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### NOTICE OF DEBTORS' FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (SATISFIED CLAIMS)

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the undersigned have filed the attached *Debtors' Fifth Omnibus Objection to Claims (Satisfied Claims)* (the "<u>Objection</u>"), which seeks to alter your rights by disallowing your claims against the above-captioned Debtors.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on the Objection will take place

on March 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) before the Honorable Judge Stuart M.

Bernstein, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the debtors are: Gawker Media LLC (0492); Gawker Media Group, Inc. (3231); and Gawker Hungary Kft (f/k/a Kinja Kft.) (5056). Gawker Media LLC and Gawker Media Group, Inc.'s mailing addresses are c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, Chief Restructuring Officer, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022. Gawker Hungary Kft.'s mailing address is c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

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Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408, Courtroom No. 723.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that responses to the Objection and the relief requested therein, if any, shall be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, shall set forth the basis for the response or objection and the specific grounds therefore, and shall be filed with the Court electronically in accordance with General Order M-399 by registered users of the Court's case filing system (the User's Manual for the Electronic Case Filing System can be found at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov, the official website for the Court), with a hard copy delivered directly to chambers pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9028-1 and served so as to be actually received no later than February 16, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Response Deadline"), upon: (i) the Debtors, Gawker Media LLC, c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, Chief Restructuring Officer, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022 (wholden@opportune.com); (ii) counsel for the Debtors, Ropes & Gray LLP, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York. New York 10036, Attn: Gregg M. Galardi (gregg.galardi@ropesgray.com); (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014, Attn: Greg Zipes & Susan Arbeit; (iv) the Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Centralized Insolvency Operation, 2970 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (mimi.m.wong@irscounsel.treas.gov); (v) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Attn: Bankruptcy Division, 86 Street. 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10007 (david.jones6@usdoj.gov; Chambers Jeffrey.Oestericher@usdoj.gov; Joseph.Cordaro@usdoj.gov; Carina.Schoenberger@usdoj.gov); (vi) counsel to Cerberus Business Finance, LLC, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, 919 Third Avenue,

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New York, New York 10022, Attn: Adam C. Harris (adam.harris@srz.com); (vii) counsel to US VC Partners LP, Latham & Watkins LLP, at both 330 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2800, Chicago, IL 60611, Attn: David Heller (david.heller@lw.com) and 885 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Keith A. Simon (keith.simon@lw.com); (viii) counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, 425 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10017, Attn: Sandy Qusba (squsba@stblaw.com) and William T. Russell (wrussell@stblaw.com); and (ix) parties that have requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if you do not timely file and serve a written response to the relief requested in the Objection by the Response Deadline, the Bankruptcy Court may deem any opposition waived, treat the Objection as conceded, and enter an order granting the relief requested in the Objection without further notice or hearing.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Objection may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Prime Clerk LLC at http://cases.primeclerk.com/gawker. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings by visiting the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

Dated: February 3, 2017 New York, New York /s/ DRAFT ROPES & GRAY LLP Gregg M. Galardi D. Ross Martin Jonathan M. Agudelo 1211 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036-8704 Telephone: (212) 596-9000 Facsimile: (212) 596-9000 gregg.galardi@ropesgray.com ross.martin@ropesgray.com jonathan.agudelo@ropesgray.com

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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Chapter 11

Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)

(Jointly Administered)

### DEBTORS' FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS (SATISFIED CLAIMS)

### THIS OBJECTION SEEKS TO DISALLOW AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PROOFS OF CLAIM AND REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT. CLAIMANTS RECEIVING THIS OBJECTION SHOULD LOCATE THEIR NAMES AND CLAIMS ON <u>SCHEDULE 1</u> ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSED ORDER.

## IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DEBTORS' COUNSEL, GREGG M. GALARDI, AT (212) 596-9000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of the taxpayer identification number of the debtors are: Gawker Media LLC (0492); Gawker Media Group, Inc. (3231); and Gawker Hungary Kft. (f/k/a Kinja Kft) (5056). Gawker Media LLC and Gawker Media Group, Inc.'s mailing addresses are c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, Chief Restructuring Officer, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022. Gawker Hungary Kft.'s mailing address is c/o Opportune LLP, Attn: William D. Holden, 10 East 53rd Street, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10022.

