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Plaintiff, the CORE Litigation Trust ("Plaintiff" or the "Trust"), acting by through its duly appointed trustee Peter Kravitz (the "Trustee") and its attorneys of record, asserts this Civil Complaint against Defendants, which include the following Apollo-affiliated entities (collectively, "Apollo"): (i) Apollo Global Management, LLC; Apollo Global Securities, LLC; Apollo Management Holdings GP; LLC; Apollo Management Holdings, L.P.; Apollo Management GP, LLC; and Apollo Management, L.P. (together, "Apollo Management"); (ii) Apollo CORE Holdings GP, LLC and Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. (the "Former CORE Equity Holders"); (iii) Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC and Apollo Advisors VII, L.P. (together, the "Fund VII Funds General Partners"); and (iv) Apollo Investment Fund VII, L.P.; Apollo Overseas Partners VII, L.P.; Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware), L.P.; Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware 892), L.P.; and Apollo Investment Fund (PB) VII, L.P. (together, the "Fund VII <u>Funds</u>"). The Trust, acting by and through its duly appointed Trustee and its attorneys of record further asserts this Civil Complaint against Defendants MediArena Holding, B.V. ("MediArena"); AP NMT Cooperatief U.A. ("AP Coop"); AP NMT JV NewCo B.V. (d/b/a Endemol Shine Group) (the "Joint Venture"); Endemol Shine North America ("Endemol/Shine U.S."); Endemol USA Holding, Inc. ("Endemol"); Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. and 21st Century Fox Europe and Asia, Inc. (together, "Fox"); and Doe Defendants 1-100.

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This is a case about Defendants intentionally interfering with the bargained-for contractual rights of lenders, who were owed \$360 million by CORE Media, Inc. ("CORE Media") and its affiliates (collectively, "CORE"). Through the formation of a joint venture that obtained ownership and control of CORE, the Defendants induced CORE to breach its loan agreements, and disrupted CORE's performance of the loan agreements. The Defendants' conduct caused a change of control of CORE and caused a combination of CORE with other entities, without CORE's lenders either being paid in full or having the loan liabilities assumed, in knowing violation of the loan agreements. CORE's lenders suffered damaged by this conduct because the Defendants prevented CORE from fully performing on its loan obligations. Plaintiff,

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which is a trust formed for the benefit of CORE's creditors and which holds the claims of lenders to CORE, now seeks redress against the Defendants' intentional interference.

- 2. CORE was acquired in 2011 through a highly leveraged buyout by private equity company Apollo. When CORE became distressed, Apollo—as it has been known to do in other cases—engineered a series of complex transactions to exit CORE and avoid liability for the substantial debt that it had caused CORE to incur. Working together with the other Defendants in this case, Apollo set up an elaborate "joint venture" arrangement designed to strip CORE of its remaining cash, transfer CORE's corporate opportunities to its competitors, and ultimately leave CORE to default on its obligations to its lenders.
- 3. CORE Media is an entertainment company headquartered in Los Angeles, California. CORE Media produced American Idol and continues to produce and develop So You Think You Can Dance, as well as scripted and unscripted television programs. At all relevant times, CORE Media's media and production assets—which are at the center of this case—maintained a significant nexus with Los Angeles, California, where those assets are ultimately translated into entertainment content that is distributed worldwide.
- 4. In 2011, Apollo acquired CORE Media's corporate parent in a highly-leveraged deal for \$510 million financed by a short-term bridge loan. The short-term bridge loan used by Apollo to acquire CORE was quickly refinanced, pursuant to two new lending agreements totaling \$360 million, which required CORE to (1) repay the lenders if CORE underwent a change in control; and (2) only engage in mergers or business combinations if the newly-formed entity agreed to assume the obligation on the loans. The lenders imposed these restrictions on Apollo to ensure that Apollo had "skin in the game," and would not be able to effectively take value away from CORE, or enjoy an exit event, in ways that would disrupt the lenders' ability to be repaid by CORE under the lending agreements.
- 5. Despite the restrictions in the loan agreements on CORE's ability to combine with other entities or undergo changes in control Apollo caused CORE to undertake, and be subject to, multiple complex arrangements designed to benefit Apollo's equity position to the detriment of

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the lenders. These arrangements ultimately resulted in changes in control of CORE, as well as a business combination with (1) Shine USA Holdings Inc. ("Shine"), a subsidiary of Defendants Twenty-First Century, Inc. and 21st Century Fox Europe and Asia, Inc. (together "Fox"); and (2) Apollo's other media investment Endemol (a competing business to CORE which Apollo had taken control of in early 2014). Yet, Apollo failed to cause CORE to repay the loans owing to the lenders or provide for the entities with which CORE was combined to assume the obligations owing to the lenders. Apollo orchestrated this scheme in an effort to monetize its investment in CORE while keeping CORE's lenders from Apollo's interests in Endemol and Shine.

- 6. When it acquired the stock of CORE in 2011, Apollo made sure to have the power to appoint a majority of the directors of CORE Holdings so that, through its voting power, it could control management and the business decisions of CORE Media. Apollo also arranged for Apollo Management to have a lucrative contract with CORE to provide so-called "management" services to CORE, even though CORE already had senior officers. From 2011 through the first half of 2014, Apollo caused CORE Media to pay Apollo over \$5 million for such "management" services.
- 7. But Apollo's bet that American Idol would create substantial profits for Apollo did not work out as originally planned. Apollo acquired CORE at the height of American Idol's success and thus paid a premium for the stock. But, by 2012, American Idol's ratings began to slip, and Apollo began to search for ways to siphon value away from CORE and use CORE to prop up the value of its other investments, all at the expense of CORE's lenders.
- 8. Unfortunately, history has since shown that Apollo is willing to bend and break the rules to engineer escapes from unfavorable financing positions, leaving its acquisition targets to succumb to bankruptcy while creditors are left holding the bag. In one notable example, the Examiner who was appointed by Court-order in the bankruptcy case involving Caesars Entertainment found that Apollo had likely orchestrated fraudulent transfers and breached fiduciary duties through a corporate shell game designed to prejudice lenders. In re Caesars Entertainment Operating Co., Inc. et al., Case No. 1: 15-bk-01145, dkt 3401 at 3 (Bankr. N.D.

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Ill.). The Examiner's report notes that Apollo had improperly "removed" assets to the detriment of creditors, treating the debtor "as if it was a solvent 100% owned subsidiary when the reality, confirmed in much of the contemporaneous analyses they themselves created, was very different." In doing so, concluded the Examiner, Apollo had improperly assumed it could negotiate resolutions for its financially distressed affiliates "without the need to pay adequate attention to the requirements associated with being fiduciaries of an insolvent entity." *Id.* at 4, 5. The Apollo head of the Caesar's deal proudly announced—in an article about the Caesar's debacle—that "I'll never shy away from financial engineering." (*See* <a href="http://fortune.com/2015/06/05/caesars-losing-las-vegas/">http://fortune.com/2015/06/05/caesars-losing-las-vegas/</a>.)

- 9. The same pattern holds here. Apollo and its affiliated Defendants, with Fox's participation, engaged in a scheme to evade CORE's obligations to its lenders involving dozens of steps undertaken through nearly all of 2014 (some directly involved CORE, while others involved third parties). At the center of the scheme, Apollo did two things.
- 10. One, it forced CORE to enter into a "Shared Services Agreement" with Defendant Endemol (controlled by Apollo), which even an Apollo senior partner (who sat on the board of CORE and Endemol) described as an "operational merger" between CORE and Endemol. Apollo's lawyers—who were often the same as CORE's lawyers—prepared talking points saying that CORE would be "effectively operated as a subsidiary of Endemol" under this arrangement. Ultimately, this agreement had no benefit to CORE other than to pave the way for CORE to consolidate with Endemol and Shine.
- 11. Two, Apollo contributed 100% of the equity in CORE and Endemol to what was called a "joint venture" with Fox, with Fox contributing its stake in Shine. Specifically, on December 12, 2014, the joint venture was consummated in the form of newly created entity AP NMT JV NewCo B.V. (d/b/a Endemol Shine Group) (the "Joint Venture"). This move resulted in a combination or amalgamation of CORE Media with Endemol and Shine. Indeed, the European Union Commission on Competition found that Apollo and Fox "entered into an agreement with the purpose of combining their respective businesses in the production and

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distribution of audio-visual content . . . ." (emphasis added).\textsup The Commission further found that the joint venture between Apollo and Fox would "conduct the business previously conducted by . . . CORE Media." Even an Apollo executive admitted that the joint venture was combining Core and Endemol with Shine.

