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27 28	AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS			

Pursuant to Local Rule 51-1 and this Court's Minute Order of April 19, 2018 [D.E. 166], Plaintiffs/Counter-Defendants Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc., Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc., Windermere Services Southern California, Inc., Counter-Defendants Robert L. Bennion and Joseph R. Deville (all collectively, the "B&D Parties"), and Defendant/Counter-Claimant Windermere Real Estate Services Company's ("WSC") respectfully submit the following amended list of proposed jury instructions and objections for the above-captioned matter. The parties reserve the right to submit further and additional instructions as may be required by the Court's ruling or the presentation of evidence at trial.

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Jeffery Feasby 1 Attorneys for 2 Windermere Real Estate Services Company 3 1.3 DUTY OF JURY 4 5 Members of the jury: You are now the jury in this case. It is my duty to instruct you on the law. 6 7 It is your duty to find the facts from all the evidence in the case. To those facts you will apply the law as I give it to you. You must follow the law as I give 8 it to you whether you agree with it or not. And you must not be influenced by any 9 personal likes or dislikes, opinions, prejudices or sympathy. That means that you 10 must decide the case solely on the evidence before you. You will recall that you took an oath to do so. 11 12 At the end of the trial I will give you final instructions. It is the final instructions that will govern your duties. 13 14 Please do not read into these instructions, or anything I may say or do, that I 15 have an opinion regarding the evidence or what your verdict should be. 16 Given as proposed 17 Given as modified 18 Refused 19 Withdrawn 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

B&D Parties Proposed Instruction 1.5A CLAIMS AND DEFENSES[MODIFIED]

To help you follow the evidence, I will give you a brief summary of the positions of the parties:

The defendant and counterclaimant in this case is Windermere Real Estate Services Company, also known as Windermere. Windermere is the franchisor of the Windermere Real Estate franchise system.

There are three plaintiffs in this case: Windermere Services Southern California, Inc., Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc., and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. Plaintiff Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. is a former area representative of Windermere for the Southern California region. Plaintiffs Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. are former Windermere franchisees.

The three plaintiffs collectively filed suit against Windermere but their claims are separate and distinct.

Plaintiff Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. claims that Windermere breached the express and implied terms of the parties' Area Representation Agreement.

Plaintiffs Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. also claim that Windermere breached the express and implied terms of their respective franchise agreements.

Plaintiffs have the burden of proving their claims.

Windermere has filed counterclaims against the three plaintiffs and individuals Robert Bennion and Joseph Deville. Mr. Bennion and Mr. Deville are the owners of the three plaintiffs. Windermere claims that the counter-defendants breached their contracts with Windermere.

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9	STATEMENT OF LAW
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WSC's Proposed Instruction 1.5B CLAIMS AND DEFENSES [MODIFIED]

To help you follow the evidence, I will give you a brief summary of the positions of the parties:

There are three plaintiffs and counter-defendants in this case: Windermere Services Southern California, Inc., Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc., and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. Plaintiff Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. is a former area representative of Windermere for the Southern California region. Plaintiffs Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. are former Windermere franchisees.

The defendant and counterclaimant in this case is Windermere Real Estate Services Company, also known as Windermere. Windermere is the franchisor of the Windermere Real Estate franchise system.

There are two additional counter-defendants in this case: Robert Bennion and Joseph Deville who are the owners of the three plaintiffs.

The three plaintiffs collectively filed suit against Windermere but their claims are separate and distinct.

Plaintiff Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. claims that Windermere breached the express and implied terms of the parties' Area Representation Agreement.

Plaintiffs Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. claim that Windermere breached the express and implied terms of their respective franchise agreements.

Windermere denies each of the plaintiffs' claims.

Each of the plaintiffs has the burden of proving their respective claims.

Windermere has filed counterclaims against Windermere Services Southern California, Inc., Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc., Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc., Mr. Bennion, and Mr. Deville. Mr. Bennion and Mr. Deville are the owners of the three plaintiffs. Windermere claims that the counter-

1	defendants breached their contracts with Windermere.				
2	Each of the counter-defendants deny Windermere's counterclaims.				
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CACI 103 – MULTIPLE PARTIES

There are three plaintiffs and one counter-claimant in this trial. You should decide the case of each plaintiff and each counter-claimant separately as if it were a separate lawsuit. Each plaintiff and counter-claimant is entitled to separate consideration of its claims.

There is one defendant and five counter-defendants in this trial. You should decide the case against each defendant and each counter-defendant separately as if it were a separate lawsuit. Each defendant and counter-defendant is entitled to separate consideration of his or her own defenses.

Unless I tell you otherwise, all instructions apply to each plaintiff, counter-claimant, defendant, and counter-defendant.

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CACI 104 – NONPERSON PARTY [MODIFIED]

Several corporations are parties in this lawsuit. They are Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc., Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc., Windermere Services Southern California, Inc., and Windermere Real Estate Services Company. Each of these entities is entitled to the same fair and impartial treatment that you would give to an individual. You must decide this case with the same fairness that you would use if you were deciding the case between individuals.

