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Plaintiffs,

vs.

LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 11-cv-7318 (CCC)(CLW)

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO STRIKE
PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT REPORT AND
FOR RELATED RELIEF**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on September 16, 2019, at 9:00 AM, or as soon as counsel may be heard, Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. ("Live Nation") shall move before the Honorable Cathy L. Waldor, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of New Jersey, located at Martin Luther King Building & U.S. Courthouse, 50 Walnut Street, Newark, NJ 07101, for an Order

excluding from this litigation the expert report and expert testimony of Dr. Richard D. Barnet, awarding Live Nation the fees and any costs associated with having to make this motion; and granting Live Nation such other relief as the Court deems appropriate;

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in support of its motion, Live Nation will rely upon its Memorandum of Law and the Certification of Ian S. Marx, with annexed exhibits, filed herewith, and the record of proceedings; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a proposed Order is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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By /s/ Ian S. Marx
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Dated: August 23, 2019

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**DEFENDANT LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC.'S
MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT REPORT AND FOR RELATED RELIEF**

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Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (“Live Nation”) respectfully submits this Memorandum of Law in Support of its motion: to strike an expert report of Dr. Richard Barnet, which was served by Plaintiffs Juice Entertainment, Thomas Dorman, and Chris Barrett (“Plaintiffs”), three years after the deadline for expert disclosures; to preclude Dr. Barnet from testifying at trial; awarding Live Nation reimbursement of the reasonable fees and costs it was required to expend to make this unnecessary motion; and to grant Live Nation such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Discovery in this case has been closed for more than three years; the deadline for serving affirmative expert reports was **May 2, 2016**. Last year, in a comprehensive and well-reasoned written decision, the Court granted summary judgment in favor of Live Nation, limiting Plaintiffs’ potential recovery in this case to nominal damages on their defamation claim and precluding Plaintiffs from seeking lost profits on their claim for tortious interference (lost profits are, indeed, the only damages that Plaintiffs seek). Now, out of the blue, Plaintiffs served Live Nation with an undated and undisclosed expert report from a Dr. Richard Barnet, whom Plaintiffs contend is an “expert” in the entertainment industry.¹ After the report was belatedly served, Live Nation attempted to persuade Plaintiffs to withdraw the report and to provide assurances that Dr. Barnet would not improperly use Live Nation’s confidential information, to which he was not entitled access. Plaintiffs refused Live Nation’s reasonable requests, thus requiring Live Nation to make

¹ Not only does this disobey the Court’s Scheduling Orders – which contemplated the close of discovery by March 31, 2016 – but it also violates the Court’s Discovery Confidentiality Order, which prohibits the dissemination of confidential information to unauthorized individuals. This, in turn, raises serious concerns for Live Nation, since Plaintiffs have shared Live Nation’s confidential documents with an unauthorized individual, who is alleged to work in Live Nation’s industry.

this motion for relief. For these reasons, Live Nation respectfully requests that the Court strike Plaintiffs' late-produced expert report, bar Dr. Barnet from testifying at trial, require Plaintiffs to reimburse Live Nation the reasonable fees and costs it was required to incur to make this motion, and grant Live Nation such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

STATEMENT OF FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Given the Court's familiarity with the case, Live Nation limits its recitation of the facts and procedural history only to those pertinent for purposes of the present motion.

On December 16, 2011, Plaintiffs initiated this action by filing its Complaint against Live Nation for allegedly interfering with their ability to sign artists to perform at the 2011 New Jersey State Fair, which ultimately resulted in the State Fair terminating its contract with Plaintiffs. (ECF No. 1). Thereafter, Live Nation moved to dismiss, which the Court granted in part in a written decision issued on July 3, 2012. (ECF Nos. 13, 20-21). Two months later, on September 4, 2012, Plaintiffs filed an Amended Complaint against Live Nation, asserting claims of: tortious interference with contract (Count I); tortious interference with business relations (Count II); and defamation (Count III). (ECF No. 24, "Amended Complaint").

After Live Nation answered the Amended Complaint on November 7, 2012, (ECF No. 25), a Rule 16 scheduling conference was held on January 31, 2013, to discuss, among other things, a discovery plan. (ECF No. 28). To ensure that confidential information exchanged between the parties would be protected, Magistrate Mannion issued a Discovery Confidentiality Order on April 18, 2013. (ECF No. 31, "Confidentiality Order"). Significantly, Paragraph 4 of the Order specifies *who* is entitled to review confidential matter:

Confidential material and the contents of Confidential material may be disclosed only to the following individuals under the following conditions:

* * *

(b) Outside experts or consultants retained by outside counsel for purposes of this action, *provided they have signed a non-disclosure agreement*. . . .

(*Id.* at ¶ 4(b) (emphasis added)).

The Court also issued Scheduling Orders, which contemplated Plaintiffs’ affirmative expert disclosures be made by **May 2, 2016**, with affirmative and rebuttal expert reports due **June 15, 2016** and **August 15, 2016**, respectively. (ECF Nos. 69, 70) (emphasis added). Plaintiffs timely disclosed Marianne L. DeMario as their proffered expert and served Live Nation with her June 15, 2016 expert report. Dr. Richard D. Barnet was never disclosed as a potential expert.

After the parties completed an extensive amount of fact and expert discovery, Live Nation moved for summary judgment, seeking dismissal of Plaintiffs’ three remaining claims. (ECF No. 73). In its May 23, 2018 written decision, the Court granted Live Nation’s motion as to Count I (Plaintiffs’ tortious interference with contract claim), but denied in part Live Nation’s motions as to Count II (Plaintiffs’ tortious interference with business relations claim) and Count III (Plaintiffs’ defamation claim). (ECF No. 81, “Summary Judgment Opinion” at 10-11, 16-18). However, the Court concluded that Plaintiffs were barred from seeking lost profits on Count II because any potential lost-profits would be “too remote and speculative to meet the legal standard of reasonable certainty.” (*Id.* at 20 (quoting *RSB Lab. Servs., Inc. v. BSI Corp.*, 847 A.2d 599, 609 (N.J. App. Div. Super. Ct. 2004))). The Court also ruled that Plaintiffs were entitled, at most, only to “nominal” damages on the defamation claim advanced in Count III. (*Id.* at 16-18).

Five months later, on October 24, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a motion, requesting the Court modify its Summary Judgment Opinion, so that Plaintiffs could file an interlocutory appeal challenging the Court’s application of the “new business rule.” (ECF No. 91). In denying Plaintiffs’ motion the Court explained that an appeal would not advance the determination of the litigation, since, “even if the new business rule did not act as an absolute bar to recovery, [Plaintiffs] would still be prohibited from

showing lost profit damages at trial under the reasonable certainty test.” (ECF No. 98, “Motion to Amend Opinion” at 8).

On June 6, 2019, Plaintiffs’ counsel disclosed to Live Nation for the very first time an expert report, prepared by Dr. Richard Barnet, whose “expert” testimony Plaintiffs apparently intend to present at trial. *See Marx Cert., Ex. A* (Andrew Smith June 6, 2019 Letter). This disclosure comes more than three years after all relevant deadlines, long after discovery closed in this case, and more than a year after summary judgment was decided.² Without first seeking leave to disclose a new expert, or making a motion to seek a modification of the Scheduling Orders to do the same, Plaintiffs simply served this report on Live Nation with no prior warning. As justification for their significantly late disclosure, Plaintiffs point to “the fact that discovery here was produced extremely late, and that said discovery was intentionally produced in a manner to hide key documents. . . .” *Marx Cert., Ex. A*. Notably, Plaintiffs never advanced this newly-minted accusation during the discovery period, which ended over three years ago. Moreover, Dr. Barnet’s report explicitly states that he reviewed and relied upon confidential documents produced by Live Nation. Thus, Live Nation advised Plaintiffs of its violation of the Confidentiality Order and requested Plaintiffs undertake remedial measures to ensure that its confidential material was not further disseminated. *See Marx Cert., Ex. C* (Ian Marx June 11, 2019 Letter). Plaintiffs flatly refused, based on a misguided reading of the Confidentiality Order and inapplicable case-law. *See Marx Cert., Ex. D* (Andrew Smith June 12, 2019 Letter).