- 12. On information and belief, the joint venture also resulted in Apollo ceding majority control over CORE. The loan agreements prohibited any person other than Apollo from having majority voting power. The joint venture did acquire such majority voting power. Moreover, on information and belief, Fox acquired majority voting power over CORE through a management committee for the joint venture that Fox controlled.
- 13. In order to successfully execute its scheme, on information and belief, Apollo used an inflated valuation of CORE Media (even though by 2014 CORE Media was almost assuredly insolvent) so that, when combined with the Endemol equity it was contributing, Apollo would end up with 50% of the ownership of the Joint Venture plus receive substantial cash distributions.
- 14. Understanding the risk that lenders would discover the true nature of these transactions and their impact on the lending agreements, Apollo undertook steps to conceal and mislead as to the substance and nature of the transactions.
- 15. First, Apollo caused the transactions to have different labels than their substance. The transaction referred to as a "Shared Services Agreement" was discussed by Apollo insiders as a "merger," and Apollo's lawyers referenced CORE becoming a "subsidiary" of Endemol.
- 16. Second, Apollo caused CORE to change basic corporate governance practices to permit the corporate moves necessary for the scheme to occur outside the view of CORE's full board. Throughout 2014, Apollo caused CORE to suspend full board of directors' meetings, thereby eliminating scrutiny from non-Apollo directors, and eliminating minutes of board meetings.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commission Decision Pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation No 139/20041 (Case M.7360).

- 17. Third, Apollo portrayed the "Joint Venture" as a 50/50 deal, even though the operative corporate documents, on information and belief, involved the non-Apollo half of the combination having control over the management committee that would operate the entity.
- 18. Fourth, Apollo refused to even provide CORE management with complete versions of the business combination documents. If CORE had such documents, it would mean the lenders would be more likely to be able to see the documents. Apollo thus rejected requests from CORE management to see the documents.
- 19. Apollo fully understood CORE's pre-existing obligations to its lenders at the time Apollo orchestrated these machinations. Apollo understood that the transactions would cause CORE to breach the lending agreements, would materially impair CORE's ability to repay its significant debts, and would undermine the collateral and guarantee rights of CORE's lenders. Indeed, these were Apollo's goals.
- 20. On information and belief, Fox also had knowledge of CORE's obligations under the FLTLA and the SLTLA (and the terms thereof) by virtue of the due diligence it conducted. Fox knew that the Joint Venture would not be assuming CORE's loan liabilities and knew that the Joint Venture would control 100% of the voting power of CORE's voting stock. Fox had incentive to have CORE breach its agreements with the lenders, as it wanted to avoid having the Joint Venture be saddled with the debt owed by CORE.
- 21. Predictably, Apollo's scheming resulted in the continued deterioration of CORE's financial state. Mere months after the consummation of the Joint Venture, CORE began receiving notices of default under the FLTLA and the SLTLA, and began to miss required interest payments. CORE spent most of 2015 and early 2016 negotiating with its lenders to restructure CORE's debt, resulting in a restructuring support agreement entered into in April 2016 that contemplated a bankruptcy filing, On April 28, 2016, CORE Media and various of its affiliates filed chapter 11 petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Cases"). In that bankruptcy, CORE's lenders received a fraction of what they were owed.

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#### **PARTIES**

- 22. Plaintiff, the CORE Litigation Trust ("Plaintiff" or the "Trust"), is a litigation trust created and formed under the laws of the State of New York by the October 13, 2016 Litigation Trust Agreement. Peter Kravitz was appointed and serves as the Trustee. The Trust beneficiaries are listed at Exhibit A of the Litigation Trust Agreement, several of whom are California residents or are headquartered in California. The Trust is the assignee of the claims of CORE's lenders against Defendants.
- 23. Defendant Apollo Global Management, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal executive offices located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019. On information and belief, Apollo Global Management is the organization at the top of the Apollo empire, and maintains an office at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 510 N. Los Angeles, CA 90067, through which it conducts business in California. Several of the directors of CORE Holdings appointed by Apollo are Apollo senior partners and advisors.
- 24. Defendant Apollo Global Securities, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive office located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019.
- 25. Defendant Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive office located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019.
- 26. Defendant Apollo Management Holdings, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive office located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019. The general partner of Apollo Management Holdings, L.P. is Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC.
- 27. Defendant Apollo Management GP, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive office located at Two Manhattanville Road, Suite 203, Purchase, NY 10577.
  - 28. Defendant Apollo Management, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on

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information and belief, maintains a principal executive office located at Two Manhattanville Road,
Suite 203, Purchase, NY 10577. The general partner of Apollo Management, L.P. is Apollo
Management GP, LLC.

- 29. Defendant Apollo CORE Holdings GP, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive offices located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019.
- 30. Defendant Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive offices located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019. The general partner of Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. is Apollo CORE Holdings GP, LLC.
- 31. Defendant Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive office located at Two Manhattanville Road, Suite 203, Purchase, NY 10577.
- 32. Defendant Apollo Advisors VII, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive office located at One Manhattanville Road, Suite 203, Purchase, NY 10577. The general partner of Apollo Advisors VII, L.P. is Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC.
- 33. Defendant Apollo Investment Fund VII, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive offices located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019. The general partners of Apollo Investment Fund VII, L.P. are Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC and Apollo Advisors VII, L.P.
- 34. Defendant Apollo Overseas Partners VII, L.P. is a Cayman Islands limited partnership and, on information belief, maintains a principal executive offices located at One Manhattanville Road, Suite 203, Purchase, NY 10577. The general partners of Apollo Overseas Partners VII, L.P. are Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC and Apollo Advisors VII, L.P.
- 35. Defendant Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware), L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on information belief, maintains a principal executive office located at One

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1 | Manhattanville Road, Suite 203, Purchase, NY 10577. The general partners of Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware), L.P. are Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC and Apollo Advisors VII, L.P.

- 36. Defendant Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware 892), L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on information and belief, maintains a principal executive offices located at 9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor, New York, New York 10019. The general partners of Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware 892), L.P. are Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC and Apollo Advisors VII, L.P.
- 37. Defendant Apollo Investment Fund (PB) VII, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership and, on information belief, maintains a principal executive offices located at One Manhattanville Road, Suite 203, Purchase, NY 10577. The general partners of Apollo Investment Fund (PB) VII, L.P. are Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC and Apollo Advisors VII, L.P.
- 38. Defendant MediArena Holding B.V. ("MediArena") is a Dutch B.V. and, on information and belief, maintains a principal place of business in the Netherlands.
- 39. Defendant AP NMT Cooperatief U.A. ("AP Coop") is a Dutch U.A. and, on information and belief, maintains a principal place of business in the Netherlands.
- 40. Defendant AP NMT JV NewCo B.V. (d/b/a Endemol Shine Group) (the "Joint Venture") is a Dutch B.V. and, on information and belief, maintains a principal place of business in the Netherlands.
- 41. On information and belief, Defendant Endemol Shine North America ("Endemol/Shine U.S.") is a fictitious name of the North American subsidiary of the Joint Venture. The Trust currently lacks knowledge of the true name and organizational structure of the entity doing business as Endemol Shine North America. However, on information and belief, Endemol/Shine U.S. maintains a principal place of business at 5161 Lankershim Blvd, Suite 400, North Hollywood, CA, USA, 91601.
  - 42. Defendant Endemol USA Holding, Inc. ("Endemol") is a Delaware corporation

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and, on information and belief, maintains a principal place of business at 9255 W. Sunset Blvd. #1100, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