When I use words like "person" or "he" or "she" in these instructions to refer to a party, those instructions also apply to the corporate parties.

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Given as modified	
Refused	
Withdrawn	

1.9 WHAT IS EVIDENCE

The evidence you are to consider in deciding what the facts are consists of:

- 1. the sworn testimony of any witness;
- 2. the exhibits that are admitted into evidence;
- 3. any facts to which the lawyers have agreed; and
- 4. any facts that I may instruct you to accept as proved.

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Given as modified	
Refused	
Withdrawn	

1.10 WHAT IS NOT EVIDENCE

In reaching your verdict, you may consider only the testimony and exhibits received into evidence. Certain things are not evidence, and you may not consider them in deciding what the facts are. I will list them for you:

- (1) Arguments and statements by lawyers are not evidence. The lawyers are not witnesses. What they may say in their opening statements, closing arguments and at other times is intended to help you interpret the evidence, but it is not evidence. If the facts as you remember them differ from the way the lawyers have stated them, your memory of them controls.
- (2) Questions and objections by lawyers are not evidence. Attorneys have a duty to their clients to object when they believe a question is improper under the rules of evidence. You should not be influenced by the objection or by the court's ruling on it.
- (3) Testimony that is excluded or stricken, or that you are instructed to disregard, is not evidence and must not be considered. In addition some evidence may be received only for a limited purpose; when I instruct you to consider certain evidence only for a limited purpose, you must do so and you may not consider that evidence for any other purpose.
- (4) Anything you may see or hear when the court was not in session is not evidence. You are to decide the case solely on the evidence received at the trial.

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1.11 EVIDENCE FOR LIMITED PURPOSE

Some evidence may be admitted only for a limited purpose.

When I instruct you that an item of evidence has been admitted only for a limited purpose, you must consider it only for that limited purpose and not for any other purpose.

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1.12 DIRECT AND CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

Evidence may be direct or circumstantial. Direct evidence is direct proof of a fact, such as testimony by a witness about what that witness personally saw or heard or did. Circumstantial evidence is proof of one or more facts from which you could find another fact. You should consider both kinds of evidence. The law makes no distinction between the weight to be given to either direct or circumstantial evidence. It is for you to decide how much weight to give to any evidence.

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1.13 RULING ON OBJECTIONS

There are rules of evidence that control what can be received into evidence. When a lawyer asks a question or offers an exhibit into evidence and a lawyer on the other side thinks that it is not permitted by the rules of evidence, that lawyer may object. If I overrule the objection, the question may be answered or the exhibit received. If I sustain the objection, the question cannot be answered, and the exhibit cannot be received. Whenever I sustain an objection to a question, you must ignore the question and must not guess what the answer might have been.

Sometimes I may order that evidence be stricken from the record and that you disregard or ignore that evidence. That means when you are deciding the case, you must not consider the stricken evidence for any purpose.

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1.14 CREDIBILITY OF WITNESSES

In deciding the facts in this case, you may have to decide which testimony to believe and which testimony not to believe. You may believe everything a witness says, or part of it, or none of it.

In considering the testimony of any witness, you may take into account:

- (1) the opportunity and ability of the witness to see or hear or know the things testified to;
- (2) the witness's memory;
- (3) the witness's manner while testifying;
- (4) the witness's interest in the outcome of the case, if any;
- (5) the witness's bias or prejudice, if any;
- (6) whether other evidence contradicted the witness's testimony;
- (7) the reasonableness of the witness's testimony in light of all the evidence; and
- (8) any other factors that bear on believability.

Sometimes a witness may say something that is not consistent with something else he or she said. Sometimes different witnesses will give different versions of what happened. People often forget things or make mistakes in what they remember. Also, two people may see the same event but remember it differently. You may consider these differences, but do not decide that testimony is untrue just because it differs from other testimony.

However, if you decide that a witness has deliberately testified untruthfully about something important, you may choose not to believe anything that witness said. On the other hand, if you think the witness testified untruthfully about some things but told the truth about others, you may accept the part you think is true and ignore the rest.

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1.15 CONDUCT OF THE JURY

I will now say a few words about your conduct as jurors.

First, keep an open mind throughout the trial, and do not decide what the verdict should be until you and your fellow jurors have completed your deliberations at the end of the case.

Second, because you must decide this case based only on the evidence received in the case and on my instructions as to the law that applies, you must not be exposed to any other information about the case or to the issues it involves during the course of your jury duty. Thus, until the end of the case or unless I tell you otherwise:

Do not communicate with anyone in any way and do not let anyone else communicate with you in any way about the merits of the case or anything to do with it. This includes discussing the case in person, in writing, by phone or electronic means, via email, text messaging, or any internet chat room, blog, website or application, including but not limited to Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat, or any other forms of social media. This applies to communicating with your fellow jurors until I give you the case for deliberation, and it applies to communicating with everyone else including your family members, your employer, the media or press, and the people involved in the trial, although you may notify your family and your employer that you have been seated as a juror in the case, and how long you expect the trial to last. But, if you are asked or approached in any way about your jury service or anything about this case, you must respond that you have been ordered not to discuss the matter and report the contact to the court.