Because of Plaintiffs’ brazen disregard of the Court’s Confidentiality Order and clear efforts to circumvent long expired deadlines in the Scheduling Orders, Live Nation now brings the present

² Even more troubling, since Plaintiffs’ counsel became the attorney of record in September 2018, there have been three telephone conferences with the Court, wherein Plaintiffs’ counsel could have, and should have, informed Live Nation and the Court of his intention to retain a new expert.

motion to strike Plaintiffs' late-produced expert report, bar the proposed expert from testifying at trial, and to request reimbursement of its reasonable attorneys' fees for having to engage in such unnecessary motion practice.

ARGUMENT

I. THE COURT SHOULD STRIKE PLAINTIFFS' PROFFERED EXPERT REPORT FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT'S SCHEDULING ORDERS

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a) authorizes a court to issue scheduling orders that address initial disclosures of experts and the time for completing expert discovery. Further, Rule 26 requires parties to "make these disclosures at the times and in the sequence that the court orders." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(D). Under Rule 37, "[i]f a party fails to provide information or identify a witness as required by Rule 26(a) or (e), the party is not allowed to use that information or witness to supply evidence on a motion, at a hearing, or at a trial, unless the failure was substantially justified or is harmless." Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(c)(1). "The party who is alleged to have failed to comply with Rule 26 has the burden of demonstrating substantial justification and harmlessness." *D&D Assocs. v. Bd. of Educ. of N. Plainfield*, 03-1026, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 101611, at *13 (D.N.J. June 8, 2006).

Where, as here, a party disobeys a discovery order, "the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure authorize district courts to prohibit the admission of evidence proffered by the disobedient party." *United States v. 68.94 Acres of Land*, 918 F.2d 389, 396 (3d Cir. 1990) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f), 37(b)(2)(B)). In exercising such discretion, the Court must consider: "(1) the prejudice or surprise of the party against whom the excluded evidence would have been admitted; (2) the ability of the party to cure that prejudice; (3) the extent to which allowing the evidence would disrupt the orderly and efficient trial of the case or other cases in the court; and (4) bad faith or wilfulness in failing to comply with a court order or discovery obligation." *Nicholas v. Pa. State Univ.*, 227 F.3d

133, 148 (3d Cir. 2000). All of these factors weigh in favor of excluding the late-produced expert report.

First, Live Nation was clearly surprised by Plaintiffs' submission of a new expert report, which was disclosed more than three years after the close of discovery. Up until this point, the only expert disclosed by Plaintiffs was Marianne L. DeMario, whose deposition was already taken, and whose report and testimony focus on quantifying lost profit damages. Yet, three years after the close of discovery, Plaintiffs now disclose a report from Dr. Barnet. This lapse in time, alone, demonstrates Live Nation's prejudice and surprise. *See, e.g., Konstantopoulos v. Westvaco Corp.*, 112 F.3d 710, 719-20 (3d Cir. 1997) (prejudice and surprise demonstrated where expert was disclosed eighteen months after the close of discovery and three weeks prior to trial). This prejudice is further underscored by the fact that Dr. Barnet's report opines on a wholly new and distinct subject matter that was not the subject of prior opinion testimony.

Second, Plaintiffs' willful and unjustified violation of the Court's Scheduling and Confidentiality Orders further supports exclusion. *E.M. Sergeant Pulp & Chem. Co. Travelers Indem. Co.*, No. 12-1741, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 170497, at *15 (D.N.J. Dec. 22, 2015) ("Violation of scheduling orders, when accompanied by unsatisfactory explanations, 'may be characterized fairly as willful and bad faith.'" (quoting *Exxon Corp. v. Halcon Shipping Co., Ltd.*, 156 F.R.D. 589, 592 (D.N.J. 1994))). Plaintiffs clearly violated the Court's Scheduling Orders in serving Dr. Barnet's report more than three years after the close of discovery. Plaintiffs did not seek prior leave of the Court or make a motion to re-open discovery or amend the Court's prior scheduling orders. Further, Plaintiffs' attempt to blame Live Nation's "extremely late" discovery as an excuse for their three-year delay is patently untrue and unsupported by the record. At no point during discovery did Plaintiffs ever once raise Live Nation's purported discovery delays or

inadequacies as an issue to the Court, because there never was, in fact, any discovery delay or issue. Moreover, Plaintiffs do not identify with any degree of specificity *what* discovery was produced “extremely late” by Live Nation, nor do they otherwise explain how this alleged delay justifies disclosing a report from Dr. Barnet three years after the relevant deadline. Simply put, Plaintiffs’ excuse for disclosing Dr. Barnet three years after the close of discovery is belied by its own conduct during discovery.

Likewise, because Dr. Barnet is not authorized to review the confidential documents and information that Live Nation produced to Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs have violated the Court’s Confidentiality Order. As noted above, Paragraph 4(b) of the Confidentiality Order permits outside experts to review confidential material produced during discovery if: (1) they were “retained by outside counsel for purposes of this action”; and (2) “they have signed a non-disclosure agreement. . . .” (Confidentiality Order at ¶ 4(b)). Plaintiffs’ violation of this order is twofold. First, the only expert retained by Plaintiffs, consistent with the Court’s prior Scheduling Orders, was Dr. Marianne L. DeMario. As noted above, because Plaintiffs failed to comply with the Court’s Scheduling Orders in disclosing Dr. Barnet three years after the close of discovery, Dr. Barnet was not properly retained for purposes of this litigation. Second, even assuming that Dr. Barnet was properly retained and Plaintiffs complied with the Court’s prior Scheduling Orders – which they did not – Plaintiffs have still violated the Confidentiality Order, because they provided Dr. Barnet with Live Nation’s confidential materials and there is no evidence that Dr. Barnet signed the Court’s non-disclosure agreement form. (*Id.* at ¶ 5). This, in turn, raises significant concerns for Live Nation, since an unauthorized individual, who is alleged to work in the same industry as Live Nation, is in active possession of confidential proprietary information. These concerns are further underscored by the fact that Plaintiffs’ counsel has refused to retrieve and destroy the documents that were wrongfully

provided to Dr. Barnet, or even confirm that no other unauthorized individuals have possession of Live Nation's confidential material. *See Marx Cert.*, Ex. D. This flies in the face of the Confidentiality Order, which Live Nation relied upon in producing confidential information.

Finally, the admission of this late-produced expert report would undoubtedly "disrupt the orderly and efficient trial of the case." *Nicholas*, 227 F.3d at 148. Discovery has been closed for more than three years. Summary Judgment was decided more than a year ago. And, a joint final pretrial order is due next month. (ECF No. 104).

In sum, given the prejudice to Live Nation, as well as Plaintiffs' blatant disobedience of the Court's Orders, Live Nation respectfully requests that the Court strike Plaintiffs' late-produced expert report. In addition, because Dr. Barnet is in current possession of confidential documents, Live Nation also requests that Plaintiffs be ordered to retrieve from Dr. Barnet and destroy any confidential documents that were disseminated to him.

II. DEFENDANTS ARE ENTITLED TO REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES

Live Nation also requests that Plaintiffs be ordered to pay Live Nation's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs for having to prepare and argue this motion, which should have been unnecessary, and which Live Nation was required to make because of Plaintiffs' violation of the Court's orders. Rule 37(b)(2) "permit[s] the court to order a party to pay the opposing party's 'reasonable expenses — including attorney's fees' caused by noncompliance, unless the noncompliance 'was substantially justified or other circumstances make an award of expenses unjust.'" *E.M. Sergeant Pulp & Chem. Co.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 170497 at *20 (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(b)(2), 16(f)(2)). "This Court also has the authority, under its inherent powers, to impose a fine on parties who interfere with the efficient functioning of the Court." *Wachtel v. Health Net, Inc.*, 239 F.R.D. 81, 111 (D.N.J. 2006).

Here, as discussed above, Plaintiffs have no legitimate basis for serving Dr. Barnet's report more than three years after the close of discovery and for providing him with confidential materials in violation of the Court's Order and thereafter, from refusing to provide Live Nation with any assurance that Plaintiffs would take appropriate measures to safeguard such information. Plaintiffs' conduct has caused Live Nation to incur unnecessary expenses and costs in bringing and prosecuting its motion to strike. For these reasons, Live Nation respectfully requests that the Court order Plaintiffs pay Live Nation's reasonable fees and expenses associated with this motion. *See E.M. Sergeant Pulp & Chem. Co.*, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 170497 at *20-21 (awarding attorney's fees, including "amounts expended in bringing and arguing th[e] motion to strike," where the non-moving party included an expert report in its summary judgment papers, despite previously waiving its right to call an expert).

