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1415161718	LOUIS V. SCHOOLER and FIRST FINANCIAL PLANNING CORPORATION d/b/a WESTERN FINANCIAL PLANNING CORPORATION, Defendants.	INJUNCTION ORDER; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES Date: January 16, 2015 Time: 1:30 p.m. Ctrm.: 2D Judge: Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel
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TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 16, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 2D of the United States District Court, Southern District of California, located at 221 West Broadway, San Diego, California 92101, Thomas C. Hebrank ("Receiver"), the court-appointed receiver for First Financial Planning Corporation d/b/a Western Financial Planning Corporation ("Western"), its subsidiaries and the general partnerships organized by Western, will, and hereby does, move this Court for an Order of Civil Contempt and Sanctions for Violation of Preliminary Injunction Order against Defendant Louis V. Schooler.

This motion is based upon this Notice, the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declarations of Ted Fates and Thomas C. Hebrank, all pleadings and papers on file in this action, and upon such other matters as may be presented to the Court at the time of the hearing.

Procedural Requirements: If you oppose the Motion, you are required to file your written opposition with the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court, Southern District of California, 333 West Broadway, Suite 420, San Diego, California 92101, and serve the same on the undersigned no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the hearing date. An opposing party's failure to file an opposition to any motion may be construed as consent to the granting of the motion pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7.1(f)(3)(c).

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Over the last two months, Defendant Louis Schooler has refused to grant the Receiver access to Western's computer server, which is located at the office space Schooler provides to Alice Jacobson and Beverly Schuler ("Partnership Administrators"). As set forth more fully below, Schooler has refused to turn over or allow the Receiver access to the server despite numerous requests by the Receiver. Schooler's actions directly violate the Court's Preliminary Injunction Order ("PI Order"), which clearly and specifically directs Schooler to give access and control of all Western property to the Receiver. Accordingly, the Receiver requests an order compelling Schooler to comply with the PI Order. The Receiver also requests an order requiring Schooler to pay monetary sanctions to the receivership estate in the amount of \$13,315.05, the sum of the Receiver's fees and attorney fees incurred as a result of Schooler's failure to comply.

II. RELEVANT FACTS

A. Background

On September 6, 2012, this Court appointed the Receiver on a temporary basis. *See* Dkt. No. 10. On March 13, 2013, this Court entered an order appointing the Receiver on a permanent basis and granting the Securities and Exchange Commission's motion for a preliminary injunction. *See* Dkt. No. 174. The PI Order, *inter alia*, requires Schooler to turn over to the Receiver any assets, collateral, books, records, papers or other property of or managed by any of the entities in receivership, including electronic data. Specifically, the PI Order provides:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Thomas C. Hebrank is appointed as permanent receiver of Western, its subsidiaries, and the entities listed on Schedule 1, with full powers of an equity receiver, including, but not limited to, full power over all funds, assets, collateral, premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, records, papers and other property belonging to, being managed by or in the possession of or control of Western, its subsidiaries, or the entities listed on

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Schedule 1, and that such receiver is immediately 1 authorized, empowered and directed: 2 to have access to and to collect and take custody, control, possession, and charge of all funds, assets, collateral, premises (whether owned, leased, occupied, 3 or otherwise controlled), choses in action, books, 4 records, papers and other real or personal property, wherever located, of or managed by Western, its 5 subsidiaries, or the entities listed on Schedule 1, with full power to sue, foreclose, marshal, collect, receive, and take 6 into possession all such property including access to and taking custody, control, and possession of all such Western 7 property, and that of its subsidiaries or the entities listed on Schedule 1; the permanent receiver shall have authority to 8 enter and secure only that portion of the premises located at 5186 Carroll Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92121, that is 9 leased, used by, or in the custody, control, or possession of Western, its subsidiaries, or the entities listed on 10 Schedule 1, including by locksmith and change of key; 11 ***** 12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendant Western, its subsidiaries, and the entities listed on Schedule 1, and their 13 officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and any other persons who are in custody, possession or control of 14 any assets, collateral, books, records, papers or other property of or managed by any of the entities in 15 receivership, shall forthwith give access to and control of such property to the permanent receiver. 16 ***** 17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that defendants Schooler 18 and Western, and their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, 19 agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and the entities listed on Schedule 1 and Schedule 2, shall 20 cooperate with and assist the permanent receiver and shall take no action, directly or indirectly, to hinder, obstruct, or otherwise interfere with the permanent 21 receiver or his attorneys, accountants, employees or agents, in the conduct of the permanent receiver's 22 duties or to interfere in any manner, directly or 23 indirectly, with the custody, possession, management, or control by the permanent receiver of the funds, assets, collateral, premises, and choses in action described above. 24 25 Dkt. No. 174, Parts III, IV, and VII. 26 27 28

