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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
14 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

15 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
16 COMMISSION,

17 Plaintiff,

18 vs.

19 MATTHEW WADE BEASLEY et al.

20 Defendants;

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22 THE JUDD IRREVOCABLE TRUST et al.

23 Relief Defendants.  
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Case No. 2:22-CV-00612-CDS-EJY

**REPLY IN SUPPORT OF THE  
RECEIVER’S MOTION TO  
COMPEL DEFENDANT JEFFREY  
JUDD OR, ALTERNATIVELY,  
FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW  
CAUSE, AND REQUEST FOR  
FEES AND COSTS**

25 Receiver Geoff Winkler submits this Reply in Support of his Motion to Compel Defendant  
26 Jeffrey Judd or, Alternatively, for an Order to Show Cause.

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1 **I. Introduction**

2 In the Response, Judd makes much of limited assistance he has provided the Receiver  
3 over the course of two years. For example, in the Facts section of his brief, Judd details two  
4 meetings with the Receiver and a handful of documents he provided shortly after appointment,  
5 and a few other ways in which has assisted the Receiver. Any notion of good faith, however, is  
6 shattered by a revelation – buried in the final pages of his Response – that his attorneys have  
7 been withholding 300,000 additional documents since the summer of 2022. This is not  
8 *thousands of pages* like Judd boasts that he provided a previous CRO appointed prior to the  
9 Commission initiating this action, *see* ECF No. 703 at 5, but hundreds of thousands of  
10 documents. Incredibly, a further concession is buried in the final paragraphs of his counsel’s  
11 Declaration – but not mentioned in the Response itself. Apparently, Judd’s counsel has now  
12 determined that 180,000 of those documents are not privileged.

13 The Court should compel Judd to produce those documents immediately under the  
14 Appointment Order.<sup>1</sup> Section II of the Appointment Order imposes an obligation on the  
15 Receivership Defendants – including Judd – to “assist the Receiver in fulfilling his duties and  
16 obligations.” ECF No. 88, p. 8 ¶ 14. Judd’s Response exemplifies his effort to comply as  
17 minimally as possible with the letter of this provision while he violates its spirit. And the  
18 Receiver does not dispute that Judd has provided *some* assistance. But the fact Judd has  
19 complied with some of his obligations is not enough to relieve him of the balance. He concedes  
20 that he is the single largest recipient of transfers of investor funds, even compared to Beasley.  
21 He also concedes that he held the Enterprise out as his business to investors and promoters.

22 Indeed, it is what Judd’s Response does not say that says the most. The Response does  
23 not deny the central role Judd played in the Enterprise or the fact that his and Beasley’s  
24 communications with investors, bankers, and promoters are, basically, the Enterprise’s only real  
25 books and records. The Response does not say that Judd lacks responsive materials. Nor does  
26 it say he lacked notice of the Subpoena, let alone sufficient notice to respond. The Response  
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<sup>1</sup> Terms defined in the Motion take on the same meaning in this Reply.

1 also does not defend Judd’s prior, deficient efforts at “claiming” privilege. Nor does it explain  
2 the misrepresentations and about-faces he and his attorney have made about his access to the  
3 communications at the heart of the Subpoena when they held 300,000 potentially responsive  
4 documents.

5 Further, the Receiver’s service of the Subpoena on Judd’s counsel was both permissible  
6 and appropriate in the context of this Receivership, and the Receiver supplied sufficient notice  
7 to parties. Moreover, the Response ignores the Court’s Appointment Order. In his apparent  
8 haste to advance strained procedural arguments about the Subpoena, Judd neglects that even  
9 without the Subpoena, he has been under an obligation to turn over the same documents to the  
10 Receiver *for years*. The relief the Receiver seeks is equally available under the Order as the  
11 Subpoena. And the Appointment Order, like the Rules that govern discovery, is drafted to be  
12 self-executing. It is meant to shepherd efficient information gathering. Yet Judd views both the  
13 Order and the discovery rules as tools for laying a procedural minefield for the Receiver to  
14 navigate.

15 Finally, Judd’s arguments regarding the scope and relevance of the Subpoena requests  
16 lack merit. The requests go to the heart of the Receiver’s work trying to unwind the damage  
17 wrought by the Enterprise and preserve its assets pending judgment. Judd’s attempt to salvage  
18 his burden argument is no more convincing. Even now, Judd fails to provide any reliable  
19 evidence of burden on which the Court should sustain such an objection. Neither Judd nor  
20 Anderson offer anything except bare assertions in their Declarations. Without credible evidence,  
21 the Court is unable to conduct the balancing required to sustain a burden objection. Put simply,  
22 the Response fails to provide a reason the Court should not compel production.