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, Live Nation respectfully requests that its motion to strike Plaintiffs' report from Dr. Barnet, bar him from testifying at trial, and that its request for attorneys' fees be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATION OF IAN S. MARX IN
SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT LIVE
NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC.'S
MOTION TO STRIKE PLAINTIFFS'
EXPERT REPORT**

I, Ian S. Marx, declare that I am a Shareholder of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, attorneys for Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. I make this certification on the basis of personal knowledge and my review of the documents discussed below and in support of Defendant's motion to strike Plaintiffs' expert report.

1. A true and correct copy of a letter dated June 6, 2019 from Andrew Smith, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. A true and correct copy of Dr. Richard D. Barnet's undated expert report, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. A true and correct copy of a letter dated June 11, 2019 from Ian S. Marx, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

4. A true and correct copy of a letter dated June 12, 2019 from Andrew Smith, is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct, and this Certification was executed on this 23rd day of August, 2019 in Florham Park, New Jersey.

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Dated: August 23, 2019

EXHIBIT A



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**Re: Juice Entertainment LLC, Thomas Dorfman and Chris Barrett v. Live Nation
Entertainment Inc.
Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-07318-WHW-CLW**

Dear Ian:

As you know, my firm represents Plaintiffs Juice Entertainment LLC, Thomas Dorfman and Chris Barrett ("Plaintiffs") in the above referenced matter. Enclosed please find the expert report of Dr. Rich Barnet. The report addresses two of the defenses made by Defendant Live Nation Entertainment Inc. ("Defendant") here. This report is being served now for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to the fact that discovery here was produced extremely late, and that said discovery was intentionally produced in a manner to hide key documents by breaking documents into pieces and spreading them out over a large production.

This report is important and necessary for trial. First, it not only addresses the issue of whether Plaintiffs should have taken the deal offered to them by Defendant to co-promote the event at issue, but demonstrates that the reason was due to Defendant's fraud. Plaintiffs knew at the time they made the decision that they could not possibly have taken that deal, but the late produced discovery documents, once pieced together, identified exactly why – because Defendant has instituted a scheme which essentially defrauds everyone involved accept it, from the artists to the ticket purchasers, and especially including co-promoters like Plaintiffs. By entering into contingent compensation agreements which specifically exclude "ancillary income" like rebates from the split at the end of the event, and then negotiating with the venues behind the artists and co-promoter's backs to pay the venues (mostly owned by Defendant) more in exchange for more rebates which only inure to Defendant's benefit, Defendant not only ensures that it is the only one assured of making money, but that co-promoters like Plaintiffs cannot possibly make a profit on the event. Dr. Barnet, perhaps the foremost academic authority on promotion, confirms this for Plaintiffs. This information is relevant both to the prosecution of the underlying case, but also to Plaintiffs' arguments for punitive damages.

Second, it addresses the important issue of Plaintiffs' experience and ability not just to have promoted this event, but also to promote future events as well. Dr. Barnet, an unquestioned authority who literally wrote the book on music promotion, is as well placed as anyone to opine

as to their qualifications. This will be both helpful at trial, and in front of the Third Circuit on appeal, as it directly contradicts the Judge's erroneous finding. For your convenience, I have attached all of the supporting documentation justifying Dr. Barnett's opinions.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours Truly,
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Andrew B. Smith, Esq.

Enclosures

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENTS of OPINION

This document contains the opinions of Richard D. Barnet, Ph.D. These opinions are drawn from his professional experience in live entertainment, his experience as a professor who has taught live entertainment courses throughout his 38-year career as a professor, his authorship and co-authorship of several books, including *This Business of Concert Promotion and Touring* (the textbook most often adopted by universities offering a course in live entertainment), his review of other texts and treatises on the relevant subject matter, and the review of the many documents provided to him by the plaintiffs in Juice Entertainment, LLC, Thomas Dorfman, and Chris Barrett vs. Live Nation Entertainment.

Kindly refer to *Attachment No. 1* in order to view my complete resume.

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FACTS

I reviewed facts presented in:

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT: DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL JUICE ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, THOMAS DORFMAN, AND CHRIS BARRETT Plaintiffs, vs. LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC., Defendant Civil Action No. 11-7318-WHW-MCA UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

LIST OF DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO ME BY PLAINTIFFS

Kindly refer to *Attachment No. 2* for a list of documents the plaintiffs provided me.

BIBLIOGROPHY

Kindly refer to *Attachment No. 3* to view my bibliography.

DEFINITIONS

Because there exists no lexicon for the concert promotion and touring industry, professionals occasionally use different terms to describe the same thing. I am, therefore, providing the terms that are relevant, and ones that I use, in this document. This will also help one better understand the various terms that are presented in the many documents presented and discussed throughout this litigation.

BUSINESS ENTITIES

The basic "triad" of a concert is typically: the talent buyer, the venue owner and/or operator, and the act.

The talent buyer is the person or entity who engages the services of the act and rents the venue. The myriad talent buyers include concert promoters, fairs, festivals, casinos, and clubs of various sizes and capacities. It should be noted that venues often act as their own in-house talent buyers or enter into a co-promotion agreement with a promoter or other entity.

The venue is the space in which the act will be presented and the performance held. Venues typically provide services for the talent buyer, including security, ticket takers, ushers, merchandise sales staff, and local stagehands. When the act does not travel with their own sound system, lighting instruments, and stage set, the venue, in collaboration with the talent buyer, provides this technical equipment and any technicians necessary to operate the equipment.

The act is one or more performers that entered into the performance agreement with the talent buyer. It is, typically, a written agreement that contains the elements necessary to ascend to a legal contract. In legal documents, the act is often referred to as *ARTIST*. When this term is used, it can refer to a solo artist, a duo, or a band.

FEE STRUCTURES

The fee structure is the "deal" that is struck by the talent buyer and the act for payment to perform. Acts typically are represented by an agent to procure engagements on the act's behalf. They may be referred to as a booking agent or talent agent. Regardless of their preferred title, they do the same thing: Find talent buyers to promote the acts on the agent's roster.

The two basic types of fee structures are the "guarantee" and the "backend deal." A guarantee is a flat fee that has been agreed upon in the performance agreement and is paid to the act regardless of the number of paid tickets. A backend deal is some form of a percentage deal that cannot be calculated until all ticket revenues have been calculated. The most simple backend deal is a "straight percentage," often referred to as a door deal. It means that the act is paid a specific percentage of ticket revenues. It might be a percentage of gross box office revenues, net box office income, or net net box office income. [The terms gross, net, and net net are discussed later.] Another, slightly more complicated, fee structure is the "guarantee versus a percentage" deal. In this fee structure, the act is paid the agreed upon guarantee or a percentage, whichever is greater. The most complicated fee structure is the "guarantee plus a percentage" or, simply, a plus deal.

It is important to note that the guarantee plus a percentage deal is complicated and must have a detailed budget attached to the basic performance agreement in order to calculate and project the potential final payment to the act and talent buyer. The act's guarantee is the first item in the expense sheet. The second item is an amount or percentage that the talent buyer receives and is referred to as the "promoter profit." The third item is a detailed list of agreed upon expenses that the talent buyer is permitted to deduct before the final percentage split. The last item in the budget is the percentage (split) that the talent buyer and act will each earn respectively from what, if any, income is left.

As one can see, the *detailed list of expenses* to be deducted before the talent buyer/act percentage split is crucial. There have been, unfortunately, instances of talent buyers inflating - "padding" - the expenses in order to increase talent buyer income and decrease payment to the act.

Settlement is the meeting at which a representative for the act, usually the tour manager or tour accountant, a representative for the talent buyer, box office manager, and a venue representative review the financials. The ticket sales revenue is controlled by the talent buyer; the talent buyer pays everyone their calculated amount.

