confirm receipt of the demand, no response or acknowledgment 10 was provided. 11 On June 15, 2021, Erika's attorney's filed a motion to withdraw alleging a 12 breakdown in the relationship which suggests of a loss of client control. 13 On June 15, 2021, Thomas Girardi's trustee filed a motion seeking relief 14 from stay to pursue a third party state debtor's exam against Erika. 15 On June 17, 2021, Erika's attorneys withdrew their motion to withdraw as 16 counsel. 17 Due to the mounting legal matters, the SLC is concerned that absent the 18 investigation occurring rapidly, Erika may further dissipate the Debtor's assets. The 19 necessity to trace her money and investigate the receipt of funds, her purchases 20 including the bling and the glam, (diamonds and high expenditures of beauty 21 maintenance, etc.) has become more heightened by these recent events. 22 To determine if funds Erika used to pay Benjamin Khakshour ("Khakshour"), 23 her new landlord, were fraudulently procured from the Debtor, it is necessary for 24 Khakshour to produce key financial documents and be subject to testimony under oath. 25 Specifically, the Trustee's investigation already has uncovered transfers of assets to 26 Erika that purportedly belong to the Debtor. This Rule 2004 examination seeks financial 27 records from a third party who receives monthly lease payments from Erika and has 28 received relevant financial information, including a residential lease and ancillary

documents. There is no privilege associated with the requested documents as they are
 simply financial records Khakshour received from Erika, one of the targets of the
 Trustee's ongoing investigation.

As noted, since there is no pending adversary proceeding between the
Trustee and Khakshour, Rule 2004 is the proper vehicle for the Trustee to obtain the
necessary financial records.

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## THE COURT SHOULD ORDER BENJAMIN KHAKSHOUR TO PRODUCE THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS AND ATTEND AN ORAL EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO RULE 2004 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE

III.

12 Rule 2004 provides that "[o]n motion of any party in interest, the court may 13 order the examination of any entity." Fed. R. Bank. P. 2004(a). The scope of the 14 examination may relate to "the acts, conduct, or property or to the liabilities and financial 15 condition of the debtor, or to any matter which may affect the administration of the 16 debtor's estate, or to the debtor's right to a discharge," as well as matters regarding "the 17 operation of the Debtor's business, the source of any money acquired or to be acquired 18 by the Debtor for purposes of consummating a plan and the consideration give or offered 19 therefor, and other matters relevant to the case and the formulation of a plan." Fed. R. 20 Bank. P. 2004(b). Thus, the purpose of the examination is to "view the condition and 21 whereabouts of the bankrupt's estate." Keene Corp. v. Johns-Manville Corp. (In re 22 Johns-Manville), 42 B.R. 362, 364 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1984). Furthermore, Rule 2004 also 23 provides for an order requiring the production of documents in connection with the Rule 24 2004 examination. Fed. R. Bank. P. 2004(c).

25 Courts routinely permit a wide range of inquiry pursuant to Rule 2004. See
26 In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, Inc., 123 B.R. 702, 711 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991)
27 (scope of a Rule 2004 examination is very broad, broader even than discovery under the
28 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure); In re Table Talk, Inc., 51 B.R. 143, 145 (Bankr. D.

1	Mass. 1985) (courts uniformly recognize that the scope of a Rule 2004 examination is				
2	"unfettered and broad"); In re Mittco, Inc., 44 B.R. 35, 36 (Bankr. E.D. Wis. 1984) ("The				
3	scope of inquiry under Bankruptcy Rule 2004 is very broad. Great latitude of inquiry is				
4	ordinarily permitted."). As the bankruptcy court explained in <u>In re Mantolesky</u> , 14 B.R.				
5	973 (Bankr. D. Mass. 1981):				
6	Rule 205 [now Rule 2004] provides all interested parties a				
7	mechanism for the investigation and reconstruction of the				
8	debtor's affairs. That mechanism may cut a broad swath				
9	through the debtor's affairs, those associated with him, and				
10	those who might have had business dealings with him.				
11	Further, those persons who might have been closely				
12	connected with the debtor in his business arrangements, or				
13	who even participated in them, will most likely be exposed to				
14	the most extensive inquiry.				
15	<u>Id.</u> , at 976.				
16	In short, under the broad scope of Rule 2004(b), an examination of the				
17	debtor, or third parties with relevant information regarding assets of the estate, is				
18	inquisitorial in nature, and consequently the field of inquiry is wide. Within the limitations				
19	prescribed, any question is permissible which seeks to ascertain facts concerning the				
20	debtor's conduct, property, and financial affairs. An examination pursuant to Rule 2004				
21	may therefore "cut a broad swath through the debtor's affairs." <u>Johns-Manville</u> , 42 B.R.				
22	at 364.				
23	Relative to this case, the Trustee seeks documents from Khakshour				
24	regarding the source of funds used to pay the monthly lease payments for Erika's newly				
25	leased premises, as well as other financial documents which may be relevant to the				
26	Trustee's investigation. The Trustee seeks to discover the identity of the sources of				
27	payments made to Khakshour to determine, among other things, whether the funds can				
28	be traced to the Debtor, or were funds fraudulently procured from the Debtor.				

