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1023.2(b) CERTIFICATION OF MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

On behalf of Plaintiffs

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The undersigned hereby certifies the attached written notice and demand was served on counsel for Defendants filing the challenged pleading as stated therein, Exhibits 1-4. Defendants have not withdrawn of record the pleading in question, or any part thereof. March 21, 2014

> Respectfully submitted, TEV LAW GROUP, PC By: /Gregg Zegarelli/ Gregg R. Zegarelli

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Re: <u>Litman, et. al. v. Cannery Casino Resorts, et. al.</u> <u>Case No. 2012-8149 (Court of Common Pleas of Washington County)</u> <u>Sanction Notice</u>

Gentlemen:

You filed Preliminary Objections to Plaintiffs' Reply to New Matter, at the above-referenced case number with the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County. I am notifying you that your filing violates Rule 1023.1 et seq. of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure, which governs pleadings to which an attorney affixes his or her signature. It also violates the Judicial Code.

Pursuant to Rule 1023.2, I have attached a Motion for Sanctions, which we will be filed and presented filing after the expiration of twenty-eight (28) days of the date above if you do not withdraw your pleading. Nothing in this motion is a waiver of Plaintiffs' rights.

Very truly yours,

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NOTICE OF PRESENTATION MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

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# RE-NOTICEOFPRESENTATIONMOTIONFORSANCTIONS

#### TO:

WILLIAM L. STANG, ESQ. PATRICK L. ABRAMOWICH FOX ROTHSCHILD LLP 625 LIBERTY AVENUE, 29TH FLOOR PITTSBURGH, PA 15222-3115

TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs will present their Motion for Sanctions to the Honorable Debbie O'Dell Seneca, Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania on Friday, April 4, 2014 at 9:30 a.m., as stipulated, simultaneous with Defendants' Preliminary Objections to Plaintiffs' Reply to Defendants' New Matter, or at such other time as the Court may deem appropriate. You are invited to attend.

March 11, 2014

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs will present the following Motion to the Honorable Debbie O'Dell Seneca, Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. or at such other time as the Court may deem appropriate. You are invited to attend. February 10, 2014 TEV LAW GROUP, PC

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MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

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#### MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

1. Defendants filed preliminary objections three times, <u>objecting</u> to each and every count in the Complaint, <u>as demurrers</u>. Plaintiffs tried to re-plead to avoid motion practice, until it became clear that there was nothing Plaintiffs could do to stop Defendants' mechanical thwarting of the proceeding by objections to each and every count by preliminary objections.

2. On the eve of the argument on the Preliminary Objections (months later after the filing of this action), Defendants then also filed a <u>Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Subject-Matter Jurisdiction</u> of this Court, without any reference to controlling provisions, and a completely ungrounded, if not absurd, argument that Plaintiffs should have intervened Gaming Board proceeding that was internally confidential.

3. This Court denied Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. Then, the Defendants further filed a Motion for Reconsideration, presenting it twice, the first time of which was refused (as was certain) by The Hon. Katherine B. Emery, and then further denied by this Court.

4. Having stated that prior conduct, Defendants filed New Matter even though, in substance, the "New Matter" is properly "to the contrary" denials of Plaintiffs' claims. <u>Defendants even pleaded in "New Matter"</u> <u>averments regarding the claims and subject-matter jurisdiction in complete</u> and utter disregard of the multiple rulings of this Court.

5. The Defendants' Preliminary Objections are being presented for an improper purpose, and to harass or cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation in violation of Pa.R.Civ.P. 1023.1.

6. Plaintiff seeks sanctions against all the Defendants and its counsel of record, as well as an admonishment for such conduct.<sup>1</sup>

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request the stated sanctions and admonishment stated herein.

February 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defendants have also stonewalled proper discovery, the subject of separate motion practice.

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#### PROPOSED ORDER

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#### ORDER

AND, NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2014, upon consideration of the Plaintiffs' Motion Sanctions, it is hereby ORDERED that each defendant and its counsel of record shall pay to Plaintiffs the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and this Court hereby publicly admonishes Defendants and its counsel for such conduct.

\_\_\_\_, J.

BY THE COURT,

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February 13, 2014

## VIA EMAIL, FACSIMILE AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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## Re: <u>Janine Litman, et al., v. Cannery Casino Resorts, LLC, et al.</u> <u>Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania</u>; No. 2012-8149

Dear Mr. Zegarelli:

I am writing in response to (i) the Motion for Sanctions, of which I received service yesterday, and (ii) your fax dated February 12, 2014.

With regard to the Motion for Sanctions, Defendants Cannery Casino Resorts, LLC, Washington Trotting Association, Inc., and WTA Acquisition Corp. (collectively, "Defendants") are entitled to have Plaintiffs Janine Litman and Timothy Mastroianni (collectively, "Plaintiffs") allege the factual basis for denying every allegation in Defendants' New Matter. Pa.R.Civ.P. 1029(b). Since Plaintiffs' Reply to New Matter lacked any such factual allegations, Defendants' Preliminary Objections are perfectly appropriate, and the Motion for Sanctions is baseless.

Nonetheless, in an effort to streamline the matters for the Court's consideration, Defendants will exclude from their Preliminary Objections Plaintiffs' answers to Paragraphs 1, 14, 15, 16, 18, 23, 25, and 26 of Defendants' New Matter, which state primarily legal defenses. Accordingly, Defendants will limit the relief sought in their Preliminary Objections to Paragraphs 2 through 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 24 of Defendants' New Matter, which are either exclusively or significantly factual in nature.



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Gregg R. Zegarelli, Esquire February 13, 2014 Page 2.

With regard to your fax, as we discussed on Monday, Defendants are not going to make a piecemeal production and will produce all documents when a stipulated confidentiality order is entered. I trust that the draft I forwarded will be acceptable, and that production can be made soon. In addition, to the extent that Defendants withhold documents from their production based upon claims of privilege, they will provide a privilege log.

Finally, as Mr. Stang is no longer litigating this case, he has requested that all communications be directed exclusively to me.

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Very truly yours,

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Re: <u>Litman, et. al. v. Cannery Casino Resorts, et. al.</u> <u>Case No. 2012-8149 (Court of Common Pleas of Washington County)</u> Motion for Sanctions against Defendants

Gentlemen:

Per your letter, dated February 13, 2014, you have now apparently indicated an exclusion regarding your Preliminary Objections to Plaintiffs' Reply to New Matter filed with the Court, in light of Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions. Immediately, please forward me a copy of your filed exclusions or withdrawals, as the case may be, properly made of record with the Court.

Nothing in this letter is a waiver of Plaintiffs' rights or in derogation of Plaintiffs' rights or served notice regarding sanctions.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is noted that Mr. Stang has informally requested to no longer be served on pleadings. Because of the multiple attorneys appearing for the Defendants, on February 14, 2014, the undersigned requested to know if Mr. Stang, having formally appeared of record and having personally appeared before this Court, will kindly formally withdraw his appearance of record. The undersigned's request has been ignored and unanswered by Defendants to date. Plaintiffs' request for a formal withdrawal of record is understood by the undersigned as proper, and the timing is important, particularly when sanctions are at issue.