- 43. Defendant Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. is a Delaware corporation and, on information and belief, maintains a principal place of business at 1211 Avenue of Americas 8th Floor, New York, NY 10036. On information and belief Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. also operates an office at 2121 Avenue of The Stars, Suite 1100, Los Angeles, CA 90067.
- 44. Defendant 21st Century Fox Europe and Asia, Inc. (together, with Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc., "Fox") is a Delaware corporation and, on information and belief, maintains a principal place of business at 1211 Avenue of Americas 8th Floor, New York, NY 10036.
- 45. The Trust is ignorant of the true names or capacities of the Defendants sued herein under the fictitious names Doe 1-100 inclusive. Such Defendants are legally responsible for the events and happenings described herein and for the damages proximately caused thereby. The Trust will seek leave of Court to amend this complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of such Defendants and allegations pertaining thereto when such information has been ascertained.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 46. This Court has jurisdiction over all of the Apollo-affiliated Defendants, MediArena, AP Coop, the Joint Venture, and Fox pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 410.10 because each regularly does or solicits business within the State of California, each has committed tortious acts within the State of California causing injury to person(s) within the State of California, and each has expected or reasonably should have expected that its acts would have consequences within the State of California.
- 47. This Court has jurisdiction over Endemol and Endemol/Shine U.S. pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 410.10 because each maintains a principal place of business within the State of California.
- 48. Venue is proper is this court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure sections 395 and 395.5.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 49. At all relevant times, CORE Entertainment Holdings, Inc. ("CORE Holdings") owned the stock of CORE Entertainment, Inc. (f/k/a CKx Entertainment, Inc.) ("CORE Entertainment" or the "Borrower"), which in turned owned its U.S. operating subsidiary, CORE Media Group Inc. (f/k/a "CKx, Inc.") ("CORE Media"), a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Los Angeles, California. During all relevant times, CORE Media, CORE Entertainment, and CORE Holdings (together, "CORE") had overlapping management and control and a substantial unity of interest. The vast majority of CORE's day-to-day business decisions are made in Los Angeles, and its President has worked from CORE's Los Angeles office. CORE Holdings' directors have listed CORE's Los Angeles office as their mailing address.
- CORE is the holder of intellectual property rights in television and other 50. entertainment media. Prior to 2012, CORE's primary business was to generate revenue from licensing and managing its intellectual property through various subsidiaries and affiliates. During the relevant time, CORE's significant assets included the rights to the popular television series American Idol and So You Think You Can Dance, which were owned and produced in Los Angeles, California.
- 51. CORE also owned, prior to 2014, (i) Elvis Presley Enterprises ("ESE"), the 85% owner of the name, image, and likeness of Elvis Presley, certain music and other intellectual property created by Elvis Presley, and the operations of the "Graceland" attraction; and (ii) Muhammad Ali Enterprises ("MAE"), the 80% owner of the name, image, and likeness of Muhammad Ali, as well as related trademarks and other intellectual property.<sup>2</sup>

#### The June 2011 Acquisition Of CORE By Apollo

52. On June 21, 2011, Apollo acquired control of CORE (at that time CORE Media being a publicly traded company called CKx, Inc.) through a tender-offer and merger effectuated by Defendants Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. and Apollo Investment Fund VII, L.P. The

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In late 2013, at Apollo's direction, CORE sold these assets for approximately \$115 million in cash, placing the cash in an unrestricted subsidiary of CORE.

transaction yielded CKx, Inc.'s shareholders \$5.50 per share and was priced in excess of \$500 million. The purchase was a leveraged buy-out and was financed in-part by a \$360 million bridge loan facility that was set to mature on June 21, 2012.

The December 2011 Loan Agreements

53. In December 2011, Apollo re-financed \$360 million of the acquisition price of CORE through two rounds of secured financing. First, Apollo caused CORE Entertainment to enter into a First Lien Term Loan Agreement (together with associated guarantees and collateral

53. In December 2011, Apollo re-financed \$360 million of the acquisition price of CORE through two rounds of secured financing. First, Apollo caused CORE Entertainment to enter into a First Lien Term Loan Agreement (together with associated guarantees and collateral agreements, the "FLTLA") dated December 9, 2011 that allowed CORE Entertainment to borrow an aggregate principal amount of \$200 million from lenders ("First Lien Lenders"). Under the terms of the FLTLA, as long as CORE had not defaulted and the loans had not accelerated, no principal payments would come due until the maturity date of June 21, 2017.

- 54. Pursuant to a collateral agreement, CORE's obligations under the FLTLA were secured by substantially all of the assets of CORE and its subsidiaries. Further, CORE Holdings, CORE Media, and certain other CORE subsidiaries guaranteed the obligations of CORE Entertainment pursuant to a master guarantee agreement.
- 55. Second, also on December 9, 2011, Apollo caused CORE Entertainment to enter into a Second Lien Term Loan Agreement (together with associated guarantees and collateral agreements, the "SLTLA") to borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$160 million from lenders ("Second Lien Lenders"). Again, no principal payments would come due on loans extended under the SLTLA agreement until the maturity date on June 21, 2018, as long as CORE had not defaulted and the loans had not accelerated. The SLTLA was secured by second priority liens upon and security interests in the same collateral securing the obligations of the FLTLA and was similarly guaranteed by CORE Holdings, CORE Media, and certain other CORE subsidiaries.
- 56. The FLTLA and SLTLA each contain critical provisions intended to protect the lenders in the event of a corporate restructuring by CORE and/or its affiliates or an attempted exit by Apollo. For example, in each loan agreement is a provision (section 6.05(a)(i)) (the "Successor Obligor Clause") that expressly stated that CORE Entertainment "will not directly, or

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indirectly, consolidate, amalgamate or merge with or into or wind up or convert into (whether or not [CORE Entertainment] is the surviving Person), or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets in one or more related transactions" unless the resulting entity (the "Successor") "expressly assumes all the obligations of [CORE Entertainment] under this Agreement . . . ." The Successor Obligor Clause is quoted in full at Appendix A of this Complaint.

- 57. A separate provision in each loan agreement (section 2.08(f)) (hereafter referred to as the "Change of Control Clause") stated that "in the event that a Change of Control occurs, the Borrower shall within 30 days following such Change of Control, . . . prepay all outstanding Loans and, concurrently with such prepayment, pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Lenders, a prepayment premium equal to 1% of the principal amount of all outstanding Loans prepaid, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of prepayment." A "Change of Control" was defined to include an "acquisition by any Person or group . . . other than any of the Permitted Holders, in a single transaction or in a related series of transactions, by way of merger, consolidation, amalgamation, or other business combination or purchase of beneficial ownership . . . of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Borrower." The Change of Control Clause is quoted in full at Appendix A of this Complaint.
- 58. The Successor Obligor and Change of Control Clauses were necessary to protect the lenders against the equity holders (specifically, Apollo and its affiliates) walking away from their investments in CORE by cashing out or merging with new entities, and to ensure that if CORE was consolidated with or merged into another enterprise, that enterprise would assume the obligations to the Lenders.
- 59. According to the Wall Street Journal, "Apollo has a reputation for using aggressive tactics" when its investments become distressed and it may not be able to dispose of its investments at a profit. Indeed, Apollo is notorious for engaging in aggressive schemes to buy time in order to siphon value from investments, with creditors being left less than whole. One Forbes article concerning Apollo's ownership of Caesar's Entertainment discussed the "Apollo

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way" and a series of 50 "mind-numbingly complex" transactions designed so that Apollo would "lose as little as possible," notwithstanding Caesar's fall into bankruptcy. As reported in the Wall Street Journal ("WSJ") on April 30, 2015, Apollo has, in recent years, developed a reputation for causing companies it purchases through leveraged buyouts to take actions that benefit Apollo while destroying or severely damaging the company, leaving lenders unpaid. "Apollo's tactics have angered some creditors of the companies it owns [and] . . . could potentially scare off the big investors who buy the debt that fuels Apollo's deals." The WSJ noted, for example, that investors who "bought up [debt relating to Apollo-owned Caesars Entertainment Corp.] at a discount, have bristled at Apollo's tactics" and have "sued Apollo over its restructuring of Caesars," alleging that "Apollo engineered sales of some of the casino chain's most valuable properties . . . [leaving] holders of \$18.4 billion in debt ... with claims on far fewer assets."