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Gawker Media LLC ("<u>Gawker Media</u>"), Gawker Media Group, Inc. ("<u>GMGI</u>"), and Gawker Hungary Kft. ("<u>Gawker Hungary</u>") as debtors and debtors in possessions (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") in the above-captioned cases (the "<u>Bankruptcy Cases</u>"), hereby file this fifth omnibus objection (the "<u>Objection</u>") to certain claims identified on <u>Schedule 1</u> to <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto (the "<u>Satisfied Claims</u>") and seek entry of an order (the "<u>Order</u>"), substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, disallowing and expunging such Satisfied Claims pursuant to section 502 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq. (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"). In support of this Objection, the Debtors submit the declaration of William D. Holden (the "<u>Holden Declaration</u>"), attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>. In further support of this Objection, the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

#### BACKGROUND

1. On June 10, 2016 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Gawker Media filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. On June 12, 2016, GMGI and Gawker Hungary each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

2. No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. On June 24, 2016, the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 62] (the "<u>Committee</u>").

3. On July 14, 2016, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 100] appointing Prime Clerk LLC ("<u>Prime Clerk</u>") as the notice and claims agent in these chapter 11 cases. Among other things, Prime Clerk is authorized to (a) receive, maintain, and record and otherwise

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administer the proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases and (b) maintain the official Claims Register for the Debtors (the "<u>Claims Register</u>").

4. On August 11, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order [Docket No. 168] (the "<u>Bar Date Order</u>") establishing certain dates and deadlines for filing proofs of claim in these chapter 11 cases. Specifically, among other things, the Court established: (a) September 29, 2016, as the deadline for all persons and entities asserting a claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Debtors that arose on or prior to the Petition Date, including claims pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, to file written proofs of claim; and (b) December 9, 2016, for all governmental units asserting a claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Debtors that arose on or prior to the Petition Date to file written proofs of claim (together, the "<u>Bar Dates</u>").

5. In accordance with the Bar Date Order, the Debtors provided written notice of the Bar Dates to all known potential creditors of the Debtors according to the Debtors' books and records at the time of mailing of the notice. The Debtors also provided written notice of the Bar Dates to each of the parties and entities identified as creditors on each of the Schedules, and, on August 17, 2016 and September 14, 2016, the Debtors published notice of the Bar Dates in the national edition of *USA TODAY*.<sup>2</sup>

6. To date, over 330 proofs of claim have been filed against the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases.

7. On July 20, 2016, the Debtors filed their schedules of assets and liabilities with the Court pursuant to section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code (as modified, amended, or supplemented, collectively, the "<u>Schedules</u>"). Under section 1111(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, in these chapter 11 cases, proofs of claim are deemed filed for claims listed on the Schedules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Affidavit of Publication [Docket No. 201, 271].

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8. On September 9, 2016, pursuant to this Court's Order (I) Authorizing the Sale of Substantially All of the Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of All Claims, Liens, Rights, Interests and Encumbrances, (II) Approving and Authorizing the Debtors' Entry Into the Asset Purchase Agreement and (III) Authorizing the Debtors to Assume and Assign Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases [Docket No. 214] (the "Sale Order"), the Debtors sold substantially all of their assets to Unimoda, LLC ("Unimoda").

9. On December 11, 2016, the Debtors' filed the *Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation for Gawker Media Group, Inc., Gawker Media LLC, and Gawker Hungary Kft.* [Docket No. 576, Exhibit A] (as may be subsequently amended or modified, the "<u>Plan</u>").

10. On December 22, 2016, the court confirmed the Plan pursuant to the *Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Confirming the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation for Gawker Media Group, Inc., Gawker Media LLC, and Gawker Hungary Kft.* [Docket No. 638]. The Plan's Effective Date (as defined in the Plan) will occur as soon as the Debtors complete the preparation of their tax returns for 2016, which they anticipate doing before the end of the first quarter of 2017.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). The statutory predicate for the relief requested herein is section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3007.

### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

12. The Debtors file this Objection pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d), seeking entry of the Order disallowing and expunging in their entirety the Satisfied Claims identified on <u>Schedule 1</u> to the Order.