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1 Since the requested document production cannot proceed under Rules 2 7034 or 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure - since no adversary 3 proceeding or contested matter has been commenced with respect to the specific issues and transactions Creditors wish to investigate through these requests - the requested 4 5 document production and examination is appropriate under Rule 2004. 6 IV. 7 PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND/OR EMPLOYMENT OF EXAMINEE 8 The Trustee is informed that the principal business address of Benjamin 9 Khakshour is 5455 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2111, Los Angeles, California 90036-4290, 10 c/o Khakshour Freeman, A Law Corporation. (This information is being provided 11 pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1). 12 V. 13 MEET AND CONFER 14 In accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1(a), prior to filing the 15 Motion, the Trustee, through Richards APC, conferred with Khakshour on June 13, 2021, 16 regarding the nature and scope of the requested document production and examination. 17 At that time, Khakshour agreed to produce the requested documents and attend an 18 examination, but first required an order of this Court. See declaration of Ronald 19 Richards, affixed hereto. 20 VI. 21 LOCATION OF EXAMINATION 22 Rule 2004(c) provides that "[t]he attendance of an entity for examination 23 and for the production of documents, whether the examination is to be conducted within 24 or without the district in which the case is pending, may be compelled as provided in Rule 25 9016 for the attendance of a witness at a hearing or trial." Rule 9016 of the Federal 26 Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure states that Rule 45 of the Federal Rules of Civil 27 Procedure applies in bankruptcy cases. Rule 45(c)(2) provides that a subpoenaed party 28 may be required to attend at any place within 100 miles from the place where that person

resides, is employed, or transacts business in person. Here, the Trustee proposes to
conduct the examination of Khakshour via "zoom.com" such that there will no
inconvenience to Khakshour. The examination will be recorded by audio, audiovisual,
and/or stenographic means. If the examination is not completed on the date set forth
herein, it will continue from business day to business day, Sundays and holidays
excepted, until completed unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

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## VII.

## **CONCLUSION**

9 The requested production of documents and oral examination are central to 10 the Trustee's independent investigation into the Debtor's assets and liabilities which will 11 assist the Trustee in her administration of the estate. Accordingly, the Trustee requests 12 that the Court order Benjamin Khakshour to produce documents responsive to the 13 requests in Exhibit "A" on or before July 20, 2022. In light of anticipated continuation of 14 office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustee requests that the 15 documents be produced electronically by email to ron@ronaldrichards.com and 16 morani@ronaldrichards.com. Due to the limited scope of the Motion, the Trustee 17 anticipates that further document production(s) could be necessary and the Trustee, 18 therefore, reserve the right to serve additional document requests.

In addition, the Trustee requests that the Court order Benjamin Khakshour
to appear for examination, under oath, on July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time. In
light of anticipated continuation of office closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the
examination shall take place via "zoom.com" and the instructions for the zoom meeting
shall be provided to Khakshour no later than July 21, 2021, unless the Trustee, in her
sole discretion, designates another means of electronic examination.

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## **DECLARATION OF RONALD RICHARDS**

I, Ronald Richards, declare:

I am an individual over the age of eighteen, a principal of Law Offices
 of Ronald Richards & Associates, APC, and am duly admitted to practice before this
 Court. I am one of the attorneys principally responsible for the representation of Elissa D.
 Miller (the "Trustee"), the duly appointed, qualified, and acting chapter 7 trustee for the
 estate of the debtor Girardi Keese (the "Debtor") in this case. I have personal knowledge
 of the facts set forth below, and if called as a witness, could and would competently
 testify thereto under oath.