#### Apollo Begins Planning To Strategically Merge CORE With Other Media Entities

- 60. American Idol was showing signs of declining ratings in 2012. Apollo's solution was to effectuate a strategic merger of CORE in which Apollo would be willing to cede control of CORE, even though the FLTLA and SLTLA which both prohibit mergers/consolidations/amalgamations or changes in control (absent the successor assuming CORE's liabilities). The steps leading up to the merger took several years.
- 61. During the first quarter of calendar year 2012, Apollo had acquired a major equity interest in Endemol's Dutch parent company as part of a debt restructuring. This transaction gave Apollo indirect control of Endemol's worldwide business, which included the distribution of popular U.S. television franchises *Big Brother*, *Fear Factor*, *Deal or No Deal*, and *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. As early as 2012, on information and belief, Apollo intended to use its control over Endemol to merge it with CORE and, Apollo hoped, Fox's Shine Group.
- 62. In preparation for its planned "merger" with Endemol, Apollo began undertaking a fundamental shift in CORE's business strategy. Although at this time CORE derived approximately 91% of its EBITDA from its portfolio of intellectual property, Apollo began

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causing CORE to shift its focus from managing these stable and consistent revenue streams towards new and potentially riskier business strategies. On information and belief, by directing CORE to engage more in content-driven development projects, Apollo could more easily convince Endemol (and, ultimately, Fox) to combine CORE with these entities, thus making Apollo's combined investment in CORE and Endemol even more valuable.

- 63. On July 17, 2012, CORE acquired a 100% ownership interest in Sharp Entertainment, LLC, a leading reality television production company. Publicly available information regarding the Sharp transaction states that the acquisition provided CORE with "the ability develop and produce programming from scratch." (See http://variety.com/2012/tv/news/core-media-acquires-sharp-reality-shop-1118056936/.) Apollo helped finance the Sharp transaction by purportedly lending CORE \$15 million, as evidenced by a promissory note which is now held by Defendant MediArena (the "MediArena Note").
- 64. During this period CORE also entered into several new partnerships and joint ventures to develop and produce content, and established CORE TV for internal development of new content and production of television programs.

## 16 Apollo And The Other Defendants Effectuate A Merger And Change of Control, Thereby Interfering With The Rights Of CORE's Creditors

- 65. Ratings and viewership for American Idol declined significantly in 2012 and 2013 as compared to when Apollo had acquired CORE. Though American Idol remained one of the highest rated shows, by 2013, on information and belief, Apollo grew concerned that it would not be able to exit CORE at a profit, and instead all of the value of CORE's enterprise would go to creditors. Indeed, by early 2014, CORE was very likely insolvent because its enterprise value did not exceed \$360 million. It is not surprising that in June 2014 one of CORE's directors, an Apollo partner, described CORE's loans as "distressed."
- 66. Apollo thus executed a scheme to siphon value away from CORE's creditors and use CORE to position Apollo to make its investment in Endemol more valuable. identified Fox as a likely candidate, given its ownership of Shine and its interest in American Idol.

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On information and belief, in October 2012, Apollo and Fox entered into a confidentiality agreement to consider a merger of the businesses, but the merger did not immediately occur.

- 67. Apollo's first step to position CORE to be combined with Endemol and possibly Shine was to free up cash at CORE. In late 2013 Apollo caused CORE to sell its interests in EPE and MAE for approximately \$115 million. Ostensibly, the reason for the sale was to generate cash that CORE could use to acquire a stake in a planned merger with Endemol, but in reality Apollo refused to permit CORE to invest in Endemol, distribute the cash to the lenders, or otherwise re-invest the proceeds. Instead, the cash remained at CORE, earning very little interest and being whittled down to pay operating expenses. It was commercially unreasonable to do nothing with these cash proceeds.
- 68. On information and belief, Apollo also realized that its strategy could be interfered with by holders of CORE's preferred equity shares, management, and CORE's creditors. Thus, beginning in 2014, Apollo caused CORE Holdings to cease conducting board meetings. All through 2014, any corporate actions were conducted by an executive committee made up solely of Apollo designees, with no known minutes of such meetings. This way, Apollo could operate in secret.
- 69. On information and belief, Apollo and Fox negotiated in February 2014 a binding framework pursuant to which CORE, Endemol, and Shine would be combined into a single, integrated business owned by Apollo and Fox forming the Joint Venture. On information and belief, the framework contemplated:
  - Apollo would acquire a 100% interest in Endemol;
  - CORE's equity would be valued at approximately \$273 million, which was undoubtedly overvalued;
  - Apollo would contribute all of its equity interests in CORE and Endemol to the
     Joint Venture, and Fox would contribute its equity in Shine;
  - The Joint Venture would form a new subsidiary into which it would contribute the equity of Endemol;

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- After accounting for transaction fees and working capital needs of Endemol,
   Apollo would receive excess cash from the Joint Venture; and
- Because of the (inflated) value placed on CORE, Apollo was expected to receive up to \$175 million from Fox on account of the CORE and Endemol equity it was contributing to the Joint Venture.
- 70. On information and belief, the framework further contemplated that Apollo and Fox would own the Joint Venture 50%/50%, with each being able to appoint three directors. However, the framework also contemplated that any matters submitted for the board required four votes (which meant that Apollo no longer had majority voting power, and Fox had the power to veto matters even if all three of Apollo's appointed directors supported them).
- 71. On information and belief, the framework also contained provisions permitting Fox to force Apollo to sell its equity in the Joint Venture or to block a sale of equity of the Joint Venture.
- 72. On information and belief, the framework further contemplated the formation of a management committee of three individuals, two of which would be appointed by Fox. The Joint Venture management committee would oversee the day-to-day operations of the business of the Joint Venture and would have the exclusive right to nominate the CEO and CFO of the Joint Venture. Thus, the framework anticipated that Fox would have majority voting power of the businesses.
- 73. Consistent with the framework, in 2014 Apollo acquired a controlling interest in Endemol. Then, after both Apollo and Fox had conducted requisite due diligence, the parties undertook the next steps to combine the companies without the Joint Venture assuming the obligations owing to CORE's lenders. One step was to cause Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P., which had owned all of the equity in CORE and also held the MediArena Note, to assign on or about May 12, 2014, the MediArena Note to AP Coop, which then assigned the note to MediArena.

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- 74. In June 2014, one of Apollo's CORE directors, Aaron Stone, told the then-President of CORE Media, Marc Graboff, that CORE's capital structure was "challenged," CORE's debt was "distressed" (thus implying CORE was insolvent), and that Apollo planned to cause CORE to engage in a "full operational merger" with Endemol. Stone laid out how the plan would first have Core and Endemol join, and then how Endemol and Shine would combine later.
- 75. In August 2014, Apollo formally began its steps for combining CORE with Endemol (and, eventually, Shine) by causing the company to enter into the Shared Services Agreement with Endemol. Under the terms of the Shared Services Agreement CORE became obligated to accept certain "back office" service rendered by Endemol, but in reality the Shared Service Agreement was designed to allow Endemol to absorb CORE's operations and obtain access to CORE's key personnel and information.
- 76. Not only did Apollo cause Endemol to absorb the administrative functions of CORE, it caused CORE to pay Endemol (in the form of an Administrative Fee and Cost Reduction Payments) for absorbing such services, which also resulted in a substantial transfer of CORE's cash to Endemol. The Administrative Fee was a \$2 million annual fee that was to be paid by CORE to Endemol in advance in quarterly installments. Further, CORE was required to make advance, quarterly Cost Reduction Payments, which were 50% of the amount that Endemol estimated its services would purportedly save CORE in the coming quarter. If Endemol determined at the end of a quarter that its services had saved CORE more money than initially estimated, CORE was required to make a "True-Up" payment to account for such savings. Any objections by CORE to amounts due under the Services Agreement were to be conclusively determined by a "Steering Committee" comprised of Endemol and CORE executives controlled by Apollo.
- 77. On information and belief, the Shared Services Agreement was approved by the Executive Committee controlled by Apollo—not a full board of CORE—that Apollo had instituted for corporate action in 2014. On information and belief, Apollo caused its attorneys to prepare talking points that were delivered to CORE Media personnel, which described the

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arrangement under which CORE would "be operated effectively as a subsidiary of Endemol USA."