Because you will receive all the evidence and legal instruction you properly may consider to return a verdict: do not read, watch or listen to any news or media accounts or commentary about the case or anything to do with it, although I have no information that there will be news reports about this case; do not do any research, such as consulting dictionaries, searching the Internet, or using other reference materials; and do not make any investigation or in any other way try to learn about the case on your own. Do not visit or view any place

discussed in this case, and do not use Internet programs or other devices to search for or view any place discussed during the trial. Also, do not do any research about this case, the law, or the people involved—including the parties, the witnesses or the lawyers—until you have been excused as jurors. If you happen to read or hear anything touching on this case in the media, turn away and report it to me as soon as possible.

These rules protect each party's right to have this case decided only on evidence that has been presented here in court. Witnesses here in court take an oath to tell the truth, and the accuracy of their testimony is tested through the trial process. If you do any research or investigation outside the courtroom, or gain any information through improper communications, then your verdict may be influenced by inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information that has not been tested by the trial process. Each of the parties is entitled to a fair trial by an impartial jury, and if you decide the case based on information not presented in court, you will have denied the parties a fair trial. Remember, you have taken an oath to follow the rules, and it is very important that you follow these rules.

A juror who violates these restrictions jeopardizes the fairness of these proceedings, and a mistrial could result that would require the entire trial process to start over. If any juror is exposed to any outside information, please notify the court immediately.

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4	deliberations you will not have a transcript of the trial testimony.
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1	CACI 117 – WEALTH OF PARTIES
2	In reaching a verdict, you may not consider the wealth or poverty of any
3	party. The parties' wealth or poverty is not relevant to any of the issues that you
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CACI 113 – BIAS

Each one of us has biases about or certain perceptions or stereotypes of other people. We may be aware of some of our biases, though we may not share them with others. We may not be fully aware of some of our other biases.

Our biases often affect how we act, favorably or unfavorably, toward someone. Bias can affect our thoughts, how we remember, what we see and hear, whom we believe or disbelieve, and how we make important decisions.

As jurors you are being asked to make very important decisions in this case. You must not let bias, prejudice, or public opinion influence your decision. You must not be biased in favor of or against any party or witness because of his or her disability, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or socioeconomic status.

Your verdict must be based solely on the evidence presented. You must carefully evaluate the evidence and resist any urge to reach a verdict that is influenced by bias for or against any party or witness.

Given as proposed	
Given as modified	
Refused	
Withdrawn	

4.2 LIABILITY OF CORPORATIONS—SCOPE OF AUTHORITY NOT IN ISSUE

Under the law, a corporation is considered to be a person. It can only act through its employees, agents, directors, or officers. Therefore, a corporation is responsible for the acts of its employees, agents, directors, and officers performed within the scope of authority.

1.18 TAKING NOTES

If you wish, you may take notes to help you remember the evidence. If you do take notes, please keep them to yourself until you go to the jury room to decide the case. Do not let notetaking distract you. When you leave, your notes should be left in the [courtroom] [jury room] [envelope in the jury room]. No one will read your notes.

Whether or not you take notes, you should rely on your own memory of the evidence. Notes are only to assist your memory. You should not be overly influenced by your notes or those of other jurors.

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1.20 BENCH CONFERENCES AND RECESSES

From time to time during the trial, it may become necessary for me to talk with the attorneys out of the hearing of the jury, either by having a conference at the bench when the jury is present in the courtroom, or by calling a recess. Please understand that while you are waiting, we are working. The purpose of these conferences is not to keep relevant information from you, but to decide how certain evidence is to be treated under the rules of evidence and to avoid confusion and error.

Of course, we will do what we can to keep the number and length of these conferences to a minimum. I may not always grant an attorney's request for a conference. Do not consider my granting or denying a request for a conference as any indication of my opinion of the case or of what your verdict should be.

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Refused	
Withdrawn	

1.21 OUTLINE OF TRIAL

Trials proceed in the following way: First, each side may make an opening statement. An opening statement is not evidence. It is simply an outline to help you understand what that party expects the evidence will show. A party is not required to make an opening statement.

The plaintiff will then present evidence, and counsel for the defendant may cross-examine. Then the defendant may present evidence, and counsel for the plaintiff may cross-examine.

After the evidence has been presented, I will instruct you on the law that applies to the case and the attorneys will make closing arguments.

After that, you will go to the jury room to deliberate on your verdict.

Given as proposed	
Given as modified	
Refused	
Withdrawn	

CACI 200 OBLIGATION TO PROVE—MORE LIKELY TRUE THAN NOT TRUE

A party must persuade you, by the evidence presented in court, that what he or she is required to prove is more likely to be true than not true. This is referred to as "the burden of proof."

After weighing all of the evidence, if you cannot decide that something is more likely to be true than not true, you must conclude that the party did not prove it. You should consider all the evidence, no matter which party produced the evidence.

In criminal trials, the prosecution must prove that the defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. But in civil trials, such as this one, the party who is required to prove something need prove only that it is more likely to be true than not true.