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B. Schooler's Refusal To Comply With The Preliminary Injunction Order

Western's computer server was historically located at Western's offices at 5186 Carroll Canyon Road, San Diego ("Carroll Canyon Property"). Declaration of Thomas C. Hebrank ("Hebrank Decl."), ¶ 3. When Schooler sold the Carroll Canyon Property in September 2013, the Receiver relocated Western's offices. *Id.* The Partnership Administrators declined to use the new offices provided by the Receiver and instead moved to offices in Vista shared with Schooler. *Id.* At that time, the Receiver agreed, on a temporary basis, that the Western server would be maintained at the Vista office. *Id.*

Two very important duties assigned to the Receiver under the PI Order are to preserve and protect the Receivership Entities' property, including electronic data, and to conserve receivership estate resources. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 4. The Receiver needs the server to be able to carry out these duties. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 4. The server needs to be backed up to protect data in the event it is damaged or corrupted. *Id.*, ¶ 5. In addition, the Receiver needs the server to be able to evaluate and get pricing on moving the data to a new, more efficient investment tracking software. *Id.* The existing system uses antiquated, inefficient software and is dependent on a former Western employee to maintain, update, and generate reports necessary for preparing tax returns. *Id.* Because the server has been located at the Vista office, the Receiver is not able to protect new data added to it or have potential vendors to perform necessary upgrades look at it. *Id.*

Accordingly, the Receiver contacted the Partnership Administrators on September 3, 2014, and advised that he needed full access to the servers. *Id.*, ¶ 6. The Partnership Administrators responded that Schooler would not grant such access and the Receiver would have to address the issue with Schooler's counsel. *Id.* Accordingly, on September 4, 2014, the Receiver's counsel sent a letter to Schooler's counsel demanding immediate access to the Western server. Declaration of Ted

1	Fates ("Fates Decl."), ¶ 3, Ex. A. The Receiver noted that the PI Order requires
2	Schooler to provide access and that failure to do so would violate the PI Order. <i>Id.</i>
3	The Receiver also gave notice that he would seek sanctions if Schooler violated the
4	PI Order. Id.
5	Schooler's counsel, Eric Hougen, responded to the Receiver's letter by calling
6	the Receiver's counsel, Ted Fates. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 4. Mr. Hougen demanded a full retraction
7	of the letter, stating there was no basis to allege Schooler had violated the PI Order
8	and that Schooler was not denying the Receiver access to the server. Id.
9	Accordingly, Schooler either changed his mind or the Partnership Administrators
10	misrepresented his position. Regardless, Mr. Fates told Mr. Hougen the Receiver
11	would provide a date and time for Geno Rodriguez from the Receiver's office and the
12	Receiver's IT specialist to visit the Vista office to access the server. <i>Id</i> .
13	On September 8, 2014, Mr. Fates sent an e-mail to Schooler's counsel
14	requesting that Mr. Rodriguez and the IT specialist have access to the server on
15	September 11, 2014. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 5, Ex. B. On September 10, 2014, Schooler's counsel,
16	David Herman, responded that "[b]ecause it is unclear what exactly will be
17	performed by Mr. Hebrank and/or Mr. Rodriguez and the IT technician,
18	Messrs. Dyson and Hougen will need to be present to oversee the process and ensure
19	that only non-confidential electronically stored information belonging to Western
20	(and not to Mr. Schooler, the LinMar entities, or other entities not within the scope of
21	the receivership) is accessed." $Id.$, ¶ 6, Ex. C. Mr. Herman stated that the server
22	access would need to be conducted on September 15, 2014, due to Mr. Hougen and
23	Mr. Dyson's schedules. <i>Id</i> .
24	Mr. Fates responded the same day, stating that September 15, 2014, would not
25	work because the Receiver's IT specialist was leaving for vacation that day. Instead,
26	the Receiver proposed that the server be picked up on Friday, September 12, 2014,
27	and returned on Monday, September 15, 2014. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 7, Ex. C.
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1	On September 11, 2014, Schooler's counsel called the Receiver's counsel and	
2	stated that there are files unrelated to Western on the server that need to be removed	
3	before the server could be turned over. $Id.$, ¶ 8. Schooler's counsel stated they would	
4	promptly review the files on the server with the aid of an IT technician and remove	
5	the non-Western files. <i>Id</i> . The Receiver agreed on the condition that a log of the	
6	files removed be provided, to which Schooler's counsel agreed. Id. It was agreed the	
7	file review and removal would be completed promptly and certainly before the	
8	Receiver's IT specialist returned from vacation on September 29, 2014. <i>Id.</i>	
9	On September 17, 2014, Mr. Herman e-mailed Mr. Fates and advised that	
10	Mr. Dyson had been inspecting the "computers and servers at Western Financial's	
11	offices and will continue his inspection tomorrow with the aid of an IT technician."	
12	Mr. Herman stated that Mr. Dyson would contact Mr. Fates the next day with a status	
13	update. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 9, Ex. D.	
14	On September 22, 2014, Mr. Fates followed up, requesting an update on the	
15	status of the file review and removal. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 10, Ex. D. Schooler's counsel did not	
16	respond. Id., ¶ 10. On September 29, 2014, Mr. Fates followed up again, stating the	
17	Receiver's IT specialist was back from vacation and ready to pick up the server, that	
18	Schooler had had ample time since September 4, 2014 to remove the non-Western	
19	files, and therefore the Receiver's IT person would pick up the server at the Vista	
20	office the following day. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 11, Ex. D. Mr. Dyson responded, stating the server	
21	would not be available for pick up, that he was not feeling well, and that he would	
22	get back to Mr. Fates tomorrow if he was in. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 12, Ex. D.	
23	Mr. Fates had two telephone calls with Schooler's counsel on September 30,	
24	2014. <i>Id.</i> , ¶ 13. During those calls, Schooler's counsel stated that they had made a	
25	copy of Western's server, were reviewing the copy, and would then have the non-	
26	Western files removed. <i>Id</i> . Schooler's counsel acknowledged the file review and	
27	removal had taken far too long and agreed the server would be provided on	
28	October 8, 2014, regardless of whether the non-Western files had been removed by	