- 78. On information and belief, under the Shared Services Agreement, management of Endemol oversaw CORE's operations. As a result, then-President of CORE Media, Marc Graboff, exercised a right to terminate his employment agreement for good cause because his agreement did not permit CORE to force Mr. Graboff to report to any senior executives, and the combination of CORE with Endemol and Shine meant that Mr. Graboff would be reporting to a more senior officer.
- 79. Having caused CORE to sign the Shared Services Agreement, Apollo's next step was to obtain regulatory approval of the combination, given possible antitrust/anti-competition concerns that would be raised by such a combination. In one instance, in early September 2014, Apollo and Fox provided notification to the European Union. On September 10, 2014, the European Union published its "Commission Decision Pursuant to Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation No 139/20041 (Case M.7360)" (the "EU Opinion").
- 80. In the EU Opinion, the Commission observes that Fox and Apollo "entered into an agreement with the purpose of combining their respective businesses in the production and distribution of audio-visual content . . . ." The Commission further finds that the agreement calls for the joint venture to "have its own management dedicated to the day-to-day operations and access to sufficient resources. *It will conduct the business previously conducted by each of Endemol, CORE Media and Shine*, which involves operating an *integrated, standalone business* beyond one specific function for 21st Century Fox and Apollo." (Emphasis added). Thus, the Commission concludes, "the proposed transaction constitutes a concentration within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) and 3(4) of the Merger Regulation."
- 81. Notably, Apollo and Fox hid certain details from public view, convincing the Commission not to publicize the Joint Venture's equity ownership, power to appoint directors, or other control attributes. Press releases and media communications were carefully scripted by Apollo's lawyers (who were also CORE's lawyers) to avoid using the word "merger," but

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1 || internally Apollo continued to refer to the transaction as combining CORE with Endemol and Shine.

- 82. The last steps were to finalize documentation and formally consummate the combination of CORE, Endemol, and Shine. On information and belief, a "Business Combination Agreement" between AP Coop, Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P., and Fox was executed on or about October 9, 2014, which again was hidden from CORE and its creditors. On information and belief, the Business Combination Agreement specified the disclosures (including the CORE loan agreements) and obligations of the respective parties from the date of the agreement until the closing of the Joint Venture.
- 83. The actual formation, and last step, of the Joint Venture occurred on or about December 12, 2014. That day, on information and belief, Apollo and Fox executed numerous agreements with each other, and Apollo executed several agreements among its various entities, to consummate the Joint Venture transaction. One such document was a so-called "Contribution Agreement," which governed the way the Apollo Defendants arranged among themselves contribution of CORE's stock to the Joint Venture and receipt of cash from Fox. The Contribution Agreement was signed by Aaron Stone, an Apollo senior partner who sat on the board of CORE, on behalf of AP Coop, with a different Apollo executive signing on behalf of multiple Apollo Defendants.
- 84. At a high level, the Apollo Management Defendants caused the Former CORE Equity Holders (Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. and its general partner Apollo CORE Holdings GP, LLC) to transfer 100% of their equity interest in CORE Holdings to a newly created Apollo entity, AP Coop. This transfer involved a complex, multi-step process whereby the equity flowed through more than a dozen Apollo entities. First, Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. transferred to each of the Fund VII Funds—holders of the limited partnership interest in CORE Holdings, L.P. (i.e., the former beneficial owners of the CORE Holdings equity)—a number of CORE Holdings shares corresponding to their limited partnership interest. The Fund VII Funds General Partners then caused the Fund VII Funds to transfer the shares of CORE Holdings through a web of Apollo

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entities until they were ultimately assigned to AP Coop. In exchange, each of the Apollo entities involved in the Contribution Agreement was given Membership Rights in AP Coop. On information and belief, AP Coop then assigned substantially all of the shares of CORE Holdings to the Joint Venture.

- 85. To this day, Apollo has ensured that the final Joint Venture documentation, including the Business Combination Agreement and the Joint Venture governance documents, are not publically available. Additionally, CORE was never provided such documents. But according to the December 12, 2014 Contribution Agreement among many of the Apollo entities, including the Apollo Defendants, at least tens of millions of dollars, and possibly as much as \$200 million, were paid to Apollo from a so-called Fox Closing Payment and a Closing Cross-Purchase Amount payment.
- 86. In January 2015, Fox appointed at least three members to CORE Holdings' board.
  Thereafter, board meetings resumed and board minutes were recorded.
- 87. Leading up to and at the time of the Joint Venture, all Defendants were aware of the FLTLA and the SLTLA, as well as the Successor Obligor Clauses and Change of Control Clauses therein, which would prohibit CORE from combining with Endemol and/or Shine unless the combined entity assumed CORE's obligations to its creditors. All Defendants were also aware that the FLTLA and the SLTLA required that CORE pay principal, accrued interest, and any applicable prepayment penalties to the First Lien Lenders and the Second Lien Lenders when due.
- 88. On information and belief, Fox had knowledge of the FLTLA and the SLTLA (and the terms thereof) by virtue of the due diligence it conducted and, despite the terms of the FLTLA and the SLTLA, knew that the Joint Venture would not be assuming CORE's loan liabilities and knew that the Joint Venture would control 100% of the voting power of CORE's voting stock. Fox had incentive to have CORE breach its agreements with the lenders, as it wanted to avoid having the Joint Venture be saddled with the debt owed by CORE.

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89. As set forth below, the actions of the Defendants impaired the ability of CORE to

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perform under the FLTLA and the SLTLA, disrupted the contractual rights and protections of the First Lien Lenders and the Second Lien Lenders, and directly and proximately caused defaults and breaches of the FLTLA and SLTLA.

## The Shared Services Agreement And Joint Venture Breached The Successor Obligor Clauses.

- 90. Through the Shared Services Agreement, Endemol effectively absorbed many of the corporate operations of CORE Media that were intended to provide security to the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders. Apollo director Aaron Stone characterized the steps leading up to the Joint Venture as intended to accomplish a "merger" of CORE into Endemol and Shine. Talking points prepared by Apollo's lawyers characterized the situation as CORE being "operated effectively as a subsidiary of Endemol USA." The EU Opinion made clear that the Joint Venture was operating as a single, integrated business, and that the Joint Venture would "conduct the business previously conducted by . . . CORE Media." Other persons communicating with CORE's management stated that Apollo had stated that "Apollo [was] looking to combine Core and Endemol with Shine, a 20th Century Fox company and create a 50/50 JV with Fox." These steps, culminating with the December 12, 2014 Joint Venture, resulted in a "consolidat[ion], amalgamat[ion], or merge[r]" as those terms are used in the FLTLA and the SLTLA.
- 91. Although the Shared Services Agreement and then Joint Venture resulted in a consolidation, merger, and/or amalgamation and/or a transfer of substantially all of CORE's assets, CORE's obligations under the FLTLA and SLTLA were never assumed by the Joint Venture, Endemol, Shine, or Fox. As a result, the creation of the Joint Venture resulted in a default and actual breach of the Successor Obligor Clauses of the FLTLA and the SLTLA.

# 2. The Shared Services Agreement And Joint Venture Breached The Change Of Control Clauses.

92. The Shared Services Agreement and Joint Venture arrangement between Apollo and Fox also resulted in a "Change of Control," as that term is defined under the FLTLA and the SLTLA. Apollo representatives characterized CORE as becoming a "subsidiary" of Endemol

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24 25 26 under the Shared Services Agreement. Prior to the Joint Venture, 100% of the voting power of the Borrower, CORE Entertainment, was held by Apollo affiliate Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. by virtue of its ownership of the stock of CORE Holdings. However, the mechanics of the Joint Venture called for Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. to assign is interest in CORE Holdings to AP Coop, whose equity was, in turn, assigned to the Joint Venture, which is jointly owned and controlled by Apollo and Fox.