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Refused	
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1 2	B&D Parties Proposed Instruction CACI 205 FAILURE TO EXPLAIN OR DENY EVIDENCE	
3	If a party failed to explain or deny evidence against it when it could	
4	reasonably be expected to have done so based on what it knew, you may consider its failure to explain or deny in evaluating that evidence.	
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6	It is up to you to decide the meaning and importance of the failure to explain or deny evidence against the party.	
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13	STATEMENT OF LAW AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE	
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15	This instruction should be given only if there is a failure to deny or explain a fact that is material to the case.	
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24	Bender)	
25	California Judges Benchbook: Civil Proceedings—Trial (2d ed.) § 12.10 (Cal CJER 2010)	
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2.2 STIPULATIONS OF FACT

The parties have agreed to certain facts [to be placed in evidence as Exhibit __] [that will be read to you]. You must therefore treat these facts as having been proved.

2.4 DEPOSITION IN LIEU OF LIVE TESTIMONY [IF NECESSARY]

A deposition is the sworn testimony of a witness taken before trial. The witness is placed under oath to tell the truth and lawyers for each party may ask questions. The questions and answers are recorded. When a person is unavailable to testify at trial, the deposition of that person may be used at the trial.

The deposition of [<u>name of witness</u>] was taken on [<u>date</u>]. Insofar as possible, you should consider deposition testimony, presented to you in court in lieu of live testimony, in the same way as if the witness had been present to testify.

Do not place any significance on the behavior or tone of voice of any person reading the questions or answers.

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1	2.9 IMPEA	ACHMENT EVIDENCE—WITNESS
2	The evidence that a witness lied under oath on a prior occasion may be considered, along with all other evidence, in deciding whether or not to believe the witness and how much weight to give to the testimony of the witness and for no other purpose.	
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2.11 USE OF INTERROGATORIES [IF NECESSARY]

Evidence [was] presented to you in the form of answers of one of the parties
to written interrogatories submitted by the other side. These answers were given in
writing and under oath before the trial in response to questions that were submitted
under established court procedures. You should consider the answers, insofar as
possible, in the same way as if they were made from the witness stand.

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1	2.12 USE OF REQUESTS FOR ADMISSION [IF NECESSARY]		
2	Evidence was presented to you in the form of admissions to the truth of		
3 4	certain facts. These admissions were given in writing before the trial, in response to requests that were submitted under established court procedures. You must treat these facts as having been proved.		
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2.13 EXPERT OPINION [MODIFIED]

You have heard testimony from Peter Wrobel, Neal Beaton, and David Holmes who testified to opinions and the reasons for their opinions. This opinion testimony is allowed, because of the education or experience of these witness.

Such opinion testimony should be judged like any other testimony. You may accept it or reject it, and give it as much weight as you think it deserves, considering each witness's education and experience, the reasons given for the opinion, and all the other evidence in the case.

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CACI 220 EXPERTS—QUESTIONS CONTAINING ASSUMED FACTS

The law allows expert witnesses to be asked questions that are based on assumed facts. These are sometimes called "hypothetical questions."

In determining the weight to give to the expert's opinion that is based on the assumed facts, you should consider whether the assumed facts are true.

1	CACI 221 (CONFLICTING EXPERT TESTIMONY
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2.14 CHARTS AND SUMMARIES NOT RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE

Certain charts and summaries not admitted into evidence have been shown to you in order to help explain the contents of books, records, documents, or other evidence in the case. Charts and summaries are only as good as the underlying evidence that supports them. You should, therefore, give them only such weight as you think the underlying evidence deserves.

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2.15 CHARTS AND SUMMARIES RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE [IF NECESSARY]

Certain charts and summaries have been admitted into evidence to illustrate information brought out in the trial. Charts and summaries are only as good as the testimony or other admitted evidence that supports them. You should, therefore, give them only such weight as you think the underlying evidence deserves.

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CACI 215 EXERCISE OF A COMMUNICATION PRIVILEGE

	Parties have an absolute right not to disclose what they told their attorney in confidence because the law considers this information privileged. Do not consider, for any reason at all, the fact that a party does not disclose what they told their attorney. Do not discuss that fact during your deliberations or let it influence your decision in any way.
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CACI 300 BREACH OF CONTRACT—INTRODUCTION [MODIFIED]

There are several breach of contract claims at issue in this case. Each will be summarized below:

Number 1.

Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. claims that it and Windermere entered into an Area Representation Agreement that allowed Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. to serve as Windermere's area representative for the Southern California region.

Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. claims that Windermere breached the following sections of this contract:

- i. Section 2, for failing to provide Services SoCal with the uninterrupted right to offer Windermere franchised businesses in Southern California;
- ii. Section 4.2, for failing to pay Services SoCal the termination fee following termination without cause;
- iii. Section 7, for failing to promptly and diligently commence and pursue the preparation and filing of all franchise registration filings required under California law and/or the United States of America;
- iv. Section 7, for failing to maintain the registration of the Southern California FDD;
- v. Section 10, for depriving Services SoCal of its right to offer new Windermere franchises rendering it unable to collect initial franchise fees and continuing license fees from new franchisees; and
- vi. Exhibit A, § 3, by attempting to terminate the Area Representation Agreement under the pretense that Services SoCal was the "guarantor" of the franchise fees owed by the franchisees in the Southern California region.

