IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

TERRY GENE BOLLEA professionally known as HULK HOGAN,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Case No.: 12012447-CI-011

GAWKER MEDIA, LLC aka GAWKER MEDIA; et al.,

Defendants.

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AFFIDAVIT OF NICK DENTON

I, Nick Denton, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

1. I make this affidavit for the purpose of responding to certain statements in

Plaintiff's Emergency Motion to Vacate and/or Modify June 10, 2016 Ruling, for Rehearing and Reconsideration, for Sanctions and/or Order To Show Cause, and for Attorneys' Fees and Costs.

As plaintiff notes in his papers, I received a \$200,000 loan from Gawker Media
Group, Inc.

3. That loan was made on June 8, 2016. Its purpose was to enable me to retain insolvency counsel to advise me on debtor/creditor issues and, in case it were necessary, depending on the outcome of the June 10, 2016 hearing, to represent me in commencing a

bankruptcy proceeding.

4. The same day that the loan was funded, I transferred the proceeds of the loan to my insolvency counsel, the law firm of Cole Schotz, P.C., as a retainer.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of my tweet cited at page 13 of Plaintiff's Motion. I posted that tweet at 2:17 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, hours after the conclusion of the hearing in this Court and only after the "stalking horse" agreement with Ziff

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Davis was executed following the hearing and after the sale was announced to Gawker's employees and in a joint press release issued by both companies.

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Nick Denton

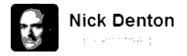
STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

The foregoing Affidavit of Nick Denton was SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before more this $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ day of July 2016.

Notary Public, State of New York

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