2. 10 I make this declaration in support of the "Notice of Motion and Motion 11 for Order Requiring Production of Documents Pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules 12 of Bankruptcy Procedure; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Declaration of Ronald 13 Richards in Support Thereof" (the "Motion"), pursuant to which the Trustee requests, 14 pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Local 15 Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1, an order directing Benjamin Khakshour ("Khakshour") to 16 produce the documents identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto (the "Requested 17 Documents") by no later than July 20, 2021, and that Khakshour appear for examination, 18 under oath, and that such examination take place on July 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., Pacific 19 Time. 20 [Remainder of page intentionally left blank]

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1	3. In accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 2004-1(a), prior to filing
2	the Motion, I conferred with Khakshour regarding the scope and nature of the proposed
3	Rule 2004 production of documents and examination. Specifically, on June 13, 2021, I
4	spoke with Khakshour who agreed to produce the requested documents and attend an
5	examination, but only after the Trustee first obtained an order of this Court.
6	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
7	America that the foregoing is true and correct.
8	Executed this 17th day of June, 2021.
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10	/s/ Ronald Richards
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EXHIBIT A				
INSTRUCTIONS				
1. You are instructed to produce the Requested Documents (as defined				
and described below) that are in your possession, custody or control, including, but not				
limited to, Requested Documents in the possession of your attorneys, accountants,				
bookkeepers, agents, and/or representatives. You are further instructed to produce the				
Requested Documents as they are kept in the usual course of business. In addition,				
Requested Documents are to be produced in their entirety; redacted Requested				
Documents will not constitute compliance with this request.				
2. If you contend that the contents of a Requested Document are				
protected from disclosure because of privilege or the work-product doctrine, you must				
supply a description of that Requested Document by providing the following information:				
A. Each privilege or doctrine which you contend protects the				
contents of that Requested Document from disclosure;				
B. Each fact upon which you rely to support your claim of				
privilege;				
C. The type of Requested Document (e.g., letter, memorandum,				
telegram, facsimile transmission, e-mail, computer database, notes, memorandum of				
telephone conversation, etc.);				
D. The date of the Requested Document or if it bears no date,				
the date on which it was prepared;				
E. The name of each author of the Requested Document;				
F. The name of each person to whom the Requested Document				
was directed;				
G. The name of each person who received or reviewed the				
Requested Document or to whom the Requested Document or a copy of it was supplied;				
and				
H. The general subject matter of the Requested Document.				
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1	3. In the event that any Requested Document described below has				
2	been destroyed, discarded, or otherwise disposed of (a "Disposal"), each such				
3	Requested Document is to be identified as completely as possible, including, without				
4	limitation, the following information:				
5	A. The type of Requested Document (e.g., letter, memorandum,				
6	telegram, facsimile transmission, e-mail, computer database, notes, memorandum of				
7	telephone conversation, etc.);				
8	B. The date of the Requested Document or, if it bears no date,				
9	the date on which it was prepared;				
10	C. The name of each author of the Requested Document;				
11	D. The name of each person to whom the Requested Document				
12	was directed;				
13	E. The name of each person who received or reviewed the				
14	Requested Document or to whom the Requested Document or a copy thereof was				
15	supplied;				
16	F. The general subject matter of the Requested Document;				
17	G. The date of Disposal;				
18	H. The manner of Disposal;				
19	I. The reasons for the Disposal;				
20	J. The name of the person who authorized the Disposal;				
21	K. The name of the person who disposed of the Requested				
22	Document;				
23	L. The name of the custodian of the Requested Document at the				
24	time of the Disposal.				
25	4. These requests are not limited as to time period unless so stated.				
26	DEFINITIONS				
27	The following definitions apply herein:				
28	A. The term "Case" shall mean that bankruptcy case styled <u>In re Girardi</u>				
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Keese, presently pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of
 California, Los Angeles Division, bearing Case No. 2:20-bk-21022-BR commenced on
 December 18, 2020.

B. The term "Claim" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 11 U.S.C. §
101(5).

6 C. The terms "Trustee" or "Miller" shall mean Elissa D. Miller, the duly
7 appointed, qualified, and acting chapter 7 trustee for the Debtor's estate.

8 D. The term "Creditor" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 11
9 U.S.C. § 101(10).

E The term "Communications" shall mean any transmission of
information from one person or entity to another by mail, facsimile, electronic mail, text
message, instant messaging, audio recordings, journals, diaries, logs, or calendars,
including (without limitation) any form of memorialization of personal meetings,
conferences, telephone conversations, radio, electronic mail, teleconference, etc.