- 93. The Joint Venture now wields 100% of the voting power of CORE Entertainment, and, on information and belief, Fox has the power to block the Joint Venture from taking action in numerous, material circumstances.
- 94. Further, on information and belief, the Joint Venture is controlled by nine members—four appointed by Apollo, three appointed by Fox, and two independent members. The practical effect of this arrangement is to further dilute the voting power of Apollo's Voting Stock in CORE Holdings and CORE Entertainment. More significantly, on information and belief, Fox actually controls the business of the Joint Venture (thereby controlling CORE) because it can appoint the majority of the Joint Venture's management committee.
- 95. Although formation of the Joint Venture resulted in a change of control, neither CORE nor any other entity ever made the required prepayments of principal, interest, and premiums under the Change of Control Clauses. As a result, the creation of the Joint Venture resulted in a default and actual breach of the Change of Control Clauses of the FLTLA and the SLTLA.
  - The Shared Services Agreement And Joint Venture Impaired The Ability Of CORE To Perform Its Obligations Under The FLTLA And SLTLA.
- 96. In addition, the transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and Joint Venture substantially impaired the ability of CORE to perform its obligations and otherwise interfered with the rights of CORE's creditors under the FLTLA and SLTLA.
- 97. The steps taken in advance of the Joint Venture drained CORE of its revenuegenerating potential. Additionally, Apollo caused CORE to shift its strategic focus in directions

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intended to benefit the anticipated Joint Venture rather than benefit CORE itself and to defer corporate opportunities to Endemol. Apollo also caused CORE to take on additional debt.

- 98. Further, on information and belief, the Joint Venture itself, including the consolidation of CORE with the other media subsidiaries of Apollo and Fox and the change of control in CORE, also disrupted the rights of CORE's creditors under the FLTLA and SLTLA. Once under the control of the Joint Venture, CORE's ability to exploit corporate opportunities for the benefit of itself and its creditors was further impaired as Apollo and Fox caused CORE to take steps designed to benefit Endemol and Shine rather than CORE itself.
- 99. These events interfered with CORE's performance of its obligations under the FLTLA and the SLTLA by crippling its ability to exploit new opportunities and thus further distressed CORE's financial condition. These events, including the change of control and ownership of CORE, also disrupted the guarantee obligations and collateral intended to secure the FLTLA and SLTLA, which made it more costly and burdensome for the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders to attempt to exercise remedies and satisfy their loans.

#### All Of Defendants Were Active, Material Participants In The Tortious Conduct

- 100. The Joint Venture could not have been accomplished but for the involvement of all of the Apollo Defendants, all of which are, on information belief, controlled by Apollo Global Management, LLC. Specifically:
  - On information and belief, Apollo Global Securities, LLC controlled and directed
    the actions of the various Apollo affiliates that held, and as part of the Joint
    Venture arrangement, transferred the equity of CORE Holdings to AP Coop.
    Apollo Global Securities was also involved in the transfer of CORE's cash to
    Apollo affiliates under the guise of a 2011 Management Services Agreement.
  - On information and belief Apollo Management Holdings, L.P., controlled by its general partner Apollo Management Holdings GP, LLC, controlled and directed the personnel that served in key management positions of the Apollo affiliates, including CORE. This is evidenced by proofs of claim filed by Apollo

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Management Holdings, L.P. in the Bankruptcy Cases on behalf of all of its affiliates on the theory that the employees of such affiliates were officers and/or directors of CORE and were entitled to indemnification rights for possible claims against them.

- On information and belief, Apollo Management, L.P. controlled by its general partner Apollo Management GP, LLC, was the entity that ultimately assumed oversight over Apollo's share of control over the resulting joint venture with Fox. This is evidenced by the EU Opinion which describes the transaction as an agreement between Fox and Apollo Management, L.P. to combine and merge their respective media companies.
- On information and belief, Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P., controlled by its general
  partner Apollo CORE Holdings GP, LLC, was the former holder of the equity in
  CORE Holdings and enabled creation of the Joint Venture by transferring its shares
  in CORE Holdings to the holders of its limited partnership interests and ultimately
  to AP Coop.
- On information and belief, Apollo Investment Fund VII, L.P.; Apollo Overseas Partners VII, L.P.; Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware), L.P.; Apollo Overseas Partners VII (Delaware 892), L.P.; and Apollo Investment Fund (PB) VII, L.P. (together, the "Fund VII Funds"), controlled by their general partners Apollo Capital Management VII, LLC and Apollo Advisors VII, L.P., were the holders of limited partnership interests in Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. and enabled creation of the Joint Venture by receiving the equity of CORE Holdings from Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. and transferring it to AP Coop through a complex series of other Apollo affiliates in exchange for membership interests in AP Coop.
- 101. Similarly, the Joint Venture could not have occurred without the direct involvement of Endemol and Endemol/Shine U.S. Endemol, along with its U.S. operating subsidiary Endemol/Shine U.S. was used by Apollo to absorb corporate opportunities and operations of

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CORE and then used as Apollo's contribution to the Joint Venture with Fox. Endemol and Endemol/Shine U.S. were active and willing participants in the transactions orchestrated by Apollo, which ultimately benefited Apollo and Endemol at the expense of CORE and its creditors.

Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. and 21st Century Fox Europe and Asia, Inc. 21st Century Fox Europe and Asia, Inc. was a signatory to the Business Combination Agreement with AP Coop and Apollo CORE Holdings, L.P. and upon information and belief took the steps necessary to contribute Fox's interest in Shine to the Joint Venture. Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. took steps to enable the transaction, for example by obtaining approval for the resultant "merger" from the EU Commission. On information and belief both Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. and 21st Century Fox Europe and Asia, Inc. were active and willing participants in the transactions orchestrated by Apollo, which ultimately benefited Apollo and Fox at the expense of CORE and its creditors, including the First Lien Lenders and the Second Lien Lenders.

103. Finally, the Joint Venture could not, of course, have occurred without the direct involvement of AP Coop, MediArena, and the Joint Venture. AP Coop ultimately received all of the equity in CORE and, on information and belief, transferred it to the Joint Venture in exchange for Apollo's ownership interest in the Joint Venture. On information and belief MediArena was created for the purpose of holding the equity of Endemol and Shine within the joint venture, and it also held additional debt that Apollo caused CORE to incur. Each of AP Coop, MediArena, and the Joint Venture were active and willing participants in the transactions orchestrated by Apollo, which ultimately benefited Apollo and each of them at the expense of CORE and its creditors.

#### The Notices Of Default And The Bankruptcy Filing

104. On April 13, 2015, U.S. Bank National Association, as Administrative Agent under the FLTLA mailed the Borrower and CORE a letter titled "Notice of Default," alleging, *inter alia*, that the Joint Venture had violated sections 6.05(a)(i) and (ii) of the FLTLA.

105. On June 11, 2015, the Borrower failed to make a required interest payment under the SLTLA. The June 11, 2015 default became an Event of Default under the SLTLA on July

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11, 2015 when CORE failed to cure. Thus, even though Defendants had valued CORE with substantial equity for purposes of the Joint Venture process and Apollo received tens of millions of dollars on account of its contribution of CORE stock to the Joint Venture, within seven months, CORE defaulted on an interest payment to its Second Lien Lenders.

106. CORE easily could have failed in the first half of 2015, but CORE's existing management and its lenders worked for the next ten months on a restructuring to save the remainder of the business (with no assistance from Apollo), which culminated with a restructuring support agreement that contemplated a bankruptcy filing. On April 28, 2016, CORE Entertainment and many of its subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy protection in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The Bankruptcy Cases were jointly administered under In re AOG Entertainment, Inc., Case No. 16-11090 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.).

The "Second Amended Joint Chapter II Plan of Reorganization for AOG Entertainment, Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors" (the "Second Amended Plan") was filed on August 4, 2016 and confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court on September 22, 2016. Lenders under the FLTLA received consideration under the Second Amended Plan equal to less than half the amount they were owed on their loans. Lenders under the SLTLA received pennies on the dollar in the form of warrants. In all, the lenders lost hundreds of millions of dollars, less than two years after the "Apollo Way" led to the formation of the Joint Venture.

Section 7.1 of the Second Amended Plan provides for the creation of a Litigation Trust and the distribution to the trust of "Litigation Trust Assets," which are defined as:

(i) all rights of the Debtors, their Estates, the Creditors' Committee and non-Debtor wholly-owned or controlled subsidiaries to commence and pursue suits, proceedings or Causes of Action against any party not released under the Plan and (ii) all such other assets assigned or contributed to the Litigation Trust as provided in the Plan, including Causes of Action assigned by the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders in accordance with Section 7.1(b) and 7.1(c) of this Plan.

