



On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, a pretrial conference was held in this case at \_\_\_\_\_, Kansas, before the Honorable (Judge's Name), Bankruptcy Judge.

### **1. APPEARANCES**

Counsel present and participating were (name of trial counsel) of (firm name) for the plaintiff, (name of plaintiff), and (name of trial counsel) of (firm name) for the defendant, (name of defendant).

### **2. JURISDICTION AND CONSENT TO FINAL ORDER**

The parties to this (adversary proceeding) (contested matter) stipulate to the jurisdiction of the Court and consent to the trial and entry of a final order by the Bankruptcy Court.

### **3. NATURE OF CASE**

[Provide a brief, general statement of the nature of the case or matter, specifying applicable statutory references. Concisely identify the parties and their respective positions.]

### **4. AMENDMENTS TO PLEADINGS**

There are no amendments to the pleadings.

**(or)**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend his/her/its \_\_\_\_\_ to allege \_\_\_\_\_. Having heard the arguments of counsel and being fully informed, said motion was (overruled) (sustained).

**5. DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS**

There are no DISPOSITIVE motions to be filed.

**(or)**

Dispositive motions have been filed and are pending as follows:

**(or)**

Dispositive motions are due by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ . A party has 21 days to file a response to the motion, and the movant then has 14 days to reply. (See D. Kan. LBR 7012.1 and/or 7056.1). At the conclusion of briefing, the matter will go under advisement.

**6. STIPULATIONS**

The parties stipulate and agree that venue is properly laid in this District, that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Kansas has jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter and may try the adversary proceeding to final judgment, that all proper, necessary and indispensable parties are parties hereto, and to the following facts:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Unless the parties indicate otherwise, the law governing this case is that of the State of Kansas and the United States Bankruptcy Code.

## 7. ISSUES AND THEORIES

### **7.1 Plaintiff's first theory of recovery**

A. Elements: To prevail [state theory of recovery, *e.g.*, exception to discharge], plaintiff must prove: [Identify each element of plaintiff's first theory of recovery, *e.g.*, false statement, knowingly made with intent to deceive, etc.]

B. Issues of fact: The following issues of fact must be resolved at trial: [List all issues of fact relevant to the theory of recovery.]

C. Issues of law: The following issues of law must be resolved at trial: [List all issues of law relevant to the theory of recovery.]

D. Mixed Issues of Fact and Law: The following mixed issues of fact and law must be resolved at trial: [List all mixed issues of fact and law relevant to the theory of recovery.]

### **7.2 Defendant's defenses (including affirmative defenses):**

A. Elements: To prevail on [defense number 1], defendant must prove: [Identify elements.]

B. Issues of fact: The following issues of fact relative to the above elements must be resolved at trial: [All issues of fact relevant to defense number 1.]

C. Issues of law: The following issues of law relative to the above elements must be resolved at trial: [All issues of law relevant to defense number 1.]

D. Mixed issues of fact and law: The following mixed issues of fact and law relative to the above elements must be resolved at trial: [All mixed issues relevant to defense number 1.]

**7.3 Counterclaims; cross claims; and third party claims:**

[Include elements, issues of fact, issues of law and mixed issues in the format specified above for each and every counter, cross or third-party claim.]

**8. RELIEF SOUGHT**

[State any non-monetary and monetary relief sought by any party, including amounts, *e.g.*, injunctive relief, determination of dischargeability, allowance of claim, secured status, or similar concept, including an explanation of the basis for the relief. Reference to elements is extremely helpful in this connection.]

**9. BRIEF LIST OF CITATIONS**

If the parties desire not to file trial briefs, they must ?? may?? should ?? include a list of citations supporting the parties' respective theories. List citations by identifying them with the appropriate issues of law as follows:

Issue of Law

1.

Citation

1.

2.

[The list should be included for each party with respect to each theory.]

**10. LIST OF EXHIBITS; REMINDER OF COMPLIANCE**

**10.1 List of Exhibits**

**A. Plaintiff's Exhibits**

Plaintiff has identified the following exhibits to be offered into evidence at

the trial of this case:

	<u>Title of Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Pages</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

**B. Defendant's Exhibits**

Defendant has identified the following exhibits to be offered into evidence at the trial of this case:

	<u>Title of Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Pages</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			

**10.2 Exchange of Exhibits**

Not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to trial, each party shall serve upon each opposing party a legible copy of each exhibit the proponent intends to introduce at the time of trial.

**10.3 Compliance with LBR 9072.1**

Counsel are to comply with D. Kan. LBR 9072.1 and shall furnish the Court at chambers in Topeka with copies of all exhibits three (3) business days in advance of trial, together with an exhibit list in a form substantially in compliance with the form available from the Clerk's office. (When there are numerous exhibits, the

Court requests that they be submitted in a three-ring binder with tabs or dividers for reference.)

## **11. WITNESSES**

### **11.1 Plaintiff's Witnesses**

The names and addresses of witnesses plaintiff intends to call are:

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
1.		
2.		
3.		

### **11.2 Defendant's Witnesses**

The names and addresses of witnesses defendant intends to call are:

	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
1.		
2.		
3.		

## **12. TRIAL**

**12.1** This case will be set for trial as soon as practicable after either the entry of this Order or a ruling on any dispositive motions.

**12.2** Trial will be to the Court.

**12.3** Estimated time of trial is \_\_\_\_\_ days.

**12.4** Trial will be in [\_\_\_\_\_,] Kansas.

### **13. FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AND FILINGS**

#### **13.1 Status Conference**

A pretrial status conference will be scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ ; or  
the Court may schedule a status conference before the trial begins.

#### **13.2 Trial Briefs**

Each party desiring to submit a trial brief shall comply with the requirements of D. Kan. Rule 7.6 as it is made applicable to bankruptcy by LBR 1001.1. Trial briefs shall be served and filed no less than three (3) business days in advance of trial. Unless noted below, the Court does not require trial briefs, but finds them helpful, particularly if the parties anticipate that unique or difficult issues will arise during trial.

If checked, the Court requires trial briefs be filed on the schedule set out above.

### **14. ORDERS OF THE COURT**

**14.1** Except by consent of the parties or by order of the Court to prevent manifest injustice, exhibits not listed and not described in this Order shall not be admitted into evidence and witnesses not listed and not identified in this Order shall not testify except in proper rebuttal.

Either party may offer the testimony of witnesses listed by the other and either party may offer into evidence exhibits listed by the other.

**14.2** The pleadings in this case are incorporated herein by reference, but this Order shall control the subsequent course of this action and shall not be modified except by order of the Court on its own motion or on motion of the parties

to prevent manifest injustice.

**14.3** The Court finds that this case is at issue, all discovery is complete and that the case will be ready for trial upon entry of this Order and any order(s) resolving any dispositive motions. This Order shall supersede the pleadings filed herein in defining issues for trial to the Court.

**14.4** The date of trial will be set by the Court after consultation with the parties and, as such, will be deemed to be agreed to among the parties. Therefore, a trial setting will likely not be continued. Parties seeking continuances are advised to refer to D. Kan. Rule 6.1(b) and to note that strict compliance is required as this rule has been adopted by this Court.

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