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Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. also claims that Windermere's breach of this contract caused harm to Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. for which Windermere should pay.

Windermere denies each of the above breaches.

Number 2.

Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. claims that it and Windermere entered into a franchise agreement allowing Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. to be a Windermere franchisee.

Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. claims that Windermere breached the following sections of this contract, as amended:

- i. Section 4, for failing to take necessary action (legal or otherwise) to prevent infringement of the Windermere trademark or the related unfair competition faced by Plaintiffs in the Southern California region as a result of the Windermere Watch websites; and
- ii. Section 3(A) of the Modification Agreement, for failing to make commercially reasonable efforts to curtail Windermere Watch and related attacks on the Windermere brand in Southern California.

Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. also claims that Windermere's breach of this contract caused harm to Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. for which Windermere should pay.

Windermere denies each of the above breaches.

Number 3.

Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. claims that it and Windermere entered into a franchise agreement allowing Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. to be a Windermere franchisee.

Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. claims that Windermere breached the following sections of this contract, as amended:

- i. Section 6, for failing to take necessary action (legal or otherwise) to prevent infringement of the Windermere trademark or the related unfair competition faced by Plaintiffs in the Southern California region as a result of the Windermere Watch websites; and
- ii. Section 3(A) of the Modification Agreement, for failing to make commercially reasonable efforts to curtail Windermere Watch and related attacks on the Windermere brand in Southern California.

Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. also claims that Windermere's breach of this contract caused harm to Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. for which Windermere should pay.

Windermere denies each of the above breaches.

In response to each of the plaintiffs' claims above, Windermere asserts the affirmative defenses of third party actions, waiver, set-off, unclean hands, estoppel, and unjust enrichment.

Number 4.

Windermere claims that it is in a contractual relationship with each of the plaintiffs. Windermere also claims that plaintiffs' principals, Robert Bennion and Joseph Deville, are guarantors of those contracts.

Windermere claims that Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. breached their respective franchise contracts by failing to pay the amounts due under the contracts and for improper use of the Windermere trademark.

Windermere also claims that Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. breached the parties' Area Representation Agreement by failing to make reasonable efforts to collect franchise fees, technology fees, late fees, and interest from its related entities Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc.

Windermere also claims that the counter-defendants' breaches of the contracts caused harm to Windermere for which the counter-defendants should pay.

1	The counter-defendants deny each of Windermere's claims.	
2	Also, in response to each of Windermere's claims above, the counter-defendants	
3	assert the affirmative defenses of waiver, estoppel, offset, and justification.	
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1 CACI 303 BREACH OF CONTRACT – ESSENTIAL FACTUAL 2 **ELEMENTS** [MODIFIED] 3 To recover damages from a defendant/counter-defendant for breach of 4 contract, a plaintiff/counterclaimant must prove all of the following: 5 1. That the plaintiff/counterclaimant and the defendant/counter-defendant entered into a contract: 6 2. That the plaintiff/counterclaimant did all, or substantially all, of the 7 significant things that the contract required it to do; or that the 8 plaintiff/counterclaimant was excused for nonperformance; 9 3. That all conditions required by the contract for the defendant/counter-10 defendant's performance occurred; or the conditions were waived or excused; 11 4. That the defendant/counter-defendant failed to do something that the 12 contract required it to do; 13 5. That the plaintiff/counterclaimant was harmed; and 14 6. That the defendant/counter-defendant's breach of contract was a 15 substantial factor in causing the plaintiff/counterclaimant's harm. 16 17 Given as proposed Given as modified 18 19 Refused 20 Withdrawn 21 STATEMENT OF LAW 22 CACI 303; Castro v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 2012 WL 2077294, at *1 (C.D. Cal. 23 June 6, 2012) (citing First Commercial Mtg. Co. v. Reece, 89 Cal.App.4th 731, 108 24 Cal.Rptr.2d 23, 33 (Cal.Ct.App.2001)). 25 26 27 28

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2	In deciding what the words in a contract meant to the parties, you ma		
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The B&D Parties Proposed SPECIAL INSTRUCTION NO. 1 -MODIFICATION—COURSE OF PERFORMANCE

The terms set forth in the contracts between the parties in this litigation may be explained or supplemented by course of performance. Course of performance is a sequence of conduct between the parties to a particular transaction that exists if: (1) the agreement of the parties with respect to the transaction involves repeated occasions for performance by a party; and (2) the other party, with knowledge of the nature of the performance and opportunity for objection to it, accepts the performance or acquiesces in it without objection.

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Given as modified	
Refused	
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STATEMENT OF LAW

California Code Of Civil Procedure § 1856(c); California Commercial Code § 1303(a).