Second Amended Plan § 1.88 (emphasis added). Sections 7.1(b) and 7.1(c) call for assignment to the Trust of, respectively, all causes of action arising under or related to the FLTLA and SLTLA

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by the holders of such claims against any party not otherwise released from the Second Amended Plan. None of the claims against the Defendants were released under the Second Amended Plan.

109. On October 13, 2016, the CORE Litigation Trust was constituted by the Litigation Trust Agreement. As contemplated by the Second Amended Plan, section 2.2(a) of the Litigation Trust Agreement vested the Trust with the Litigation Trust Assets which include the claims asserted here.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Inducing Breach Of Contract Against All Defendants)

- 110. The Trust repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each of the allegations of paragraphs 1-109 as if set forth fully herein.
- 111. Valid and enforceable contractual relationships existed between CORE and the First Lien Lenders through the FLTLA.
- 112. Valid and enforceable contractual relationships existed between CORE and the Second Lien Lenders through the SLTLA.
- 113. The FLTLA and SLTLA contained Successor Obligor Clauses that provided if CORE merged, consolidated, amalgamated, or otherwise transferred substantially all of its assets, the resulting entity would assume the obligations under the FLTLA and the SLTLA.
- 114. The FLTLA and SLTLA contained Change of Control Clauses that provided if a change of control occurred with respect to CORE, CORE would prepay all outstanding loan obligations under the contract, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of prepayment, plus a prepayment premium equal to 1% of the principal amount outstanding.
- 115. The FLTLA and SLTLA required periodic interest payments to the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders and a repayment of the entire principal amount on the date that each agreement matures. In the event of a default, the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders have the right to accelerate the loans thereunder and demand immediate repayment of the outstanding amounts of principal and accrued interest.

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- 116. CORE failed to pay the amounts they owed to the First Lien Lenders and the Second Lien Lenders under the FLTLA and SLTLA and associated guarantee and collateral agreements.
- 117. Each Defendant had actual knowledge of the obligations of CORE under the FLTLA and SLTLA, including the Successor Obligor Clauses, the Change of Control Clauses, and the obligation to pay principal, accrued interest, and prepayment penalties when due.
- 118. Despite their knowledge of the FLTLA, SLTLA, and the provisions therein, each Defendant took substantial steps towards consummating the transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and the Joint Venture.
- 119. The transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and Joint Venture resulted in a merger, consolidation, and/or amalgamation of CORE with Endemol and Shine, and/or a transfer of substantially all of the assets of CORE. Despite this, no resulting entity assumed the obligations of CORE, which directly and proximately caused a breach of the Successor Obligor Clauses of the FLTLA and SLTLA.
- 120. The transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and Joint Venture resulted in a Change of Control of CORE. The Joint Venture itself acquired 100% of the voting power of the voting stock of CORE. Further, on information and belief, the Joint Venture governing documents gave Fox control and voting power over CORE, thus triggering the Change of Control Clauses in the loan agreements. Despite this, neither CORE nor any other entity made the required prepayments of principal, interest, and premiums which directly and proximately caused a breach of the Change of Control Clauses of the FLTLA and SLTLA.
- 121. In addition, the transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and Joint Venture prevented performance by causing a substantial disruption in the ability of CORE to perform their obligations under the FLTLA and SLTLA, including making it costly and burdensome for CORE to immediately repay its outstanding obligations by virtue of a default, and more costly and burdensome for the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders to attempt to exercise remedies and satisfy their loans. This directly and proximately led the

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inability of CORE to make required payments under the FLTLA and SLTLA and thus caused further breaches of each agreement.

- 122. Each Defendant understood and intended that the transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and the Joint Venture would result in actual breaches of the FLTLA and SLTLA.
- 123. Each Defendant intended that CORE would default and breach their obligations so that the resulting Joint Venture would not be burdened by the debt and obligations of the FLTLA and SLTLA.
- 124. The conduct of each Defendant was without privilege and was a substantial factor in the breach of the FLTLA and SLTLA by CORE.
- 125. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of each Defendant, the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders whose claims are represented here by the Trust suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Intentional Interference With Contract Against All Defendants)

- 126. The Trust repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference each of the allegations of paragraphs 1-125 as if set forth fully herein.
- 127. Valid and enforceable contractual relationships existed between CORE and the First Lien Lenders through the FLTLA agreement.
- 128. Valid and enforceable contractual relationships existed between CORE and the Second Lien Lenders through the SLTLA agreement.
- 129. The FLTLA and SLTLA contained Successor Obligor Clauses that provided if CORE merged, consolidated, amalgamated, or otherwise transferred substantially all of its assets, the resulting entity would assume the obligations under the FLTLA and the SLTLA.
- 130. The FLTLA and SLTLA contained Change of Control Clauses that provided if a change of control occurred with respect to CORE, CORE would prepay all outstanding loan

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obligations under the contract, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of prepayment, plus a prepayment premium equal to 1% of the principal amount outstanding.

- 131. The FLTLA and SLTLA required periodic interest payments to the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders and a repayment of the entire principal amount on the date that each agreement matures. In the event of a default, the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders have the right to accelerate the loans thereunder and demand immediate repayment of the outstanding amounts of principal and accrued interest.
- 132. CORE failed to pay the amounts they owed to the First Lien Lenders and the Second Lien Lenders under the FLTLA and SLTLA and associated guarantee and collateral agreements.
- 133. Each Defendant had actual knowledge of the obligations of CORE under the FLTLA and SLTLA, including the Successor Obligor Clauses, the Change of Control Clauses, and the obligation to pay principal, accrued interest, and prepayment premium when due.
- 134. Despite their knowledge of the FLTLA, SLTLA, and the provisions therein, each Defendant took substantial steps towards consummating the transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and the Joint Venture.
- 135. The transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and Joint Venture resulted in a substantial disruption in the ability of CORE to perform their obligations under the FLTLA and SLTLA, including making it costly and burdensome for CORE to immediately repay its outstanding obligations by virtue of a default, and more costly and burdensome for the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders to attempt to exercise remedies and satisfy their loans.
- 136. Each Defendant understood and intended that the transactions necessary to accomplish the Shared Services Agreement and Joint Venture would result in a substantial disruption of the rights and benefits of the First Lien Lenders and Second Lien Lenders to the FLTLA and SLTLA.

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1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 2 The Trust hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable. 3 4 DATED: Decmeber 12, 2016 Respectfully submitted, 5 QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART 6 & SULLIVAN, LLP 7 8 Michael B. Carlinsky (pro hac vice pending) 51 Madison Avenue, 22nd Floor 9 New York, New York 10010 10 Telephone: (212) 849-7000 Facsimile: (212) 849-7100 11 Eric Winston (Cal. Bar No. 202407) 12 David Grable (Cal. Bar No. 237765) Patrick T. Schmidt (Cal. Bar. No. 274777) 13 865 S. Figueroa St., 10th Floor Los Angeles, California 90017-2543 14 Telephone: (213) 443-3000 Facsimile: (213) 443-3100 15 Patrick Burns (Cal. Bar No. 300219) 16 50 California St., 22nd Floor San Francisco, California 94111 Telephone: (415) 875-6600 Facsimile: (415) 875-6700 17 18 Attorneys for: 19 Peter Kravitz as duly appointed trustee of the Core Media Litigation Trust 20 21 22 23 2:12:2016 24 25 26 27 28 CASE NO. -33-COMPLAINT

# **APPENDIX "A"**

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Appendix A: Relevant Provisions from the FLTLA and the SLTLA

#### SECTION 1.01, Defined Terms.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below

"Change of Control" shall mean the occurrence of either of the following:

- (a) the sale, lease or transfer, in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all the assets of the Borrower and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to a Person other than any of the Permitted Holders; or
- (b) the Borrower becomes aware (by way of a report or any other filing pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, proxy, vote, written notice or otherwise) of the acquisition by any Person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision), including any group acting for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of securities (within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) under the Exchange Act), other than any of the Permitted Holders, in a single transaction or in a related series of transactions, by way of merger, consolidation, amalgamation or other business combination or purchase of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, or any successor provision), of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Borrower.