that time. *Id.* Schooler's counsel stated that a copy of the Western server had been made and would be reviewed in order to identify non-Western files. *Id.* In order to avoid seeking Court intervention and incurring costs associated with a contempt motion, the Receiver agreed to October 8, 2014, as the absolute deadline to produce the server. *Id.*

On October 7, 2014, Mr. Fates sent an e-mail to Mr. Dyson to confirm that the server would be made fully available to the Receiver the following morning. *Id.*, ¶ 14, Ex. E. Mr. Dyson responded saying only he would "not be able to make that time" and would address it further with Mr. Fates the next day. *Id.* Mr. Fates responded that the Receiver had been waiting more than a month and if Schooler could not provide a set time on October 8 or October 9, the Receiver would be forced to seek relief from the Court. *Id.* On October 8, 2014, Mr. Dyson responded, stating that a copy of the server had been made, but the non-Western files had not been removed. *Id.*, ¶ 15, Ex. F. Mr. Fates responded the same day, again advising that if full access to the server was not provided on October 9, 2014, the Receiver would seek an order compelling Schooler to comply with the PI Order. *Id.* Mr. Fates noted their promise to provide the Western server no later than October 8, 2014, had been broken, which Mr. Dyson did not deny. *Id.*

Before the hearing held on October 10, 2014, Mr. Dyson told Mr. Fates a copy of the Western server would probably be ready by October 15, 2014. *Id.*, ¶ 16. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Receiver's counsel attempted to raise this issue, but Schooler's counsel objected and the Court declined to take up the matter. *Id.* The Receiver's counsel explained that the Receiver was hoping to avoid incurring the expense of a motion. *Id.*

As of the date of this motion, almost two months from when access to the Western server was requested, Schooler has not granted such access. Id., ¶ 17. Thus

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Schooler never requested permission to make a copy of the Western server and such permission was never granted.

- far, the Receiver has spent 9.8 hours and incurred fees of \$2,020.50, as a result of
- Schooler's failure to comply with the PI Order, including work performed by
- Mr. Rodriguez. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 7. The Receiver's counsel has spent 26.20 hours
- and incurred fees of \$11,294.55, as a result of Schooler's failure to comply with the 4
- PI Order, including preparation of this motion. Fates Decl., ¶ 18, Ex. G. A 5
- breakdown of fees incurred is provided in the Declarations of Tom Hebrank and Ted 6
- 7 Fates. The Receiver will provide an update on fees incurred in his reply brief.