The B&D Parties' Proposed Instruction CACI 321 EXISTENCE OF CONDITION PRECEDENT DISPUTED [MODIFIED]

Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. claims that the contract with Windermere provides that the damages limitation at Section 4 of the Area Representation Agreement is not enforceable unless Windermere first complied with the notice and cure obligations identified in Section 4.

Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. must prove that the parties agreed to this condition. If Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. proves this, then Windermere must prove that it complied with the notice and cure obligations identified in Section 4 of the Area Representation Agreement for the damages limitation at Section 4 to apply.

If Windermere Services Southern California, Inc. does not prove that Section 4 contain these conditions precedent, then Windermere was not required to first comply with the notice and cure obligations before enforcing the damages limitation at Section 4 of the Area Representation Agreement.

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Given as modified	
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STATEMENT OF LAW AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE

This instruction should only be given if both the existence and the occurrence of a condition precedent are contested. If only the occurrence of a condition precedent is contested, use CACI No. 322, Occurrence of Agreed Condition Precedent.

Sources and Authority

- Conditional Obligation. California Civil Code § 1434.
- Condition Precedent. California Civil Code § 1436.

- "Under the law of contracts, parties may expressly agree that a right or duty is conditional upon the occurrence or nonoccurrence of an act or event." *Platt Pacific, Inc. v. Andelson*, 6 Cal.4th 307, 313 (1993).
- "A conditional obligation is one in which 'the rights or duties of any party thereto depend upon the occurrence of an uncertain event.' [P]arties may expressly agree that a right or duty is conditional upon the occurrence or nonoccurrence of an act or event.' A condition in a contract may be a condition precedent, concurrent, or subsequent. '[A] condition precedent is either an act of a party that must be performed or an uncertain event that must happen before the contractual right accrues or the contractual duty arises.' "JMR Construction Corp. v. Environmental Assessment & Remediation Management, Inc., 243 Cal.App.4th 571, 593 (2015).
- "The existence of a condition precedent normally depends upon the intent of the parties as determined from the words they have employed in the contract." *Karpinski v. Smitty's Bar, Inc.*, 246 Cal.App.4th 456, 464 (2016).
- "[W]here defendant's duty to perform under the contract is conditioned on the happening of some event, the plaintiff must prove the event transpired." *Consolidated World Investments, Inc. v. Lido Preferred Ltd.*, 9 122 Cal.App.4th 373, 380 (1992).

Secondary Sources

- 1 Witkin, Summary of California Law (10th ed. 2005) Contracts, §§ 780-791
- 13 California Forms of Pleading and Practice, Ch. 140, Contracts, §§ 140.44,
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 - 27 California Legal Forms, Ch. 75, Formation of Contracts and Standard
 - Contractual Provisions, § 75.230 (Matthew Bender)
 - 2 Matthew Bender Practice Guide: California Contract Litigation, Ch. 22, Suing or Defending Action for Breach of Contract, 22.19, 22.66

CACI 320 INTERPRETATION—CONSTRUCTION AGAINST DRAFTER

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consider all of the other instructions that I have given you. If, after considering
these instructions, you still cannot agree on the meaning of the words, then you
should interpret the contract against the party that drafted the disputed words.

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Given as modified	
Refused	
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WSC Proposed Instruction CACI 336. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE—WAIVER [MODIFIED]

Windermere Real Estate Services Company claims that it did not have to undertake any further action after June 3, 2014 to attempt to curtail the antimarketing activities undertaken by Gary Kruger and Windermere Watch because Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. gave up their right to have Windermere Real Estate Services Company perform this obligation. This is called a "waiver."

To succeed, Windermere Real Estate Services Company must prove both of the following by clear and convincing evidence:

- 1. That Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. knew Windermere Real Estate Services Company was required to use commercially reasonable efforts to attempt to curtail the antimarketing activities undertaken by Gary Kruger and Windermere Watch; and
- 2. That Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. freely and knowingly gave up their right to have Windermere Real Estate Services Company perform this obligation.

A waiver may be oral or written or may arise from conduct that shows that Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. gave up that right.

If Windermere Real Estate Services Company proves that Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. gave up their right to Windermere Real Estate Services Company's performance of undertaking any further action to attempt to curtail the anti-marketing activities undertaken by Gary Kruger and Windermere Watch, then Windermere Real Estate Services Company was not required to perform this obligation.

OBJECTION

The B&D Parties object to the form of the instruction to the extent that it assumes facts in the instruction, including the fact that WSC took action to combat Windermere Watch prior to June 2014. We believe this is directly contradicted by the evidence. The B&D Parties also object to the proposed instruction to the extent that it is inconsistent with the law and would undermine the parties' integration clause in the Modification Agreement entered into in December 2012.

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CACI NO. 325 BREACH OF IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING—ESSENTIAL FACTUAL ELEMENTS [MODIFIED]

In every contract or agreement there is an implied promise of good faith and fair dealing. This means that each party will not do anything to unfairly interfere with the right of any other party to receive the benefit of the contract; however, the implied promise of good faith and fair dealing cannot create obligations that are inconsistent with the terms of the contract.