15 F. The term "Debt" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in 11 U.S.C. §16 101(12).

17 G. The term "Involuntary Petition" shall mean that certain involuntary
18 chapter 7 petition styled <u>In re Girardi Keese</u>, presently pending in the United States
19 Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles Division, bearing Case No.
2:20-bk-21022-BR.

H. The term "Khakshour" shall mean Benjamin Khakshour, Justine
Freemen, both individually, and as husband and wife, and any of their respective
employees, affiliates, representatives, agents, attorneys, accountants, and all other
persons acting or purporting to act on their behalf.

I. The term "Erika" shall mean Erika Jayne aka Erika Girardi aka Erika
Chahoy, and any of their respective employees, affiliates, representatives, agents,
attorneys, accountants, and all other persons acting or purporting to act on her behalf.
J. The term "Petition Date" shall mean December 18, 2020, the date

**1** the Involuntary Petition was filed.

2 K. The terms "and" or "or" or "and/or" shall be construed either
3 disjunctively or conjunctively or both, as necessary, to bring within the scope of any
4 request for responses which might otherwise be construed to be outside the scope.

- L. The term "Contact Information" shall mean information upon which a
  person or entity may be reached via mail, telephone, facsimile, e-mail or in person or any
  other medium that is reasonable, and shall include without limitation, present and last
  known address(es), phone number(s), facsimile number(s), and e- mail address(es).
- 9 Μ. The terms "Document" or "Documents" shall mean and includes any 10 medium, including without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, 11 audio and video recordings, computerized records, such as e-mails, microfilm, 12 microfiche, data compilations, upon which intelligence or information can be recorded, 13 maintained or retrieved, including without limitation, the original or a copy thereof, 14 regardless of the origin and location, of any writing or recording of any type or 15 description, however produced or reproduced, which is in your or your representatives' 16 possession, custody or control, or to which you have or had access, or of which you have 17 knowledge or which you have a right or privilege to examine upon request or demand, 18 and includes any and all writings and recordings as the term is used in Rule 1001(1) of 19 the Federal Rules of Evidence and includes the original (or a copy if the original is not 20 available) and any nonidentical copies (whether different from the original because of 21 notes made on the copy or otherwise).

N. The terms "relate to", "refer to", "evidence", "concern", "pertain to"
and "pertaining to" shall mean mentioning, discussing, including, summarizing,
describing, reflecting, containing, referring to, relating to, depicting, connected with,
embodying, evidencing, constituting, concerning, reporting, purporting or involving an act,
occurrence, event, transaction, fact, thing, or course of dealing.

27 O. The term "you" or "your" shall mean Benjamin Khakshour, Justine
28 Freemen, both individually, and as husband and wife, and any of their respective

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employees, affiliates, representatives, agents, attorneys, accountants, and all other
 persons acting or purporting to act on their behalf. The term "Khakshour" shall be used
 interchangeably with the terms "you" or "your".

4 P. The singular form of a word should be interpreted as plural and the
5 plural should be interpreted as singular to give the word or words the broadest possible
6 meaning.

7 Q. The masculine gender of any word shall be construed to include the8 masculine, feminine, and neuter gender.

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## **REQUESTED DOCUMENTS**

10 1. All communications between you and Erika regarding the real
 11 property located at 117 S. Citrus Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90036, including, but
 12 not limited to, emails and text messages.

13 2. All lease(s) and/or rental agreement(s) between you and Erika for
14 the real property located at 117 S. Citrus Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90036.

15 3. All documents evidencing any payments you received from Erika, or
16 any third party on Erika's behalf, including, without limitation, copies of checks, cashier's
17 checks, money orders, wire transfers, or other forms of payment.

18 4. All receipts documenting any form of payment you received from19 Erika, or any third party on Erika's behalf.

5. All documents from any credit reporting agency regarding Erika.

21 6. All checks, cashier's checks, money orders, wire transfers, or other
22 forms of payment you received from Erika, or any third party on Erika's behalf, meant to
23 serve as a security deposit.

24 7. All documents referencing any rental application(s) you received
25 from Erika, or any third party on Erika's behalf.

26 8. All financial documents and/or financial statements you received
27 from Erika, or any third party on Erika's behalf.

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## **PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT**

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

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Noticed of Motion and motion for a 2004 exam

for Benjamin

will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. <u>TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)</u>: Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) June 18, 2021, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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#### 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (*date*) June 18, 2021, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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#### 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method

for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_\_, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.June 18, 2021Ronald Richards/s Ronald Richards

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