III. **ANALYSIS**

Authority And Legal Standard For Contempt A.

It is well-settled that courts have inherent power to enforce compliance with their lawful orders through civil contempt. Int'l Union v. Bagwell, 512 U.S. 821, 831 (1994); TMX Funding, Inc. v. Impero Techs., Inc., 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57761, *8-9 (N.D. Cal. May 21, 2010). Additionally, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 70(e) provides that, "[t]he court may also hold the disobedient party in contempt." Bd. of Trustees of the Bay Area Roofers Health & Welfare Trust Fund v. Westech Roofing, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 129200, *10-11 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 8, 2011). Civil contempt

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- occurs when a party fails to comply with a "specific and definite court order by 17
- failure to take all reasonable steps within the party's power to comply." Emma C. v. 18
- 19 Wastin, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16099, *54 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 4, 2001) (citation
- 20 omitted); see also General Signal Corp. v. Donallco, Inc., 787 F.2d 1376, 1379
- (9th Cir. 1986). "And as to the Receiver specifically, 'no rule is better settled than 21
- 22 that, when a court has appointed a receiver, his possession is the possession of the
- 23 court, for the benefit of the parties to the suit and all concerned, and cannot be
- disturbed without the leave of the court, and that if any person, without leave, 24
- 25 intentionally interferes with such possession, he necessarily commits a contempt of
- court, and is liable to punishment therefor." United States CFTC v. Khanna, 26
- 27 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19830, *5 (S.D. Cal. Feb. 28, 2011).

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Sanctions are warranted when the movant establishes by "clear and convincing evidence" the non-moving party "knowingly violated a specific and definite order requiring it to perform or refrain from a particular act or acts." *TMX Funding, Inc.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57761, at *9; *Walnut Creek Manor, LLC v. Mayhew Center, LLC*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18079, *5 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 12, 2014). It is not necessary that the contempt be willful, "there is no good faith exception to the requirement of obedience to a court order." *Walnut Creek Manor, LLC*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18079, at *5-6.

"If a court finds a party in contempt, it is within its discretion to impose sanctions. Sanctions may be imposed to 'coerce obedience to a court order, or to compensate the party pursuing the contempt action for injuries resulting from the contemptuous behavior." *Bd. of Trustees of the Bay Area Roofers Health & Welfare Trust Fund*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 129200, at *12; *TMX Funding, Inc.*, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 57761, at *8-9 ("A court may issue civil sanctions for the purpose of coercing a party to comply with a court order, to compensate the party seeking sanctions for losses incurred, or both."); *United States CFTC*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19830, at *58-9 (imposing sanctions against the violating party for costs and fees incurred in enforcing the court's order, including the fees associated with bringing the motion for civil contempt).

B. The Terms Of The PI Order Are Definite and Specific

Here, the terms of the PI Order are patently clear. The PI Order specifically provides "Western, its subsidiaries, and the entities listed on Schedule 1, and their officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and any other persons who are in custody, possession or control of any assets, collateral, books, records, papers or other property of or managed by any of the entities in receivership, shall forthwith **give access to and control of such property to the permanent receiver**." *See* Dkt. No. 174 at p. 7. The Order further provided that "Schooler and Western, and their subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, agents, servants, employees and attorneys, and the

entities listed on Schedule 1 and Schedule 2, shall cooperate with and assist the permanent receiver and shall take no action, directly or indirectly, to hinder, obstruct, or otherwise interfere with the permanent receiver . . . in the conduct of the permanent receiver's duties[.]" *Id.* at pp. 7-8. There is absolutely no ambiguity with the Court's directive to Schooler.

C. Schooler Knowingly Violated The Court's Order

Schooler has knowingly violated the PI Order by failing to turn over Western's computer server to the Receiver. The Receiver specifically advised Schooler on September 4, 2014 that his refusal to grant the Receiver access to the Western server violated the PI Order. The Receiver further warned Schooler on multiple occasions that his ongoing failure to grant the Receiver access to the server violated the PI Order and the Receiver would seek an order compelling him to comply. Yet, for almost two months, Schooler has refused to grant the Receiver access to the server.