Each of the plaintiffs' claims that Windermere violated the duty to act fairly and in good faith. To establish these claims, each plaintiff must prove all of the following:

- 1. That the plaintiff and Windermere entered into a contract;
- 2. That the plaintiff did all, or substantially all of the significant things that the contract required it to do or that it was excused from having to do those things;
- 3. That all conditions required for Windermere's performance had occurred or were excused;
- 4. That Windermere unfairly interfered with the plaintiff's right to receive the benefit of the contract; and
- 5. That the plaintiff was harmed by Windermere's conduct.

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Refused	
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5.1 DAMAGES—PROOF [MODIFIED]

It is the duty of the Court to instruct you about the measure of damages. By instructing you on damages, the Court does not mean to suggest for which party your verdict should be rendered.

If you find for one of the parties, you must determine that party's damages. The party seeking damages has the burden of proving damages by a preponderance of the evidence. Damages means the amount of money that will reasonably and fairly compensate the plaintiff for any injury you find was caused by the defendant.

It is for you to determine what damages, if any, have been proved.

Your award must be based upon evidence and not upon speculation, guesswork or conjecture.

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5.3 DAMAGES—MITIGATION

The party seeking damages has a duty to use reasonable efforts to mitigate damages. To mitigate means to avoid or reduce damages.

The party opposing the claimed damages has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence:

- 1. that the party seeking damages failed to use reasonable efforts to mitigate damages; and
- 2. the amount by which damages would have been mitigated.

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Refused	
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WSC Proposed Instruction CACI 372 COMMON COUNT: OPEN BOOK ACCOUNT

Windermere Real Estate Services Company claims that Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and/or Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. each owe it money on a open book accounts. To establish this claim, Windermere Real Estate Services Company must prove all of the following:

- 1. That Windermere Real Estate Services Company and Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and/or Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. had financial transactions;
- 2. That Windermere Real Estate Services Company kept an account of the debits and credits involved in the transactions;
- 3. That Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and/or Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. owes Windermere Real Estate Services Company money on the account; and
- 4. The amount of money that Bennion & Deville Fine Homes, Inc. and/or Bennion & Deville Fine Homes SoCal, Inc. owe Windermere Real Estate Services Company.

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1.4 DUTY OF JURY (COURT READS AND PROVIDES WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AT END OF CASE)

Members of the Jury: Now that you have heard all of the evidence and the arguments of the attorneys, it is my duty to instruct you on the law that applies to this case.

[Each of you has received a copy of these instructions that you may take with you to the jury room to consult during your deliberations.]

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[A copy of these instructions will be sent to the jury room for you to consult during your deliberations.]

It is your duty to find the facts from all the evidence in the case. To those facts you will apply the law as I give it to you. You must follow the law as I give it to you whether you agree with it or not. And you must not be influenced by any personal likes or dislikes, opinions, prejudices, or sympathy. That means that you must decide the case solely on the evidence before you. You will recall that you took an oath to do so.

Please do not read into these instructions or anything that I may say or do or have said or done that I have an opinion regarding the evidence or what your verdict should be.

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3.1 DUTY TO DELIBERATE

Before you begin your deliberations, elect one member of the jury as your presiding juror. The presiding juror will preside over the deliberations and serve as the spokesperson for the jury in court.

You shall diligently strive to reach agreement with all of the other jurors if you can do so. Your verdict must be unanimous.

Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but you should do so only after you have considered all of the evidence, discussed it fully with the other jurors, and listened to their views.

It is important that you attempt to reach a unanimous verdict but, of course, only if each of you can do so after having made your own conscientious decision. Do not be unwilling to change your opinion if the discussion persuades you that you should. But do not come to a decision simply because other jurors think it is right, or change an honest belief about the weight and effect of the evidence simply to reach a verdict.

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3.2 CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE—CONDUCT OF THE JURY

Because you must base your verdict only on the evidence received in the case and on these instructions, I remind you that you must not be exposed to any other information about the case or to the issues it involves. Except for discussing the case with your fellow jurors during your deliberations:

Do not communicate with anyone in any way and do not let anyone else communicate with you in any way about the merits of the case or anything to do with it. This includes discussing the case in person, in writing, by phone or electronic means, via email, via text messaging, or any Internet chat room, blog, website or application, including but not limited to Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat, or any other forms of social media. This applies to communicating with your family members, your employer, the media or press, and the people involved in the trial. If you are asked or approached in any way about your jury service or anything about this case, you must respond that you have been ordered not to discuss the matter and to report the contact to the court.

Do not read, watch, or listen to any news or media accounts or commentary about the case or anything to do with it[, although I have no information that there will be news reports about this case]; do not do any research, such as consulting dictionaries, searching the Internet, or using other reference materials; and do not make any investigation or in any other way try to learn about the case on your own. Do not visit or view any place discussed in this case, and do not use Internet programs or other devices to search for or view any place discussed during the trial. Also, do not do any research about this case, the law, or the people involved—including the parties, the witnesses or the lawyers—until you have been excused as jurors. If you happen to read or hear anything touching on this case in the media, turn away and report it to me as soon as possible.