BASIC FINANCIAL TERMS

Some terms that agents and promoters use to describe important elements of deal structures and budgets are not typically used by the other industries. The following are those that are commonly used in concerts and touring:

Gross Potential (GP) is the amount of income that would be generated if the show were a sellout. This is calculated in advance and is the basis from which negotiations begin.

Gross (at Settlement) is the actual box office income that ticket sales generated.

Net is the what remains after tax on tickets is deducted. The tax on tickets is a state tax and varies from state-to-state and city-to-city. It may be called amusement tax, entertainment tax, or other term.

Net Net is what is left after tax on tickets and agreed upon expenses have been deducted.

Offer is the summary of the details of the proposed deal that is sent from the talent buyer to the act through the act's booking agency. When it is a backend deal of any complexity, the critical element contained in the offer is the budget that contains financial terms that the talent buyer hopes that the act will accept. Normally, the talent buyer and the agent will then discuss the offer. When the agent, often with approval of the act and the act's manager, agrees with the talent buyer, the agent sends a performance agreement. The performance agreement should contain the agreed upon deductions that the talent buyer may deduct. These deductions should reflect those that appear in the performance agreement and attached budget.

Caveat: As mentioned above, there is no lexicon that presents consistent industry-wide terminology in the field of live entertainment. Therefore, talent buyers and agents may use financial terms that differ from these.

SUMMARY OF OPINIONS:

1. To a reasonable degree of certainty, Plaintiffs' decision not to accept the offer of the Defendant to co-promote/produce the State Fair event was both sound and necessary, considering evidence here that suggest a business model adopted by the Defendant that is extremely financially predatory against, among others, co-independent promoters;
2. To a reasonable degree of certainty, Plaintiffs had all the necessary experience and physical/practical requisites to perform their contract with State Fair. While Juice Entertainment is a new "Corporation," when examining the necessary disciplines, subject matter, industry and the background/experience of the Plaintiffs as well as their strategic associations with Partners, it is my view that they are not in fact a "New Business" in their Meadowlands endeavor from each practical standpoint within the live event/entertainment industry.

DISCUSSIONS:

This case is about the Defendant Live Nation, the largest live entertainment promoter and producer in the world, who most recently merged with Ticketmaster, the largest ticketing agency in the

world, interfering with Plaintiffs, Juice Entertainment LLC's performance of a contract with New Jersey State Fair, to, among others, produce and promote EDM (Electronic Dance Music) events/festivals at the Meadowlands fairgrounds. Plaintiffs allege that Live Nation tortuously interfered with the performance of their said contract, leading to its termination, and the Plaintiffs losing their business. Defendant's defenses addressed in this report include that Live Nation offered to allow Plaintiffs to co-promote/produce with Live Nation in the performance of said contract with State Fair such that refusing Live Nation's offer was part of the reason for the Plaintiff's loss, AND, that the Plaintiffs were a "new" business that could not have handled the promotion and production of necessary event/s to satisfactorily perform under the said contract with State Fair without Live Nation.

After review of documented information and events relative to this case, I am able to provide the following opinions to a reasonable degree of certainty:

- Live Nation at times engages the services of artists through their agents and/or managers and co-independent promoters on contingent compensation agreements;
- Live Nation negotiated 3rd party expenses, like rental costs with venues, directly with vendors in exchange for exclusive financial gains not disclosed to the artists or their agents, managers, or independent co-promoters in the form of "rebates." There appears to be a direct correlation between the value of these negotiated increased expenses and the value of rebates received by Live Nation for its exclusive benefit;
- The higher that 3rd party expenses are, the more expensive it is to produce and promote an event for all involved, including agents, artists, co-independent promoters within these contingency arrangements. In these circumstances, from the evidence presented to me, it seems Live Nation can enjoy 100% of the benefit, while, at least, passing on material costs (more than 50% at times) onto unknown 3rd parties, such as artists, agents, managers and certainly, co-independent promoters;
- Such a business model creates a conflict of interest with Live Nation's fiduciary responsibility to the artists and others mentioned under these contingency compensation arrangements;
- Such "rebates" to Live Nation are based on "volume" of ticket sales, while artists, agents, managers and co-independent promoters are compensated based on "value" of ticket sales, insulating Live Nation's profit in many ways, from the price of each ticket sold. From the financial documents presented to me, it appears most shows indicate a "loss" or "very low profit" on public settlements presented to artists, agents, managers and co-independent promoters, but a "profit" after factoring in the "rebates" in the internal accounting documents of the Defendant;
- The location of this "rebate" is included in the accounting item "contribution margin," which is a non-traditional accounting item for the live entertainment industry. Contribution Margin is apparently arrived at by adding "promoter profit" with "ancillary income." The "rebate" discussed here appears to fall under "ancillary income" according to the Defendant's own contractual definitions, supported by the chart of events provided by the Defendants;

- This business model can be seen as extremely predatory on, among others, co-independent promoters, who often have to share up to 50% of all the expenses of producing and promoting an event, but are not entitled to the real "profit" of the event beyond ticket sales, which appears to be the "rebates" discussed. It is arguable that this business model, at best, ensures a lower profit margin for the co-independent promoter, among others, or ensure the financial ruin of a co-independent promoter at worst;
- This business model also appears to allow Live Nation to show "loss" or low "promoter profit" to its vendors and partners, including co-independent promoters, while boast a material profit or at least, higher income, to the regulators and their shareholders for its events in contrast; and,
- I also found from my review that Thomas Dorfman and Christopher Barrett were industry veterans in the production and promotion of, among others, live EDM performances in the relevant geographical location/market for over 10+ years prior to this dispute. With the support of State Fair as well as other industry veterans such as John Dimatteo and Veto Bruno, it is my view that: A) Production of an EDM event at the Meadowlands would not constitute a new business for Juice Entertainment from any practical standpoint, and B) It is more likely than not, Juice Entertainment would have, at very least, successfully promoted and produced the intended EDM event at the Meadowlands within the time afforded under the relevant contract with State Fair.

After reviewing the documents, I am able to provide the following specific and detailed discussion and conclusions related to the overall questions of the viability of Plaintiffs partnering with Live Nation and Juice Entertainment LLC's status and ability to promote the State Fair events, and ultimately an opinion related thereto.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS:

My opinion is that it is not customary for concert promoters, producers of concert tours, and festival promoters to provide booking agents, managers, and co-independent promoters an amount of money that they refer to as "contingent compensation arrangements." The manager and agent are artist representatives and are paid by the artist. They are customarily paid on a commission basis. Co-independent concert promoters divide the income as per their pre-concert arrangements. It should be noted that the amount of income ticket sales is the most important financial factor at settlement for a ticketed event.

Further, in my opinion, it is not industry standard for promoters or producers to negotiate a third-party expense in exchange for exclusive financial gains unless these arrangements are agreed upon and clearly stated in the performance agreement. The primary goal of a concert is to maximize the "value" of gross ticket sales. It is not standard practice to base distribution of income, as defined in the respective performance agreements, on the "number" of tickets sold for one party, here Live Nation, and the "value" of the tickets sold for everyone else. It should also be noted that the venue rental is created by a contractual agreement between the venue and the talent buyer. The venue and talent buyer, at that time, accept a fiduciary responsibility to the artist. To do otherwise violates their fundamental fiduciary responsibility. (An exception might be an "in-house

promotion." i.e., when the venue assumes the role of concert promoter or co-promoter.) Any deceitful collaboration between the venue and the talent buyer represents a serious conflict of interest.

A full review of the documents demonstrates how this arrangement works. A term that appeared in Live Nation performance agreements that I examined is "Ancillary" income. It was described in several Live Nation agreements as follows:

Purchaser [Live Nation] and/or its affiliated entities, due to a larger overall relationship with a vendor, such as an agreement to provide certain numbers of shows to a facility or contractor, may be entitled to receive certain payments ... which will not be included with settlement with artist. (Emphasis added)

In documents that I reviewed, I also encountered the term that referred to the practice of "contribution margins." This term, as far as I am able to determine from documents that I examined, is arrived at by adding "promoter profit" and "ancillary" income.