23 The only questions remaining are the time for Judd to comply and whether the Court  
24 should allow him an opportunity to salvage his deficient privilege claims. Given that Judd’s  
25 counsel has had these documents *for two years*, subject to both initial disclosure obligations  
26 under Rule 26 and production under the Appointment Order, and has failed in those two years  
27 to produce a log or otherwise comply, the Court should not do so. To do so would only reward  
28 the gamesmanship and lack of candor that occasioned the Motion.

**II. The Documents the Receiver Seeks are Responsive to the Appointment Order**

As noted above, Judd fails to address the fact that all of the documents responsive to the Subpoena are also subject to Judd's production obligations under the Court's Appointment Order. *See* ECF No. 698, pp. 6-7, 9, 12-13, 15-16, 20-21. Put differently, Judd concedes that the Subpoena was a procedural step that never should have been necessary. Indeed, Judd is specifically required to turn over "all paper and electronic information of, and/or relating to the Receivership Defendants and/or all Receivership Property ...." ECF No. 88, p. 6 ¶ 8. This would include the communications regarding the Enterprise requested in the Subpoena, which are with investors, bankers, and promoters for the Enterprise. That being the case, the Court can and should compel Judd to produce the documents requested in the Subpoena under the Appointment Order.

**III. The Requests Seek Relevant Documents**

Having ignored entire swaths of the Motion, including his obligations under the Appointment Order, Judd appears to hang his hat on his supposed burden and relevance objections. Without saying so, he appears to suggest despite his failure to make proper privilege objections the Court should provide him another chance to assert the same. Additionally Judd asks the Court to find the requests overly burdensome despite Judd failing to provide reliable evidence supporting an undue burden argument and relying merely on "conclusions." As an initial matter, however, he has also failed to demonstrate that the requests lack relevance, the first factor in any burden analysis.

In the Motion, the Receiver explained that he seeks the information requested in the Subpoena primarily in connection with four of his duties: (a) conducting a forensic accounting; (b) enforcing Defendants' turnover of books, records, and communications regarding the Enterprise (under the Appointment Order); (c) enforcing turnover of Judd's assets; and (d) investigating/prosecuting third-party claims like the Wells Fargo Claims.<sup>2</sup> *See* ECF No. 698, pp. 20-21.

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms defined in the Motion take on the same meaning when used in this Reply.

1 In his Response, Judd tries to minimize the Receiver’s role, powers, and duties, *see* ECF  
2 No. 703 at 4-5, but he fails to reckon with the fact that the Appointment Order directs the  
3 Receiver to take these actions. *See* ECF No. 698, p. 10 (quoting ECF NO. 88, PP. 15-16, 17-  
4 19, ¶¶ 42-45, 54-58) (directing the Receiver to “account for, and report upon the financial affairs  
5 of the Receivership entities, including their ... liabilities ... and obligations to third parties” and  
6 “investigate the ... financial and business affairs of the Receivership Defendants ... and ...  
7 institute such actions ... for ... the Receivership Estate, as the Receiver deems necessary ....”)

8 Because the type of communications sought are facially related to the Receiver’s duties  
9 identified above, Judd has failed to rebut the relevance demonstrated in the Motion.

10 **IV. The Receiver’s Requests are Not Overbroad**

11 Judd next asserts that, even if the requests seek some relevant documents, they are  
12 overbroad because they also seek irrelevant documents. As to the accounting, Judd  
13 acknowledges that at least some communications would be relevant, *see* ECF No. 703 at 13, but  
14 suggests that the requests would encompass vast swaths of irrelevant communications with these  
15 individuals. Judd does not explain what he would be communicating with investors, promoters,  
16 and banks of the Enterprise with *other than the business of the Enterprise*. And even Judd  
17 concedes that he is obligated to turn over such documents under the Appointment Order. *See*  
18 *id.* at p. 5 (conceding Judd must turn over documents “regarding the business of the Receivership  
19 Defendants or ... relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or collection of  
20 funds ....”) To that point, Judd also fails to explain how the Subpoena is overbroad when the  
21 Court has already ordered him to produce the documents.