These rules protect each party's right to have this case decided only on evidence that has been presented here in court. Witnesses here in court take an oath to tell the truth, and the accuracy of their testimony is tested through the trial process. If you do any research or investigation outside the courtroom, or gain any information through improper communications, then your verdict may be

influenced by inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information that has not been tested by the trial process. Each of the parties is entitled to a fair trial by an impartial jury, and if you decide the case based on information not presented in court, you will have denied the parties a fair trial. Remember, you have taken an oath to follow the rules, and it is very important that you follow these rules.

A juror who violates these restrictions jeopardizes the fairness of these proceedings, and a mistrial could result that would require the entire trial process to start over. If any juror is exposed to any outside information, please notify the court immediately.

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3.3 COMMUNICATION WITH COURT

If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with me, you may send a note through the bailiff, signed by any one or more of you. No member of the jury should ever attempt to communicate with me except by a signed writing. I will not communicate with any member of the jury on anything concerning the case except in writing or here in open court. If you send out a question, I will consult with the lawyers before answering it, which may take some time. You may continue your deliberations while waiting for the answer to any question. Remember that you are not to tell anyone—including the court—how the jury stands, whether in terms of vote count or otherwise, until after you have reached a unanimous verdict or have been discharged.

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3.4 READBACK OR PLAYBACK [IF NECESSARY]

Comment

If during jury deliberations a request is made by the jury or by one or more jurors for a readback of a portion or all of a witness's testimony, and the court in exercising its discretion determines after consultation with the lawyers that a readback should be allowed, the Committee recommends the following admonition be given in open court with both sides present:

Because a request has been made for a [readback] [playback] of the testimony of [witness's name] it is being provided to you, but you are cautioned that all [readbacks] [playbacks] run the risk of distorting the trial because of overemphasis of one portion of the testimony. [Therefore, you will be required to hear all the witness's testimony on direct and cross-examination, to avoid the risk that you might miss a portion bearing on your judgment of what testimony to accept as credible.] [Because of the length of the testimony of this witness, excerpts will be [read] [played].] The [readback] [playback] could contain errors. The [readback] [playback] cannot reflect matters of demeanor [, tone of voice,] and other aspects of the live testimony. Your recollection and understanding of the testimony controls. Finally, in your exercise of judgment, the testimony [read] [played] cannot be considered in isolation, but must be considered in the context of all the evidence presented.

Although a court has broad discretion to read back excerpts or the entire testimony of a witness when requested by a deliberating jury, precautionary steps should be taken. Absent the parties' stipulation to a different procedure, the jury should be required to hear the readback in open court, with counsel for both sides present, and after giving the admonition set out above. *See United States v. Newhoff*, 627 F.3d 1163, 1167 (9th Cir. 2010); *see also* JURY INSTRUCTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE NINTH CIRCUIT, A MANUAL ON JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES § 5.1.C (2013).

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A verdict form has been prepared for you. After you have reached unanimous agreement on a verdict, your foreperson should complete the verdict form according to your deliberations, sign and date it, and advise the bailiff that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

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3.6 ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS OF LAW [IF NECESSARY]

At this point I will give you an additional instruction. By giving an additional instruction at this time, I do not mean to emphasize this instruction over any other instruction.

You are not to attach undue importance to the fact that this instruction was read separately to you. You must consider this instruction together with all of the other instructions that were given to you.

[Insert text of new instruction.]

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3.7 DEADLOCK JURY [IF NECESSARY]

Members of the jury, you have advised that you have been unable to agree upon a verdict in this case. I have decided to suggest a few thoughts to you.

As jurors, you have a duty to discuss the case with one another and to deliberate in an effort to reach a unanimous verdict if each of you can do so without violating your individual judgment and conscience. Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but only after you consider the evidence impartially with the other jurors. During your deliberations, you should not be unwilling to reexamine your own views and change your opinion if you become persuaded that it is wrong. However, you should not change an honest belief as to the weight or effect of the evidence solely because of the opinions of the other jurors or for the mere purpose of returning a verdict.

All of you are equally honest and conscientious jurors who have heard the same evidence. All of you share an equal desire to arrive at a verdict. Each of you should ask yourself whether you should question the correctness of your present position.

I remind you that in your deliberations you are to consider the instructions I have given you as a whole. You should not single out any part of any instruction, including this one, and ignore others. They are all equally important.

You may now return to the jury room and continue your deliberations.

Given as proposed	
Given as modified	
Refused	
Withdrawn	

3.8 CONTINUING DELIBERATIONS AFTER JUROR IS DISCHARGED [IF NECESSARY]

[One] [Some] of your fellow jurors [has] [have] been excused from service and will not participate further in your deliberations. You should not speculate about the reason the [juror is] [jurors are] no longer present.

You should continue your deliberations with the remaining jurors. Do not consider the opinions of the excused [juror] [jurors] as you continue deliberating. All the previous instructions given to you still apply, including the requirement that all the remaining jurors unanimously agree on a verdict.

Given as proposed	
Given as modified	
Refused	
Withdrawn	