As described in documents that I examined, contribution margins involve manipulation of rental income agreed upon by the venue and the talent buyer without the knowledge of the act or act's representatives. This involves Live Nation paying more in rental expenses in exchange for additional rebates, which are exempt from the contingent compensation agreements as "ancillary income." In addition, it is, in my opinion, not customary for the talent buyer to share a portion of the ticket sales revenue without this arrangement being made clear and mutually agreed up with the act.

It is a reality, in my opinion, that Live Nation, the largest concert promotion company in the United States, is a company that a venue operator must please. (Note that Live Nation boasts that they are "The Global Leader" in Live [Entertainment].) If Live Nation is displeased with a particular venue for not "cooperating," the venue may face the risk of being excluded from future concerts promoted by this behemoth talent buyer. If a large concert promoter such as Live Nation selects a competing venue in which to promote a major act, the excluded venue experiences a potential major financial loss. Even though under this arrangement the venue makes its money by way of increased venue cost in exchange for rebates, it is my opinion that a venue (not owned by Live Nation) would not participate in a "contribution margin" or "kickback" unless it is somehow coerced into doing so.

The industry dominance is important to note. The following figures are posted on their website as of 2019 (livenationentertainment.com).

- A. Live Nation promotes 3,500 concert events annually;
- B. More than 100 music festivals annually;
- C. They present 4,000 artists; and,
- D. They own more than 200 venues.

These data demonstrate that an act has the potential of playing many venues and festivals owned by Live Nation. Arenas that depend on concerts to keep from going into the red, must consider the tremendous number and stature of artists they have the potential of hosting, unless they are shunned by Live Nation. It is supported by a statement made by a Live Nation representative.

When Live Nation was not selected to promote concerts at the New York State Fair in 2009, the Live Nation representative was quoted as stating that his company "will not allow any of the acts it promotes to appear at the Syracuse-based fair," in an obvious retaliation to New York State's decision.

In my opinion, an example of Live Nation Entertainment's disregard for conflicts of interest is evident in their creation of a division that manages acts. One of an artist manager's primary responsibilities is to advise the artist regarding the most beneficial promoter, booking agency, and venues to advance their career. It is unlikely that Live Nation Entertainment advises their artists to work with any other promoters, even when the competing promoter would be more beneficial to the artist's income.

Allegations of conflict of interest were discussed in the media. A conflict of interest was established by booking agent Jeffrey Azoff, the son of Live Nation Entertainment chairman Irving Azoff, became a booking agent at the CAA booking agency. Note that CAA is a powerful, national talent agency. Jeffrey Azoff working for an agency that booked acts managed by his father at Live Nation was criticized by many industry professionals. Irving Azoff was well connected: He had worked at Front Line Management for five years. Front Line management company, was founded in 2004 by Irving Azoff before he sold it to Live Nation and began to work for Live Nation.

Furthermore, Ticketmaster, the largest ticketing services company in the United States and a sibling division of Live Nation, is an asset for concerts promoted by Live Nation. Ticketmaster requires any venue that uses their services to adhere to exclusivity. This arrangement allows Ticketmaster to have oversight and control of ticket sales figures.

A Ticketmaster representative typically attends settlement and provides the promoter and others a settlement sheet. Because Ticketmaster sleeps in the same corporate bed as Live Nation, they have control of sales data as well as financial information presented to the act. The promoter and venue present expenses and, therefore, the potential exists for secretive collaboration. If the promoter, venue, and ticket services were to create a scheme to inflate expenses, the artist would earn less than they should have. The most critical part of any concert venture is control of the information.

The evolution of the two live entertainment giants, Ticketmaster and Live Nation, and their eventual merger, is noteworthy:

Ticketmaster was formed in 1996 in Phoenix by two Arizona State University graduate students/staff members. In 2008 Ticketmaster acquired Front Line Management. The name of the new company became Ticketmaster Entertainment, Inc.

After Clear Channel Radio spun-off its live entertainment division, a newly independent company, known as Live Nation, was created on December 21, 2005.

In 2010 Live Nation and Ticketmaster Entertainment entered into a merger agreement. Their corporate name became Live Nation Entertainment (Live Nation Entertainment Investor Relations, 2019).

It is important to note that Ticketmaster requires each venue that uses Ticketmaster's services to promise exclusivity. This requirement has been in place since the creation of Ticketmaster in

1996. This means venues that wish to use Ticketmaster can use no other ticketing service. This creates an intimate financial relationship between Ticketmaster and Live Nation, because they are each a division of Live Nation Entertainment.

In fact, *Rolling Stone* described the process Ticketmaster uses to create alliances with arenas and concert promoters as far back as 1994. Said *Rolling Stone*, "In fact, according to industry sources, Ticketmaster has even loaned promoters money to meet the guarantees of stadium acts and has given money to venues for promotion and marketing. Several recent lawsuits call Ticketmaster's dividends to venues "kickbacks." (Strauss, Neill in *Rolling Stone*, 1994).

In my analysis of the documents provided to me, I observed the potential for co-operation between Live Nation and Ticketmaster. While there is some counter-evidence to this, it is troubling to observe Jason Miller admitting at his ultimate meeting with the Plaintiffs on the 22nd of April 2011 that "*Dorfman: I had a deal...you guys were trying to blow Vito out of the deal...we stood up for them...you or John was saying, you can't get ticketing through the Meadowlands.... Miller: Yeah.*" This concern is also supported by other testimonies of the Plaintiff of a more specific and explicit threat made by Live Nation regarding ticketing to Al Dorso of State Fair and again, directly in person to the Plaintiffs.

I should add that, in my opinion, there are "winners" and "losers" in the financial manipulations that Live Nation and some arenas create. The losers are consumers, who will likely experience higher ticket prices; artists who are not compensated in a bona fide manner; booking agents who are paid a commission of the act's gross income; and, some co-promoters. The winners in this scenario are the arena, Live Nation, and Live Nation Entertainment stockholders.

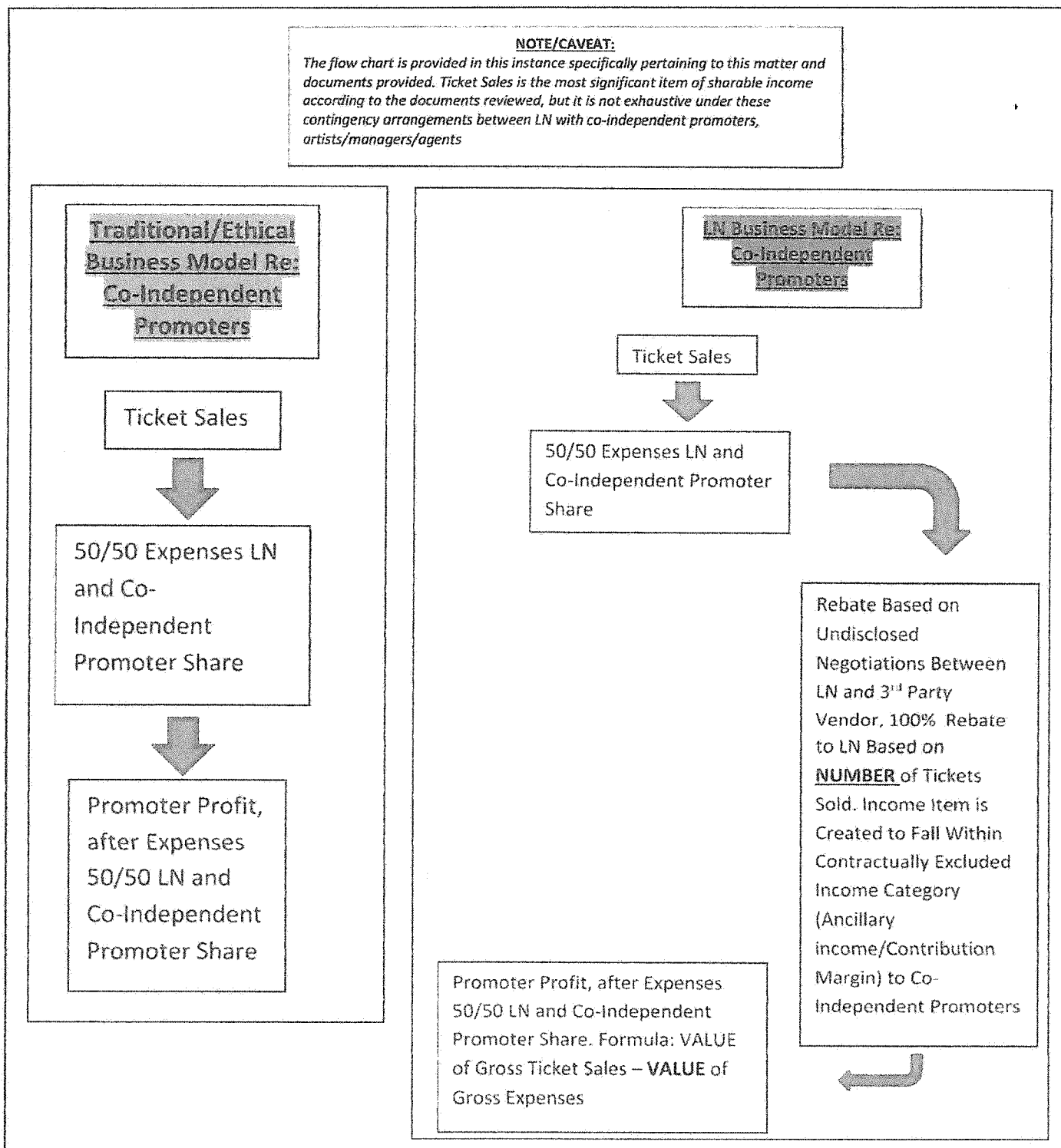
When plaintiffs discovered that Live Nation created undisclosed financial agreements, previously referred to as "contribution margins/ancillaries," it demonstrated the inherent advantages for the talent buyer, Live Nation. Among others, such an arrangement allows Live Nation to outbid everyone for Talent by offering a higher percentage of the traditional revenue pie to artists, and Live Nation still collect a higher portion of the overall revenue pie at the end of the day. Oddly, according to documents, Live Nation manipulated venue rental payments in spite of anticipated losses by Live Nation in their ticket sales revenues. In theory, Live Nation could show higher venue rental figures at settlement, and then split the additional money with the venue for their help in doing this. It is my opinion that there is logic to this theory.