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#### **BASIS FOR RELIEF**

13. A filed proof of claim is "deemed allowed, unless a party in interest . . . objects." 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). If an objection refuting at least one of the claim's essential allegations is asserted, the claimant has the burden to demonstrate the validity of the claim. *See In re Oneida Ltd.*, 400 B.R. 384, 389 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009); *In re Adelphia Commc'ns Corp.*, Case No. 02-41729 (REG), 2007 Bankr. LEXIS 660, at \*15 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 20, 2007); *In re Rockefeller Ctr. Props.*, 272 B.R. 524, 539 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2000).

14. Section 502(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that a claim may not be allowed to the extent that "such claim is unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor, under any agreement or applicable law." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(1).

15. The Debtors have authority to file this Objection pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d)(5), which authorizes debtors to join in an omnibus fashion those "objections to more than one claim . . . based solely on the grounds that the claims should be disallowed, in whole or in part, because . . . they have been satisfied or released during the case in accordance with the Code, applicable rules, or a court order." Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 3007(d)(5).

### **OBJECTION**

16. The Debtors object to ten (10) Satisfied Claims, each of which is either a proof of claim filed against the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases or is a prepetition liability listed by the Debtors in their Schedules. To ease the administrative burden on this Court and the Debtors' estates during the claims reconciliation process, the Debtors submit this Objection in an omnibus fashion, in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules.

17. Following a thorough review of the claims filed by the Bar Dates, the Debtors have determined that the Satisfied Claims should be disallowed and expunged. The Debtors have determined that the obligations asserted in the Satisfied Claims have been fully

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satisfied by either (a) payment in full by the Debtors pursuant to certain orders of this Court, (b) payment by the Debtors of the portion of the claim reflected in the books and records of the Debtors pursuant to certain orders of this Court, or (c) payment in full by Unimoda pursuant to the Sale Order. Having already recovered on account of these liabilities, holders of the Satisfied Claims are not permitted to receive a double recovery. Therefore, the Satisfied Claims are unenforceable against the Debtors. Failure to disallow and expunge the Satisfied Claims could result in the relevant claimants receiving unwarranted recoveries. Accordingly, the Debtors request that the Court enter the Order disallowing and expunging the Satisfied Claims.

### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

18. Neither the filing of this Objection nor entry of the Order shall affect any rights of the Debtors, their estates, the Plan Administrator (as defined in the Plan), or any other party in interest in these chapter 11 cases to further object to the Satisfied Claims for any purposes, including, without limitation, allowance and distribution under the Plan, or any rights of the holders of any Claim to contest any objection.

19. The Debtors and their estates reserve any and all rights to amend, supplement or otherwise modify this Objection or the Order and to file additional objections with respect to any and all claims filed in these chapter 11 cases, including, without limitation, any and all of the Satisfied Claims. The Debtors and their estates also reserve any and all rights, claims and defenses with respect to any and all of the Satisfied Claims, and nothing included in or omitted from this Objection or the Order is intended or shall be deemed to impair, prejudice, waive or otherwise affect any rights, claims, or defenses of the Debtors and their estates with respect to the Satisfied Claims.

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### **NOTICE**

20. Notice of this Objection has been provided in accordance with the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3007(a), the Case Management Procedures entered on July 13, 2016 [Docket No. 93], and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court. The Debtors respectfully submit that further notice of this Objection is neither required nor necessary.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, the Debtors respectfully request that the court (a) enter the Order, and (b) grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: February 3, 2017 New York, New York /s/ Gregg M. Galardi ROPES & GRAY LLP Gregg M. Galardi D. Ross Martin Jonathan M. Agudelo 1211 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036-8704 Telephone: (212) 596-9000 Facsimile: (212) 596-9090 gregg.galardi@ropesgray.com ross.martin@ropesgray.com jonathan.agudelo@ropesgray.com

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## Exhibit A

Order

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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	Debtors.	•	(Jointly Administered)
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### ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS (SATISFIED CLAIMS)

Upon the objection (the "<u>Objection</u>")<sup>2</sup> of the above-caption debtors (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), for entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>") disallowing and expunging the Satisfied Claims set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> attached hereto; and upon the Holden Declaration; and the Court having found that it has jurisdiction to consider the Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Objection is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Objection having been provided, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and upon consideration of the Objection and the Holden Declaration; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Objection establish just cause for the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Objection.

