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Hearing Date and Time: March 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) Response Deadline: February 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

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In re : Chapter 11

Gawker Media LLC, et al., 1 : Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)

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NOTICE OF DEBTORS' SIXTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (AMENDED AND SUPERSEDED CLAIMS)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned have filed the attached *Debtors' Sixth Omnibus Objection to Claims (Amended and Superseded Claims)* (the "Objection"), which seeks to alter your rights by disallowing your claims against the above-captioned Debtors.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,

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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,

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.

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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DEBTORS' SIXTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (AMENDED AND SUPERSEDED CLAIMS)

THIS OBJECTION SEEKS TO DISALLOW AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PROOFS OF CLAIM. CLAIMANTS RECEIVING THIS OBJECTION SHOULD LOCATE THEIR NAMES AND CLAIMS ON SCHEDULE 1 ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSED ORDER.

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

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sixth omnibus objection (the "Objection") to certain claims identified on Schedule 1 to Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Superseded Claims") and seek entry of an order (the "Order"), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, disallowing and expunging such Superseded Claims pursuant to section 502 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.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

BACKGROUND

- 1. On June 10, 2016 (the "Petition Date"), 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 "Committee").
- 3. On July 14, 2016, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 100] appointing Prime Clerk LLC ("Prime Clerk") 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

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

- 4. On August 11, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order [Docket No. 168] (the "Bar Date Order") 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 "Bar Dates").
- 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*.²
- 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 "Schedules"). 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.

² See Affidavit of Publication [Docket No.201, 271].

- 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 Debtors sold substantially all of their assets to Unimoda, LLC.
- 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 "Plan").
- 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 Superseded Claims identified on **Schedule 1** to the Order.

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)(3), 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 amended by subsequently filed proofs of claim." Fed. R. Bankr. Proc. 3007(d)(3).

OBJECTION

- 16. The Debtors object to [two] ([2]) Superseded Claims, each of which is a proof of claim filed against the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases. 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. The Superseded Claims have been amended or superseded by the claimant through a subsequently-filed proofs of claim, which are identified on <u>Schedule 1</u> of the Order in the column entitled "Surviving Claim" (the "<u>Surviving Claims</u>"). As the Superseded Claims have been superseded by the Surviving Claims, the Debtors request that the Court disallow and

expunge the Superseded Claims. The relief requested by this Objection will have no effect on the Surviving Claims, which shall remain subject to allowance or the Debtors' rights to object thereto.

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 from any and all rights to amend, supplement or otherwise modify this Objection or the Order and to file further objections with respect to the Superseded Claims or the Surviving Claims for any purpose. The Debtors and their estates also reserve any and all rights, claims and defenses with respect to the Superseded Claims and the Surviving 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 Superseded Claims or the Surviving Claims.

NOTICE

19. 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.

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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.

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Exhibit A

Order

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' SIXTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (AMENDED AND SUPERSEDED CLAIMS)

Upon the objection (the "Objection")² of the above-caption debtors (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order (this "Order") disallowing and expunging the Superseded Claims set forth on Schedule 1 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 Superseded Claims identified on the attached **Schedule 1** 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 Superseded 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 Superseded Claims (to the extent the Superseded Claims are not disallowed and expunged pursuant to this Order) or the Surviving Claims 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 Superseded

Claims identified on Schedule 1, annexed hereto, as if each such Superseded 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

Schedule 1

Superseded Claims

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

NO.	CLAIMANT	CASE NUMBER	DEBTOR NAME	SCH NO.	EXPUNGED CLAIM NO.	DATE FILED	CLAIM AMOUNT	SURVIVING CLAIM	OBJECTION PAGE NO. REFERENCE
1	Commonwealth of	16-11700	Gawker Media,	N/A	36	9/8/2016	\$775.84	37	5-6
	Kentucky Dept. of Revenue	(SMB)	LLC						
	Legal Support Branch								
	PO Box 5222								
	Frankfort, KY 40602								
2	TRC Master Fund LLC as	16-11700	Gawker Media,	N/A	33	9/2/2016	\$420,000.00	39	5-6
	Transferee of Newmark &	(SMB)	LLC						
	Co. Real Estate, Inc.								
	Attn: Terrel Ross								
	PO Box 633								
	Woodemere, NY 11598								

Exhibit B

William D. Holden Declaration

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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM D. HOLDEN IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' SIXTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (AMENDED AND SUPERSEDED CLAIMS)

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

1. I am the Chief Restructuring Officer of Gawker Media LLC ("Gawker Media"). 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' Sixth Omnibus Objection to Claims (Amended and Superseded Claims) (the

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

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. 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 claims listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> to the proposed order annexed to the Objection (the "<u>Superseded Claims</u>") should be disallowed and expunged because such claims have been amended or superseded by the proofs of claim listed in the column on Schedule 1 entitled "Surviving Claim." Accordingly, I believe that this Court should disallow and expunge the Superseded Claims from the Debtors' 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