My review of documents, including at LN0033966-33969, indicated that Jason Miller, former Director of Talent Acquisition for Live Nation and currently Director of Live Nation operations in the Tri-state area, instructed Ambar Brilliant, Live Nation accountant, to post an entry of \$90,000 rent for settlement, but apply only \$75,000 "internally" for this same item and event. This is a seriously suspicious accounting disparity and, without a valid explanation, would amount to dishonest business practice. In fact, the emails at LN0034937-39 provides direct evidence of negotiating amount of rebates based on the amount of the expenses between Live Nation and the Venue.

Additionally, while reviewing documents provided by the plaintiff, I found it unusual that a "promoter profit & loss" statement revealed a large loss, but, according to Jason Miller, speaking with Scott Holtz, Head of Ticketing for Live Nation, the event actually "made money."

I noticed in the email chain that someone named Wayne Goldberg was included. I could not find out who Wayne Goldberg is and what he does.

For a simple illustration, I am going to try to put it into a flow diagram as follows with respect to the above:



NOTE/CAVEAT:

The flow chart is provided in this instance specifically pertaining to this matter and documents provided. Ticket Sales is the most significant item of sharable income according to the documents reviewed, but it is not exhaustive under these contingency arrangements between LN with co-independent promoters, artists/managers/agents

**Traditional/Ethical Business
 Model Re:
 Artists/Agents/Managers**

Ticket Sales



Artists/Agents/Managers Agree to Share % of Promoter Profit, in Exchange for 0 or Low Performance Guaranteed Compensation for Artist



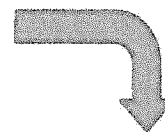
Promoter Profit, after Expenses % LN and Artists/Agents/Managers. Formula: VALUE of Gross Ticket Sales – VALUE of Gross Expenses

**LN Business Model Re:
 Artists/Agents/Managers**

Ticket Sales



Artists/Agents/Managers Agree to Share % of Promoter Profit, in Exchange for 0 or Low Performance Cost for Artist



Rebate Based on Undisclosed Negotiations Between LN and 3rd Party Vendor, 100% Rebate to LN Based on **NUMBER** of Tickets Sold. Income Item is Created to Fall Within Contractually Excluded Income Category (Ancillary income/Contribution Margin) to Artists/Agents/Managers



Promoter Profit, after Expenses % LN and Artists/Agents/Managers. Formula: VALUE of Gross Ticket Sales – VALUE of Gross Expenses

Live Nation's financial maneuvers would present unfair competition with other promoters. A major live concert promotion company might engage in this practice as a way to prevent other promoters from gaining dates in certain venues and the booking of artists. As such, a full review of the documents clearly demonstrates that adopting Live Nation's deceptive practices meant that Juice would not likely have profited, or at least, their profitability materially adversely affected, from any agreement between Live Nation and Juice to co-promote/produce, no matter how successful the event.

It is also my opinion that several entertainment veterans, including Thomas Dorfman, John Dimatteo, and Vito Bruno possessed impressive credentials and were extremely well qualified to work as a team to present an outdoor festival, especially one featuring EDM acts.

Thomas Dorfman has been successful in the EDM market and had productive liaison with top DJ acts and their agents. Before his Meadowlands venture was disrupted by Live Nation, Dorfman owned "Bliss," a well-known club that presented major DJs and had a strong fan clientele for that genre. The club was so impressive that it and Dorfman were featured in *Club Systems* magazine. The publication noted the club's impressive production, i.e., sound system, lighting, and stage set design. Note that these are the same type of production elements necessary to promote an outdoor show. A review of Dorfman's overall credentials relevant to the promotion and production of shows similar to those under the State Fair agreement is impressive, and Chris Barrett's experience as a well-known DJ also brought additional value to Dorfman.

Moreover, Plaintiffs were teamed with industry stalwarts like John Dimatteo and Vito Bruno, as well as having concurrent access to all the resources of State Fair in terms of ticketing, production, marketing and an active clientele of over 500 thousand average fair visitors each year to the State Fair over the 3-5 weeks of its usual annual operation.

Vito Bruno owned a promotion and management company and was a 35-year veteran of the live entertainment industry. Bruno had tremendous success presenting DJs and producers of Electronica, a genre that morphed into EDM. His concert production successes include "Beatstock," which was entered into the Guinness Book of World Records. Bruno, having substantial financial resources, had committed to fund millions of dollars of support to Juice and their ventures at the Meadowlands.

John Dimatteo was the most successful booking agent representing the top DJs in the world. He had a consistent history of success in this genre. He represented Juice in their communication with acts and agents. He had an excellent relationship with the top DJs in the world, including Tiesto, Steven Angello, and David Gutta.

In several ways, the plaintiffs were better qualified than Live Nation to produce an EDM event at the Meadowlands. Juice and their associates had a long-held positive relationship with EDM acts and their representatives. It is my opinion that they also had an intimate understanding of this youth-oriented genre, more than AEG and Live Nation, the two largest concert promotion companies worldwide, seemed to have.

The most important functions that an outdoor promoter must accomplish are production - sound, lighting, staging, and other technical elements, talent acquisition, and promoting the event through

publicity and advertising. Juice was prepared to perform these festival elements professionally, just as they had in smaller venue EDM shows.

Juice could have provided all necessary production equipment and staff necessary to operate this equipment for such a festival. Independent production companies capable of providing sound, lights, and staging are commonly used for festivals. There are ample production companies available, especially in New Jersey and New York. In addition, the fair staff and Meadowlands staff are well qualified and have a wealth of experience in large outdoor events. The support that was available to handle all production elements was readily available to Juice for this event.

Documents that I reviewed indicated that EDM acts and their artist representatives were familiar with Juice and their associates. Furthermore, Juice had established an excellent reputation in the EDM world. It should be noted that the overwhelming number of acts signed to rosters of the largest booking agencies are also signed to major record labels. An agent from the William Morris Agency (Now William Morris Endeavor or WME) told me, "Our agency doesn't do A&R, labels do that. Therefore, we typically sign only with acts that have a recording contract with a major label." Most EDM artists struggle to get signed to major record label deals. Mega booking agencies work predominantly with large, national Pop, Rock, Urban, and Country acts, but have comparatively few EDM acts on their rosters.