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relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED THAT:

1. The relief requested in the Objection is granted to the extent provided herein.

2. Each of the Satisfied Claims identified on the attached <u>Schedule 1</u> are hereby disallowed and expunged in their entirety for the reasons set forth in the Objection.

3. Prime Clerk LLC, the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, is authorized to cause the Claims Register to be amended to reflect the terms of this Order.

4. The disallowance and expunging of the Satisfied Claims shall not create, and is not intended to create, any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of, any claim held by any person or entity.

5. Entry of this Order is without prejudice to the Debtors' right to object to any other claims in these chapter 11 cases or to further object to the Satisfied Claims (to the extent such Satisfied Claims are not disallowed and expunged pursuant to this Order) on any grounds whatsoever, at a later date.

6. This Order has no res judicata, estoppel, or other effect on the validity, allowance, or disallowance of any claim not listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> annexed to this Order, and the Debtors' and any party in interest's rights to object on any basis is expressly reserved with respect to any such claim not listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> annexed hereto.

7. Notice of the Objection, as provided therein, shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such objection, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3007(a), the Case Management Procedures [Docket No. 93], and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court are satisfied by such notice.

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8. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

9. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.

10. This Order shall be a final order with respect to each of the Satisfied Claims identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>, annexed hereto, as if each such Satisfied Claim had been individually objected to.

11. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 New York, New York

THE HONORABLE STUART M. BERNSTEIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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### Schedule 1

## **Satisfied Claims**

Note: Claimants are listed alphabetically by last name or by entity name.

NO.	CLAIMANT	CASE	DEBTOR	SCH	CLAIM	DATE	CLAIM	REASON FOR PROPOSED
		NUMBER	NAME	NO.	NO.	FILED	AMOUNT	DISALLOWANCE <sup>1</sup>
1	Consolidated Edison	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	13	8/12/2016	\$672.64	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	Company of New York, Inc.		Media					Debtors in accordance with one or
	Bankruptcy Group		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	4 Irving Place, Room 1875-S							
	New York, NY 10003							
2	Consolidated Edison	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	34	8/31/2016	\$1,132.64	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	Company of New York, Inc.		Media					Debtors in accordance with one or
	Bankruptcy Group		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	4 Irving Place, Room 1875-S							
	New York, NY 10003							
3	Datadog, Inc.	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	322	11/10/2016	\$2,618.58	Claim was fully satisfied by
	Datadog Air		Media					UniModa pursuant to the Sale
	Attn: Lauren Mergamen		LLC					Order.
	620 8th Ave, Floor 45							
	New York, NY 10018							
4	IPFS Corporation	16-11719	Gawker	N/A	38	9/8/2016	\$41,266.12	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	30 Montgomery Street	(SMB)	Media					Debtors in accordance with one or
	Suite 1000		Group,					more orders of the Court.
	Jersey City, NJ 07302		Inc.					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Paragraphs 16-17 of the Objection.

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		NUMBER	NAME	NO.	NO.	FILED	AMOUNT	DISALLOWANCE <sup>1</sup>
5	Maples & Calder	16-11719	Gawker	N/A	72	9/23/2016	\$7,044.90	Claim was fully satisfied by
	PO Box 309	(SMB)	Media					UniModa pursuant to the Sale
	Ugland House		Group,					Order.
	121 South Church St		Inc.					
	George Town, Grand							
	Cayman KY1-1104							
	Cayman Islands							
6	Merrill Corporation	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	79	9/26/2016	\$11,305.29	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	One Merrill Circle		Media,					Debtors in accordance with one or more orders of the Court.
	St. Paul, MN 55108		LLC					
7	Morrison Cohen LLP	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	391174	N/A	N/A	\$115,379.48	Claim was fully satisfied by
	Attn: Joseph T. Moldovan,		Media					UniModa pursuant to the Sale
	Esq. & Robert K. Dakis,		LLC					Order.
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	909 Third Avenue							
	New York, NY 10022		~		_			
8	New York State	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	5	7/5/2016	\$11,864.59	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	Department of Taxation		Media,					Debtors in accordance with one or more orders of the Court.
	and Finance		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	Bankruptcy Section							
	PO BOX 5300							
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9	New York State	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	IN/A	329	11/21/2010	\$511,253.40	Claim was fully satisfied by the Debtors in accordance with one or
	Department of Taxation and Finance		Media, LLC					more orders of the Court.
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	Bankruptcy Section PO BOX 5300							
	Albany, NY 12205-0300							

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NO.	CLAIMANT	CASE NUMBER	DEBTOR NAME	SCH NO.	CLAIM NO.	DATE FILED	CLAIM AMOUNT	REASON FOR PROPOSED DISALLOWANCE <sup>1</sup>
10	New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Bankruptcy Section PO BOX 5300 Albany, NY 12205-0300	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker Media, LLC	N/A	334	1/17/2017	\$9,275.66	Claim was fully satisfied by the Debtors in accordance with one or more orders of the Court.

