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

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In re	:	Chapter 11
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Gawker Media LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹	:	Case No. 16-11700 (SMB)
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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**NOTICE OF DEBTORS’ OBJECTION TO THE CLAIM OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (CLAIM NO. 314)**
(NO LIABILITY CLAIM OBJECTION)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned have filed the attached *Debtors’ Objection to the Claim of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue (Claim No. 314)* (the “Objection”), which seeks to alter your rights by disallowing your claim against the above-captioned Debtors.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on the Objection will take place on **March 22, 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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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 **March 2, 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@irsounsel.treas.gov); (v) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Attn: Bankruptcy Division, 86 Chambers Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10007 (david.jones6@usdoj.gov; 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.

Dated: February 17, 2017
New York, New York

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**DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO THE CLAIM OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (CLAIM NO. 314)**
(NO LIABILITY CLAIM OBJECTION)

THIS OBJECTION SEEKS TO DISALLOW AND EXPUNGE A CERTAIN PROOF OF CLAIM. A CLAIMANT RECEIVING THIS OBJECTION SHOULD LOCATE ITS NAME AND CLAIM 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 objection (the “Objection”) to the claim identified on Schedule 1 to Exhibit A (the “Claim”) and seek entry of an order (the “Proposed Order”), substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, disallowing and expunging the Claim 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.S. Trustee”) 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 Proposed Order disallowing and expunging the Claim in its entirety.

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 Adelpia 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).

OBJECTION

15. The Debtors have carefully reviewed the Claim and their books and records. Following this review, the Debtors have determined that no amounts are due and owing on account of the Claim and there is insufficient evidence to support the claimant’s assertion of a valid claim against a Debtor as stated on the proof of claim form in respect of the Claim.

16. Therefore, the Debtors are not liable for the Claim. If the Claim is not disallowed and expunged, then the claimant asserting the Claim may potentially receive a wholly improper recovery to the detriment of other parties in these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors request that the Court enter the Proposed Order disallowing and expunging the Claim in its entirety.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

17. Neither the filing of this Objection nor entry of the Proposed 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 Proposed Order and to file further objections with respect to the Claim for any purpose. The Debtors and their estates also reserve any and all rights, claims and defenses with respect to the Claim, and nothing included in or omitted from this Objection or the Proposed 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 Claim.

NOTICE

18. 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 Proposed Order, and (b) grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

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Exhibit A

Proposed Order

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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In re : Chapter 11

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

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS’ OBJECTION TO THE CLAIM OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (CLAIM NO. 314)

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 claim set forth on **Schedule 1** attached hereto (the “Claim”); 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. Pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Claim is hereby disallowed and expunged in its 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 Claim 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 Claim (to the extent the Claim is 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 Schedule 1 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 Schedule 1 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 entered on July 13, 2016 [Docket No. 93], and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court are satisfied by such notice.

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 the Claim.

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

NO.	CLAIMANT	CASE NUMBER	DEBTOR NAME	SCH NO.	CLAIM NO.	DATE FILED	CLAIM AMOUNT	OBJECTION PAGE NO. REFERENCE
1	Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Bankruptcy Division PO Box 280946 Harrisburg, PA 17128-0946	16-11700 (SMB)	Gawker Media LLC	N/A	314	10/3/2016	\$5,055.66	5

Exhibit B

William D. Holden Declaration

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**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM D. HOLDEN IN SUPPORT
OF THE DEBTORS' OBJECTIONS TO CERTAIN 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' Objection to the Claim of Hartford Fire Insurance Company (Claim No. 7)*; the *Debtors' Objection to the Claim of the New York State Department of Labor, Unemployment*

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Insurance Division (Claim No. 10); the Debtors' Objection to the Claim of National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, P.A. (Claim No. 32); the Debtors' Objection to the Claim of Innovid Inc. (Claim No. 35); the Debtors' Objection to the Claims of Federal Insurance Company (Claim Nos. 43 and 44); the Debtors' Objection to the Claim of the Comptroller of Maryland (Claim No. 316); and the Debtors' Objection to the Claims of Aladar Baldauf (Claim Nos. 326 and 332). (collectively, the "Objections") 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 "Declaration") in support of the Objections. 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 claim listed on **Schedule 1** to the Proposed Order (each such claim, a "Claim," and collectively, the "Claims") annexed to the

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Objections should be disallowed and expunged because the Debtors are not liable for each Claim for the reasons set forth in the corresponding column under the heading “Reason for Proposed Disallowance.”

4. To prevent an unwarranted recovery by the claimant in respect of the Claim to the detriment of other creditors and parties and interest, I believe that this Court should disallow and expunge the Claim from the 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 17, 2017



William D. Holden