The function at which Juice would have been more effective is publicity and advertising. This is evidenced by the Juice associates' outstanding coverage in media that specialize in this genre. To gain publicity - unpaid media support - is most successful when the promoter has an established relationship with the journalists from EDM publications and websites. EDM fans read magazines such as *EDM World*, *Clublife*, and, *Electro*. In my opinion, it is doubtful that the largest promoters were familiar with these publications, let alone known to journalists in these and other publications for this genre at the time Juice attempted to present their festival.

Juice had knowledge of, and access to, social media, including those that they had gained by "harvesting" them from previous shows and from those of the acts with whom they had developed a positive relationship. It is my opinion that large promoters, those that typically present Country, Pop, Rock, R&B, and Urban, and other mainstream genre, were unlikely to have understood how to navigate the social media for EDM as well as Juice did. Media buys for ad campaigns to promote EDM shows are much different than those for other genre. Again, Juice likely would have better knowledge of these media than the largest promoters. As such, even assuming the Meadowlands event would have been the largest Dorfman had done to date, the size would not have rendered Juice, run by an experienced promoter, a "new" business from all practical analysis of necessary disciplinary experience, resources, ideas and means.

Previously, I explained my theory of the basic "triad" of a concert. It is typically: the talent buyer, the venue owner and/or operator, and the act. It is my opinion that the plaintiff's qualifications to produce and promote a large, outdoor EDM (Electronic Dance Music) festival at the Meadowlands were excellent at the time that they began negotiations with New Jersey State Fair representatives; they possessed the qualifications necessary to succeed in what I've described as the triad.

It is my opinion that few other individuals and business entities would benefit from the business model described in the documents that I reviewed. Booking agencies that worked closely with Live Nation's business model would have a "pipeline" to the mega-concert promoter. Vendors who might give kickbacks to any powerful promoter such as Live Nation would continue to

procure lucrative offers for future work. Most of all, it is my opinion that any arena that were to manipulate finances in consort with Live Nation would benefit greatly by earning additional income and gain future events promoted by Live Nation.

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Based on my review and study of the defendants' actions, it is my opinion to a reasonable degree of certainty that Juice would have presented a successful EDM event in Meadowlands were it not for interference from Live Nation, and would likely have had success moving forward. Conversely, from the evidence, they would have, more likely than not, suffered financially, regardless of the success of the event if they had accepted the offer of co-promotion/production from Live Nation if the same business model was to be observed as was observed in the documents provided to me for the purpose of this report.

It is also my opinion to a reasonable degree of certainty, after reviewing documents provide to me, that Live Nation business practices and their suspicious accounting practices caused financial harm to artists that they promoted. Furthermore, it is my opinion that Live Nation Entertainment, their stockholders, and arenas are the primary beneficiaries of these business practices.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Barnett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being the most prominent part.

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Attachment No. 1

- Resume of Dr. Richard Barnett

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[Worth mentioning: Jake Berry, co-author, is Production Manager for U2 and formerly PM for the Rolling Stones, and other major recording artists. Ray Waddell, co-author was Senior Editor of Touring for *Billboard* Magazine at the time of writing. This book is the most commonly used textbook for live entertainment courses.]

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- Professor, Department of Recording Industry (1991 - Present)
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- Instruction: Teach Concert Promotion and Touring, Understanding the Nashville Music Business, Ethics of the Recording Industry, and Advanced Concert Promotion

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - San Bernardino, California

Associate Dean, School of Humanities and Director of Commercial Music

- Directed three ensembles in the Commercial Music/Jazz Studies program and taught Survey of the Music Industry; Administrative duties included grant writing, scheduling, and student appeals

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY - Harrisonburg, Virginia

Director of Concert and Support Services and Associate Professor of Music Industry

- Taught music business courses including Concert Production and Promotion, Legal Aspects of the Music Industry, Music in Advertising, Arts Administration, and Music Merchandising.
- Managed 1,200-seat concert hall
- Promoter of Fine Arts Series

Music Industry Experience

BOB SHIPSTAD PRODUCTIONS - Hollywood, CA Production Staff, Music Department

- Music Department staff member for touring shows; Duties included coordinating recording sessions, arranging/copying/editing sheet music, and constant liaison with AFTRA, AFofM, and AGVA unions.

HOLIDAY ON ICE INTERNATIONAL - Hollywood, CA

Touring Conductor/Music Director

- Toured arenas in the US and Canada as conductor of 21-piece pit orchestra; conducted 9 shows per week

SHIPSTADS AND JOHNSON'S ICE FOLLIES - Hollywood, CA

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SHENANDOAH VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Festival Manager

- Managed publicity, advertising, production, box office, and other functions of multi-concert series. Shows presented over several weekends.

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Attachment No. 2

Documents Provided to Dr. Richard Barnet from Plaintiff's Attorney

Court Documents:

- Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint 09-04-12
- Deposition of Jason Miller 03-23-16
- Deposition of Al Dorso 07-16-13
- Deposition of John D'Esposito 07-17-13
- Deposition of Thomas Dorfman 11-12-13

Plaintiff Attorney Work Product:

- Diagram and Case Study of Financial Irregularity (4 pages)

Plaintiff's Evidence:

- Certified recording transcript of meeting between Thomas Dorfman, Chris Barrett and Jason Miller 04-22-11
- Professional Biographies and List of Events of Thomas Dorfman, John Dimatteo and Vito Bruno

Defendant's Evidence:

LN0002101	LN0003589	LN0003603	LN0004644	LN0018292	LN0023702	LN0033478	LN0034753
LN0002102	LN0003590	LN0003604	LN0004645	LN0018328	LN0023704	LN0033480	LN0034777
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EXHIBIT C



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June 11, 2019

BY EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

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Re: Juice Entertainment, LLC et al. v. Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.
Civil Action No. 11-07318 (WHW) (CLW)

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am writing with respect to your letter of June 6, 2019, under cover of which you have provided an undated document bearing the title "Statement of Opinions" from Richard D. Barnet, Ph.D. Your attempt to serve this expert report more than three years after the relevant Court-ordered deadline is inappropriate and troubling for a host of reasons. Unless you immediately take the remedial steps outlined below, we will take all necessary actions to protect our client's interests.

First, according to the Court's Amended Scheduling Order entered on May 16, 2016 (ECF # 70), fact discovery in this case closed on March 31, 2016, which is the date by which all documentary evidence and depositions were taken. While your letter claims that this report is being served now because "discovery here was produced extremely late," it has been well over *three years* since your clients were provided with any fact discovery from Live Nation. Moreover, the Amended Scheduling Order provides for the service of affirmative expert reports on or before June 15, 2016, rebuttal expert reports to be served by July 15, 2016 and for expert discovery to be concluded by August 15, 2016. Regardless of whether Dr. Barnet's report is an affirmative or rebuttal report, it was due approximately three years ago. You have neither sought nor obtained a modification of this Court-ordered deadline (nor would there be any plausible or conceivable basis upon which such relief would be warranted) and thus Dr. Barnet's report is untimely and served in violation of the Court's order. Finally, based upon the list of materials Dr. Barnet claims to have reviewed, it appears that you (or your clients) have improperly provided Dr. Barnet with confidential materials produced in discovery this case by Live Nation pursuant to the Court's Discovery Confidentiality Order entered on April 18, 2013 (ECF # 31). Dr. Barnet is not an authorized recipient of those materials and whomever provided Dr. Barnet with those materials has thus violated the Court's Order.

Andrew Smith, Esq.

June 11, 2019

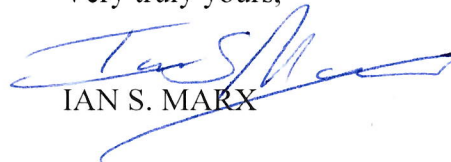
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Given the foregoing, we ask that you confirm, in writing, on or before 5pm on June 12, 2019, the following:

1. Plaintiffs will withdraw Dr. Barnet's report and agree that it shall not be used by Plaintiffs for any reason, in this or any proceeding, and that it will not be shared with anyone other than Plaintiffs, Live Nation, or the Court.
2. Dr. Barnet will immediately:
 - a. Advise whether he has shared documents stamped "confidential" and produced by Live Nation to Plaintiffs in this case (the "Live Nation Confidential Documents") to any other person (and, if so, provide the identity of any such recipients);
 - b. Destroy all Live Nation Confidential Documents in his possession, custody or control;
 - c. Agree that the information reflected in Live Nation Confidential Documents will not be shared by him with anyone else;
 - d. Destroy all versions of his expert report; and
 - e. Provide Live Nation and the Court with a sworn statement attesting to the foregoing.