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## Exhibit B

## William D. Holden Declaration

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Gawker Media LL	$C, et al.,^1$	:	Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)
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	Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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### DECLARATION OF WILLIAM D. HOLDEN IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN SATISFIED CLAIMS

I, William D. Holden, being duly sworn, hereby declare as follows:

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As Chief Restructuring Officer I am responsible for all claims management related matters for the Debtors. I am generally familiar with the Debtors day-to-day operations, financing arrangements, business affairs, and books and records that reflect, among other things, the Debtors' liabilities and the amount thereof owed to their creditors as of the Petition Date. I have read the *Debtors' Fifth Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims (Satisfied Claims)* (the

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"<u>Objection</u>") and am directly, or by and through the Debtors' advisors and personnel, familiar with the information contained therein and the exhibits attached thereto.<sup>2</sup>

2. I am authorized to submit this declaration (this "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the Objection. All matters set forth in this Declaration are based on: (a) my personal knowledge; (b) my review of relevant documents; (c) my view, based on my experience and knowledge of the Debtors' operations, books and records, and personnel; (d) information supplied to me by others at the Debtors' request; and (e) as to matters involving United States bankruptcy law or rules or other applicable laws, my reliance on the advice of counsel or other advisors to the Debtors. If called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

3. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, insofar as I have been able to ascertain after reasonable inquiry, considerable time and resources have been expended to ensure a high level of diligence in reviewing and reconciling the proofs of claim filed against the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases. Upon a thorough review of the proofs of claim filed in these chapter 11 cases and supporting documentation thereto and the prepetition liabilities listed by the Debtors on their Schedules, the Debtors have determined that the liabilities listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> to the order (the "<u>Order</u>") annexed to the Objection (the "<u>Satisfied Claims</u>") should be disallowed and expunged because such claims have been satisfied in full. Accordingly, to prevent an unwarranted recovery by the claimants asserting the Satisfied Claims to the detriment of other creditors, I believe that this Court should disallow and expunge the Satisfied Claims Register.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: February 3, 2017

William D. Holden

## Exhibit A

Order

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re		:	Chapter 11
		:	
Gawker Media Ll	LC, et al., <sup>1</sup>	:	Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)
		:	
	Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
		:	
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### ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' FIFTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS (SATISFIED CLAIMS)

Upon the objection (the "<u>Objection</u>")<sup>2</sup> of the above-caption debtors (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), for entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>") disallowing and expunging the Satisfied Claims set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> attached hereto; and upon the Holden Declaration; and the Court having found that it has jurisdiction to consider the Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Objection is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Objection having been provided, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and upon consideration of the Objection and the Holden Declaration; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Objection establish just cause for the

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relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED THAT:

1. The relief requested in the Objection is granted to the extent provided herein.

2. Each of the Satisfied Claims identified on the attached <u>Schedule 1</u> are hereby disallowed and expunged in their entirety for the reasons set forth in the Objection.

3. Prime Clerk LLC, the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, is authorized to cause the Claims Register to be amended to reflect the terms of this Order.

4. The disallowance and expunging of the Satisfied Claims shall not create, and is not intended to create, any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of, any claim held by any person or entity.

5. Entry of this Order is without prejudice to the Debtors' right to object to any other claims in these chapter 11 cases or to further object to the Satisfied Claims (to the extent such Satisfied Claims are not disallowed and expunged pursuant to this Order) on any grounds whatsoever, at a later date.

6. This Order has no res judicata, estoppel, or other effect on the validity, allowance, or disallowance of any claim not listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> annexed to this Order, and the Debtors' and any party in interest's rights to object on any basis is expressly reserved with respect to any such claim not listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> annexed hereto.