The PI Order charges the Receiver with various important duties, including: (1) to preserve and protect the Receivership Entities property, including electronic data and (2) to conserve receivership estate resources. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 4; *see also* Dkt. No. 174. In order to accomplish these duties, the Receiver needs the server in order to back up and protect the data on it in the event that it is damaged or corrupted. Hebrank Decl., ¶ 4. Further, the Receiver needs the server in order to evaluate and obtain pricing on moving the data to a new and more efficient investment tracking software. *Id.*, ¶ 5. The existing system uses antiquated, inefficient software and is dependent on a former Western employee to maintain, update, and generate reports necessary for preparing tax returns. *Id.*

For almost two months, the Receiver has been requesting that Schooler turn over Western's computer server as required under the PI Order. *See generally*, Fates Decl. Instead of complying with the PI Order, Schooler has continuously refused to turn over the server, claiming that it contains files related to his personal matters and

demanded more time to review and remove files. *Id.*, ¶ 14-15.

non-receivership entities.² *Id.* In the interest of avoiding a costly dispute, the Receiver agreed to allow Schooler a few days to remove the non-Western files and provide a log of the files removed, which Schooler agreed to do. Fates Decl., ¶ 8. However, since that time, Schooler has repeatedly demanded more time and refused to turn over the server. *See generally*, Fates Decl. Schooler then promised the server would be turned over no later than October 8, 2014, whether or not the non-Western files had been removed or not. *Id.*, ¶ 13. Schooler then broke that promise and again

Accordingly, the Receiver gave Schooler's counsel notice that if the server was not immediately provided to the Receiver, the Receiver would request relief from the Court. *Id*,. ¶ 14, Ex. E. As of the date of this Motion, Schooler still refuses to turn over the server. *Id*. ¶ 17. Schooler's actions violate the PI Order and have directly hindered and obstructed the Receiver's ability to carry out important duties, including preserving and protecting electronic data and conserving receivership estate resources. *See* Dkt. No. 174 at pp. 7-8. Schooler has knowingly disobeyed the PI Order and should be held in contempt.

D. The Court Should Issue Civil Sanctions Against Schooler

"The amount of a compensatory contempt fine is in the discretion of the court. *United States v. Asay*, 614 F.2d 655, 660 (9th Cir. 1980) (citations omitted).

"Ordinarily the amount of a compensatory fine is actual damage caused to petitioner by respondent's contumacious act." *Id.* Additionally, coercive sanctions are appropriate where "necessary to obtain defendants' compliance." *Mission Capital Works, Inc. v. SC Restraints, Inc.*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 100495, *16 (W.D. Wash. Dec. 3, 2008).

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Schooler's excuses do not relieve him of his obligations under the PI Order. "Absent a stay, 'all orders and judgments of courts must be complied with promptly." *In re Crystal Palace Gambling Hall, Inc.*, 817 F.2d 1361, 1365 (9th Cir. 1987). Indeed, as the Ninth Circuit held in *In re Crystal Palace Gambling Hall, Inc.* "[a] party cannot disobey a court order and later argue that there were 'exceptional circumstance' for doing so." *Id.* at 1366.

1	Here, Schooler should be required to compensate the receivership estate for
2	the fees the Receiver and his counsel have incurred as a result of Schooler's failure to
3	comply with the PI Order, including the attorney fees incurred in bringing this
4	Motion. Thus far, the Receiver has spent 9.8 hours and incurred fees of \$2,020.50 as
5	a result of Schooler's failure to comply with the PI Order, including work performed
6	by Mr. Rodriguez. Hebrank Decl. ¶ 7. The Receiver's counsel has spent 26.20 hours
7	and incurred fees of \$11,294.55, as a result of Schooler's failure to comply with the
8	PI Order, including preparation of this Motion. <i>See</i> Hebrank Decl. ¶ 7, Fates Decl.
9	¶ 18, Ex. G. The Receiver will provide an update on fees incurred in his reply brief.
10	Additionally, the Court should issue additional coercive sanctions to obtain
11	Schooler's compliance as it deems to be appropriate.
12	IV. CONCLUSION
13	Based on the foregoing, the Receiver respectfully requests the Court hold
14	Schooler in contempt of the PI Order, compel Schooler to immediately turn over
15	Western's computer server to the Receiver, and issue sanctions in the amount of
16	\$13,315.05 against Schooler, representing the fees incurred by the Receiver and his
17	counsel as a result of Schooler's failure to comply with the PI Order.
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