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CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**ENTERED** THE DATE OF ENTRY IS ON THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed December 16, 2021

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United States Bankruptcy Judge

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ § Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., <sup>1</sup>	<pre>§</pre>
Reorganized Debtor.	§ §
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., Plaintiff,	\$ 8
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vs.	§ 21-03082-sgj
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ADVISORS, L.P.	Ş
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Defendant.	

# **ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULING ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Stipulation and Proposed Scheduling Order [Docket No. 6] (the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.



"<u>Stipulation</u>")<sup>2</sup> entered into between Highland Capital Management, L.P., the reorganized debtor<sup>3</sup> ("<u>Highland</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case ("<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>") and the plaintiff in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("<u>HCMFA</u>", and together with Highland, the "<u>Parties</u>"), it is

# **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto as **<u>Exhibit A</u>**, is **APPROVED**.
- 2. The Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
- 3. With respect to the Adversary Proceeding, the Parties shall abide by the following

pretrial schedule (the "Joint Pretrial Schedule") in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

Proposed Joint Scheduling Order				
Event	Deadline			
1. Service of Written Discovery Requests	January 31, 2022			
2. Service of Written Responses to Discovery	February 28, 2022			
3. Completion of Fact Discovery	March 28, 2022			
4. Expert Disclosures	April 4, 2022			
5. Completion of Expert Discovery	May 27, 2022			
6. Dispositive Motions	May 27, 2022			
7. Exhibit and Witness Lists	June 27, 2022			
8. Joint Pretrial Order	July 1, 2022			
9. Proposed Findings of Fact and	July 1, 2022			
Conclusions of Law	-			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> On February 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Order (i) Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief [Bankr. Docket No. 1943] (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>") which confirmed the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P., as modified (the "<u>Plan</u>"). The Plan went Effective (as defined in the Plan) on August 11, 2021, and Highland is the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan) since the Effective Date. See Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of Confirmed Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. [Bankr. Docket No. 2700].

10. Trial Docket Call July 11, 2022 at 1	80 p.m. (CT)	
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4. The Joint Pretrial Schedule set forth in this Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.

5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Order, subject to any objection to the Court's jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

## ###End of Order###

# EXHIBIT A

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<sup>1</sup> The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

## STIPULATION AND PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

This stipulation (the "<u>Stipulation</u>") is made and entered into by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as the reorganized debtor ("<u>Highland</u>" or "<u>Plaintiff</u>"), and Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("<u>HCMFA</u>" or "<u>Defendant</u>", and together with Highland, the "Parties"), by and through their respective undersigned counsel.

#### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Highland filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "<u>Delaware Court</u>");

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of Highland's bankruptcy case (the "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>") to this Court;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, Highland filed its Fifth Amended Plan of

*Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified)* [Bankr. Docket No. 1808] (the "<u>Plan</u>");

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Order Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief [Bankr. Docket No. 1943] (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>") which confirmed Highland's Plan.

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2021, the Plan became Effective (as defined in the Plan), and Highland became the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan). See Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of Confirmed Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P. [Bankr. Docket No. 2700].

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, Highland commenced the above-captioned adversary

proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>") against HCMFA by filing its complaint [Docket No. 1]<sup>2</sup> (the "<u>Complaint</u>");

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2021, the Court issued its Order Regarding Adversary

Proceedings Trial Setting and Alternative Scheduling Order [Docket No. 3] (the "Alternative

<u>Scheduling Order</u>");

WHEREAS, the Parties have conferred and desire to enter into a mutually agreeable proposed schedule, as specifically set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, and upon approval of this Stipulation by the Court, it shall be SO ORDERED:

1. The Parties agree to the following schedule (the "<u>Proposed Joint Scheduling</u> <u>Order</u>") in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

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Conclusions of Law				
10. Trial Docket Call	July 11, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. (CT)			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refers to the docket number maintained in the Adversary Proceeding.

2. If approved by the Court, the Proposed Joint Scheduling Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.

3. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Stipulation, subject to any objection to the Court's jurisdiction or core jurisdiction and subject to any motion for the withdrawal of the reference, with respect to which all parties reserve their rights, if any.

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Dated: December 10, 2021.

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