7. Notice of the Objection, as provided therein, shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such objection, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3007(a), the Case Management Procedures [Docket No. 93], and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court are satisfied by such notice.

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8. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

9. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.

10. This Order shall be a final order with respect to each of the Satisfied Claims identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>, annexed hereto, as if each such Satisfied Claim had been individually objected to.

11. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 New York, New York

THE HONORABLE STUART M. BERNSTEIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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### Schedule 1

## **Satisfied Claims**

Note: Claimants are listed alphabetically by last name or by entity name.

NO.	CLAIMANT	CASE	DEBTOR	SCH	CLAIM	DATE	CLAIM	REASON FOR PROPOSED
		NUMBER	NAME	NO.	NO.	FILED	AMOUNT	DISALLOWANCE <sup>1</sup>
1	Consolidated Edison	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	13	8/12/2016	\$672.64	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	Company of New York, Inc.		Media					Debtors in accordance with one or
	Bankruptcy Group		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	4 Irving Place, Room 1875-S							
	New York, NY 10003							
2	Consolidated Edison	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	34	8/31/2016	\$1,132.64	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	Company of New York, Inc.		Media					Debtors in accordance with one or
	Bankruptcy Group		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	4 Irving Place, Room 1875-S							
	New York, NY 10003							
3	Datadog, Inc.	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	322	11/10/2016	\$2,618.58	Claim was fully satisfied by
	Datadog Air		Media					UniModa pursuant to the Sale
	Attn: Lauren Mergamen		LLC					Order.
	620 8th Ave, Floor 45							
	New York, NY 10018							
4	IPFS Corporation	16-11719	Gawker	N/A	38	9/8/2016	\$41,266.12	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	30 Montgomery Street	(SMB)	Media					Debtors in accordance with one or
	Suite 1000		Group,					more orders of the Court.
	Jersey City, NJ 07302		Inc.					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Paragraphs 16-17 of the Objection.

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NO.	CLAIMANT	CASE	DEBTOR	SCH	CLAIM	DATE	CLAIM	REASON FOR PROPOSED
		NUMBER	NAME	NO.	NO.	FILED	AMOUNT	DISALLOWANCE <sup>1</sup>
5	Maples & Calder	16-11719	Gawker	N/A	72	9/23/2016	\$7,044.90	Claim was fully satisfied by
	PO Box 309	(SMB)	Media					UniModa pursuant to the Sale
	Ugland House		Group,					Order.
	121 South Church St		Inc.					
	George Town, Grand							
	Cayman KY1-1104							
	Cayman Islands							
6	Merrill Corporation	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	79	9/26/2016	\$11,305.29	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	One Merrill Circle		Media,					Debtors in accordance with one or
	St. Paul, MN 55108		LLC					more orders of the Court.
7	Morrison Cohen LLP	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	391174	N/A	N/A	\$115,379.48	Claim was fully satisfied by
	Attn: Joseph T. Moldovan,		Media					UniModa pursuant to the Sale
	Esq. & Robert K. Dakis,		LLC					Order.
	Esq.							
	909 Third Avenue							
	New York, NY 10022							
8	New York State	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	5	7/5/2016	\$11,864.59	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	Department of Taxation		Media,					Debtors in accordance with one or
	and Finance		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	Bankruptcy Section							
	PO BOX 5300							
-	Albany, NY 12205-0300		<u> </u>	27/1		11/01/001	<b>* * * * * * * * * *</b>	
9	New York State	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	329	11/21/2016	\$511,253.40	Claim was fully satisfied by the Debtors in accordance with one or
	Department of Taxation		Media,					more orders of the Court.
	and Finance		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	Bankruptcy Section							
1	PO BOX 5300							
	Albany, NY 12205-0300							

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NO.	CLAIMANT	CASE	DEBTOR		CLAIM		CLAIM	REASON FOR PROPOSED
		NUMBER	NAME	NO.	NO.	FILED	AMOUNT	DISALLOWANCE <sup>1</sup>
10	New York State	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker	N/A	334	1/17/2017	\$9,275.66	Claim was fully satisfied by the
	Department of Taxation		Media,					Debtors in accordance with one or
	and Finance		LLC					more orders of the Court.
	Bankruptcy Section							
	PO BOX 5300							
	Albany, NY 12205-0300							

## Exhibit B

### William D. Holden Declaration

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### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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