#### SECTION 2.08(f) (Change of Control).

- (f) Subject to Section 2.08(g), in the event that a Change of Control occurs, the Borrower shall within 30 days following such Change of Control, except to the extent the Borrower prepays the Loans pursuant to Section 2.08(a), prepay all outstanding Loans and, concurrently with such prepayment, pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Lenders, a prepayment premium equal to 1% of the principal amount of all outstanding Loans prepaid, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of prepayment.
- (g) Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event the Borrower is required to make any mandatory prepayment (a "Waivable Mandatory Prepayment") of the Loans, not less than ten Business Days prior to the date (the "Required Prepayment Date") on which the Borrower elects (or is otherwise required) to make such Waivable Mandatory Prepayment, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of the amount of such prepayment, and the Administrative Agent will promptly thereafter notify each Lender holding an outstanding Loan of the amount of such Lender's pro rata share of such Waivable Mandatory Prepayment and such Lender's option to refuse such amount. Each such Lender may exercise such option by giving written notice to the Administrative Agent of its election to do so on or before the third Business Day prior to the Required Prepayment Date (it being understood that any Lender which does not notify the Administrative Agent of its election to exercise such option on or before such Business Day prior to the Required Prepayment Date shall be deemed to have elected, as of such date, not to exercise such option).
  - (i) With respect to a mandatory prepayment pursuant to Section 2.08(f), on the Required Prepayment Date, the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent the

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amount of the Waivable Mandatory Prepayment less the amount of Declined Change of Control Proceeds, which amount shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to prepay the Loans of those Lenders that have elected to accept such Waivable Mandatory Prepayment, and (ii) the Borrower may retain a portion of the Waivable Mandatory Prepayment in an amount equal to that portion of the Waivable Mandatory Prepayment otherwise payable to those Lenders that have elected to exercise such option and decline such Waivable Mandatory Prepayment (such declined amounts, the "Declined Change of Control Proceeds"). Such Declined Change of Control Proceeds retained by the Borrower may be used for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement.

#### SECTION 6.05. Mergers, Consolidations and Sales of Assets.

- (a) Mergers and Consolidations:
  - (i) The Borrower will not, directly or indirectly,

consolidate, amalgamate or merge with or into or wind up or convert into (whether or not the Borrower is the surviving Person), or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets in one or more related transactions, to any Person unless:

- (A) the Borrower is the surviving person or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation, amalgamation, merger, winding up or conversion (if other than the Borrower) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition will have been made is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, the District of Columbia, or any territory thereof (the Borrower or such Person, as the case may be, being herein called the "Successor");
- (B) the Successor (if other than the Borrower) expressly assumes all the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents pursuant to documents or instruments in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
- (C) immediately after giving effect to such transaction (and treating any Indebtedness which becomes an obligation of the Successor or any Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Successor or such Subsidiary at the time of such transaction) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing;
- (D) immediately after giving pro forma effect to such transaction, as if such transaction had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four quarter period (and treating any Indebtedness which becomes an obligation of the Successor or any Subsidiary as a result of such transaction as having been Incurred by the Successor or such Subsidiary at the time of such transaction), either:
  - (X) the Successor would be permitted to Incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Consolidated Leverage Ratio test set forth in Section 6.01(w); or
  - (Y) the Consolidated Leverage Ratio of the Successor and its

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Subsidiaries would be less than such ratio of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries immediately prior to such transaction; 2 (E) if the Borrower is not the Successor, each Subsidiary Loan Party, unless 3 it is the other party to the transactions described above, shall have confirmed, by a reaffirmation agreement in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, that its Subsidiary Guarantee and Collateral shall apply to such Person's obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan 5 Documents to the extent required hereunder; and 6 (F) the Successor shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such 7 consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer comply with this Agreement. The Successor (if other than the Borrower) will succeed to, and 8 be substituted for, the Borrower under this Agreement, and in such event the Borrower will automatically be released and discharged from its 9 obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing clauses (C) and (D), (i) any Subsidiary may merge, consolidate or amalgamate with 10 or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to the Borrower or to a Subsidiary, and (ii) the Borrower may merge, consolidate or amalgamate 11 with an Affiliate incorporated solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Borrower in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or 12 any territory of the United States or may convert into a corporation, partnership or limited liability company, so long as the amount of 13 Indebtedness of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries is not increased thereby. This Section 6.05 will not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance 14 or other disposition of assets between or among the Borrower and the Subsidiaries. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 COMPLAINT

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#### INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fils both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiffs designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

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Auto Tort

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property
Damage/Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the
case involves an uninsured
motorist claim subject to
arbitration, check this item
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Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/
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Business Tort/Unfair Business
Practice (07)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (06)
Defamation (e.g., stander, libel)
(13)
Fraud (16)
Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
Legal Malpractice
C) Other Professional Malpractice

(not medical or legal)
Other Non-PUPD/WD Tort (35)
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Wrongful Termination (36)
Other Employment (15)

#### CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Contract
Breach of Contract/Warranty (08)
Breach of Rental/Lease
Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)
Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller
Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)
Negligent Breach of Contract/
Warranty
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff
Other Promissory Note/Collections

Case
Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18)
Auto Subrogalion
Other Coverage
Other Contract (37)
Contractual Fraud
Other Contract Dispute
Real Property
Eminent Domain/Inverse

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
Mortgage Foreclosure
Quiet Title
Other Real Property (not eminent
domain, landlord/tenant, or

foreclosure) Unlawful Detainer Commercial (31) Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential) Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Administrative Mandamus
Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court
Case Matter
Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review
Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order
Notice of Appeal—Labor
Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

Antitrus//Trade Regulation (03)
Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims
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(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)
Enforcement of Judgment Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)
Sister State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)
Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (non-harassment)
Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint
Case (non-tort/non-complex)
Other Civil Complaint
(non-tort/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition
Partnership and Corporate
Governance (21)
Other Petition (not specified
above) (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult
Abuse
Election Contest

Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late
Claim

Other Civil Petition

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# CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case fillings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

- Step 1: After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.
- Step 2: In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.
- Step 3: In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

#### Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)

- 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.
- 2. Permissive filing in central district.
- 3. Location where cause of action arose.
- 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.
- 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.
- 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.

- 7. Location where petitioner resides.
- 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
- 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
- 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
- 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury).

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A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons See Step 3 Above
Auto (22)	☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
Uninsured Motorist (46)	A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motor	ist 1, 4, 11
Asbestos (04)	□ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage	1, 11
710000100 (04)	A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11
Product Liability (24)	A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
Medical Malpractice (45)	☐ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons	1, 4, 11
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Other Personal	A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)	1, 4, 11
Injury Property  Damage Wrongful	A7230 Intentional Bodity Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.)	1, 4, 11
Death (23)	☐ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1, 4, 11
	A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11

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perty 1 Tort	Business Tort (07)	☐ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
	Civil Rights (08)	☐ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
ry/ Pro I Deatl	Defamation (13)	☐ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
al Inju ongfu	Fraud (16)	☐ A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Professional Negligence (25)	A6017 Legal Malpractice     A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
ž Ö	Other (35)	☐ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1, 2, 3
ent	Wrongful Termination (36)	□ A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
Employment	Other Employment (15)	□ A6024 Other Emptoyment Complaint Case □ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1, 2, 3
Contract	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	□ A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)     □ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)     □ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)     □ A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2, 5 2, 5 1, 2, 5 1, 2, 5
	Collections (09)	□ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff □ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case □ A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	☐ A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
	Other Contract (37)	□ A6009 Contractual Fraud  □ A6031 Tortious Interference  □ A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 5 1(2)(3)(5) 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	☐ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2, 6
roperty	Wrongful Eviction (33)	☐ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2,6
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	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlaw'ul Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	☐ A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
5	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	☐ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
	Asset Forfeiture (05)	A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
ew	Petition re Arbitration (11)	☐ A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
Judicial Review	Writ of Mandate (02)	A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus     A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Maller	2, 8
Judic	validate (02)	□ A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter □ A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2 2
	Other Judicial Review (39)	☐ A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2, 8
ro Lo	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	☐ A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
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Provisionally Complex Litigation	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	☐ A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
Provi	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	☐ A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
		A6141 Sister State Judgment     A6160 Abstract of Judgment	2, 5, 11
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Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address which is the basis for the filing location, including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

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Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the Central	District of
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Dated: 12/12/2016

(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

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- Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- 3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
- Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 02/16).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is court order for waiver, partial or scheduled payments.
- A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
- Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

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