If you are unable or unwilling to provide us with the foregoing by 5pm on June 12, 2019, we will bring these issues to the Court's immediate attention and intend to seek all appropriate remedies, including the dismissal with prejudice of the remaining claims in Plaintiffs' Complaint.

Very truly yours,



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EXHIBIT D



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June 12, 2019

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Re: Juice Entertainment LLC, Thomas Dorfman and Chris Barrett v. Live Nation Entertainment Inc.
Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-07318-WHW-CLW

Dear Ian:

As you know, my firm represents Plaintiffs Juice Entertainment LLC, Thomas Dorfman and Chris Barrett (“Plaintiffs”) in the above referenced matter. This letter is in response to your June 11, 2019 letter to me (the “Letter”). The Letter appears to be an empty threat bourn of fear of the contents of Dr. Richard Barnet’s expert report (the “Expert Report”). As for the threats regarding “confidential” documents, the very Confidentiality Order you cite specifically states at Section 4(b) that such documents can be reviewed by experts. Since the Expert Report is very clearly an expert report, there was no violation of the Confidentiality Order.

Further, it is well settled that an expert report may be admissible even where it is served after the discovery end date. See Meyers v. Pennypack Woods Home Ownership Ass'n, 559 F.2d 894, 904 (3d Cir.1977) (holding that before excluding evidence, the Court should consider (1) the prejudice or surprise to the party against whom the evidence would be presented; (2) the ability to cure the prejudice; (3) the extent to which the evidence, if admitted, would disrupt trial of the case; and (4) bad faith or willfulness in failing to comply with the Court's Order); In re Mercedes-Benz Anti-Trust Litigation, 225 F.R.D. 498, 504-05 (D.N.J. 2005) (stating that the Third Circuit has expressed a distinct aversion to the exclusion of important evidence unless there is evidence of extreme neglect or bad faith on the part of the proponent of the testimony, and the Court should exercise particular restraint in deciding a motion to preclude evidence); Velez v. QVC, Inc., 2004 WL 1175726, at *1 (E.D.Pa. May 25, 2004) (stating that before imposing the “extreme sanction” of preclusion of evidence, the Court must either find that the party “(1) revealed previously undisclosed evidence when trial was either imminent or in progress; or (2) acted in bad faith, which is more than a mere lack of due diligence.”), *quoting Meyers*, 559 F.2d at 905; see also Tucci v. Tropicana Casino, 364 N.J. Supper. 48, 52 (App. Div. 2003) (stating that New Jersey courts have long held that it is “particularly indulgent in not barring a late expert's report where the report was critical to the claim or defense, the late report was submitted well before trial, the defaulting counsel was not guilty of any willful misconduct or design to mislead, any potential prejudice to the adverse party could be remediated, and the client was entirely innocent.”). Here, there is both

a legitimate reason for the late issuance of the report and a lack of prejudice to Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (“Defendant”). See id.

Plaintiffs had to file numerous motions in order to get discovery from Defendant, and even after orders were issued by the Court ordering the production of documents, Defendant still refused to produce the ordered discovery. To this day, Defendant has not produced all the discovery ordered by the Court to be produced. Further, Defendant itself produced discovery after the discovery end date. In addition, though you lament Plaintiffs’ serving the Expert Report after the dates set forth for expert reports, Defendant itself repeatedly failed to meet deadlines in the very same order. Moreover, even the discovery that was produced was produced in a manner designed to hide the information contained in the discovery. For example, a key spreadsheet was produced in pieces over thousands of pages of production, so that it took a massive effort just to identify and then piece together the document itself.

In addition, Plaintiffs had tremendous difficulty finding any expert in the specific industry willing to testify against Defendant. While experts approached did not doubt Plaintiffs, there was concern about retaliation by Defendant for even just providing a report to Plaintiffs, regardless of what it said. Further, some of the issues in the Expert Report were not raised by Defendant until the summary judgment motion, and other issues were only recently discovered. Plaintiffs efforts were made all the more difficult with the withdrawal of Plaintiffs’ original counsel through no fault of Plaintiffs. Considering all of these difficulties, Plaintiffs have provided the Expert Report as expeditiously as they could.

There is also no prejudice to Defendant here. The Expert Report was based almost entirely on documents produced by Defendant itself, as well as some transcripts that have been in Defendant’s possession for quite some time. Defendant has plenty of time to depose Dr. Barnet, as Plaintiffs will make him available for his deposition upon request. Further, Defendant also has time to submit a counter-expert report if it deems one necessary, and Plaintiffs will of course consent to any extensions of time necessary for it to do so if needed.

Finally, no trial date has been set as of yet. As such, the rules regarding admission of a late expert report are relaxed. See Szalontai v. Yazbo’s Sports Café, 183 N.J. 386, 398 (2005) (discovery rules are more relaxed before arbitration has been held and/or a trial date has been set); Tucci, 364 N.J. Super. at 52 (courts should be “indulgent” where there is no trial date set); Ponden v. Ponden, 374 N.J. Super. 1, 11 (App. Div. 2004) (finding that trial judge mistakenly exercised discretion in barring plaintiff’s expert report when trial date was not yet scheduled and such report was crucial to plaintiff’s claim); Santone v. Fusiek, 2010 WL 6813737 (Law Div. Dec. 9, 2010) (courts will allow late expert reports where the late report was submitted well before trial, the defaulting counsel was not guilty of any willful misconduct or design to mislead, any potential prejudice to the adverse party could be remediated, and the client was entirely innocent). As such, the Expert Report is admissible and can be used at trial. See id.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to depose Dr. Barnet. Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours Truly,
SMITH + SCHWARTZSTEIN LLC

/s/ Andrew Smith

Andrew B. Smith, Esq.

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Civil Action No. 11-cv-7318 (CCC)(CLW)

[PROPOSED] ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT REPORT

THIS MATTER having been open to the Court by Greenberg Traurig, LLP, attorneys for Defendants Live Nation Entertainment, Inc., ("Live Nation") on notice to Andrew Smith, attorney for Plaintiffs Juice Entertainment LLC, Thomas Dorfman, and Chris Barrett ("Plaintiffs"), by way of Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Expert Report, excluding from this litigation the expert report and expert testimony of Dr. Richard D. Barnet, and the Court having considered the submissions of the parties and having heard argument of counsel, if required, and for good cause shown,

IT IS THIS ____ day of _____, 2019,

ORDERED that:

1. Defendants' Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Expert Report and Testimony of Dr. Richard D. Barnet hereby is **GRANTED**; and it is further

2. Any and all reports prepared by Dr. Richard D. Barnet are hereby excluded from use in this litigation; and it is further
3. Dr. Richard D. Barnet is hereby excluded from testifying as expert witnesses at trial in this litigation; and it is further
4. Dr. Richard D. Barnet shall destroy all Live Nation Confidential Documents in his possession, custody, or control; and it is further
5. Plaintiffs shall reimburse Live Nation its reasonable costs and fees incurred in bringing this motion, which Live Nation shall quantify in an appropriate submission to be filed with the Court on or before _____, 2019, following which Plaintiffs shall have 14 days in which to provide such reimbursement.

Hon. Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J.

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, Ian S. Marx, hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a shareholder in the law firm of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, attorneys for Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.

2. On August 23, 2019, I caused a true and correct copy of Defendant Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.'s Notice of Motion, Memorandum of Law in Support of its Motion to Strike Plaintiffs Juice Entertainment, LLC, Thomas Dorfman, and Chris Barrett's expert report, Certification of Ian S. Marx In Support of Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Expert Report, Proposed Order, and this Certification of Service to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, using the CM/ECF system. In so doing, all counsel of record have been electronically served with a copy of all of the aforementioned documents.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the forgoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment

Dated: August 23, 2019

/s/ Ian S. Marx
Ian S. Marx