22 Further, Judd does not even mention the Wells Fargo Claims, for which he concedes the  
23 Receiver must prove the underlying fraud. The Receiver has repeatedly raised this point,  
24 including in the Motion and during conferral. Judd cannot ignore the same.

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1 Judd also complains that the Subpoena seeks supposedly privileged emails between  
 2 Beasley and Judd. *See* ECF No. 703, p. 13.<sup>3</sup> Here, however, the Receiver cannot even begin to  
 3 evaluate the claim of privilege. In the Motion, the Receiver argued that Judd had failed to  
 4 articulate *any* information about the purported attorney-client relationship between himself and  
 5 Beasley besides his current attorney saying the relationship existed. Judd did not use his  
 6 Response to substantiate his claim. Without any evidence of an actual attorney-client  
 7 relationship, the claim of privilege amounts to nothing. Further, Judd does *not even address* the  
 8 Receiver’s assertion that he has failed to make a sufficient claim of privilege and has thus waived  
 9 such objections. *See* ECF No. 698, pp. 24-28.

10 **V. Identification of “Net Winners” is Well-within the Receiver’s Ambit**

11 Finally, Judd persists in a now-hackneyed effort to paint the Receiver’s conduct as  
 12 inappropriate, questioning the Receiver’s stated goal of identifying “winners and losers” among  
 13 the investors. *See* ECF No. 703, pp. 13-14. What Judd fails to grasp – or pretends not to  
 14 understand – is that determining “net winners” and “net losers” is part of the Receiver’s  
 15 obligation to investigate and pursue litigation claims, no different from the Wells Fargo Claims.  
 16 He states that determining “winners and losers is something that goes to the heart of the SEC’s  
 17 lawsuit.” *Id.* But the Commission did not bring a lawsuit against innocent investors in the  
 18 Enterprise – i.e., the “winners and losers.” This is not the “heart” of the Commission’s lawsuit.

19 Instead, it is the heart of a receiver’s work. *Accord Freitag v. Valeiras, Tr. of Valeiras*  
 20 *Fam. Tr. Dated July 20, 2007*, 2024 WL 1355146, at \*7 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2024) (granting  
 21 summary judgment on a Receiver’s claim for fraudulent transfer against a “net winner”). A core  
 22 function of a forensic accounting for a Ponzi scheme is a determination of which investors made  
 23 money from the scheme (so-called “net winners”) and which lost money (so-called “net losers”).  
 24 *See, e.g., Freitag*, 2024 WL 1355146 at \*4-5 (describing a receiver’s forensic accounting  
 25 process). This is so that the Receiver can then recover profits retained inequitably by “net  
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27 <sup>3</sup> The Ninth Circuit has held explicitly that “it would not be correct in law to say that  
 28 there is undue burden every time a subpoena calls for privileged information.” *Mount Hope*  
*Church v. Bash Back!*, 705 F.3d 418, 427 (9th Cir. 2012).

1 winners” for the benefit of the “net losers,” typically by filing an action for fraudulent transfer  
2 against a “winner.” As the *Freitag* court put it:

3 In a Ponzi scheme, the operator “is the ‘debtor,’ and each investor is a  
4 ‘creditor.’” “The profiting investors are the recipients of the Ponzi scheme  
5 operator’s fraudulent transfer.” Generally, if “innocent investors [ ]  
6 received payments in excess of the amounts of principal that they  
7 originally invested, those payments are avoidable as fraudulent transfers.”

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9 The policy justification is ratable distribution of remaining assets among  
10 all the defrauded investors. The “winners” in the Ponzi scheme, even if  
11 innocent of any fraud themselves, should not be permitted to “enjoy an  
12 advantage over later investors sucked into the Ponzi scheme who were not  
13 so lucky.”

14 *Id.* (internal citations and quotations omitted) (emphasis added). Identifying and pursuing “net  
15 winners” is thus fundamental to the role of receivers in alleged Ponzi schemes.

#### 16 **VI. The Receiver was not Required to “Narrow” his Requests**

17 Because the documents the Receiver seeks are subject to turnover under the Appointment  
18 Order, there was nothing to “narrow” based on purported burden. Judd’s accusation that  
19 Receiver’s counsel failed to confer in good faith is thus without merit. The obligation to confer  
20 in good faith should not be read to mandate concessions by the requesting party in the face of  
21 manufactured disputes and obstruction by the responding party. Indeed, “litigants should not  
22 expect courts to look favorably on attempts to use the pre-filing conference requirements as  
23 procedural weapons through which to avoid complying with their discovery obligations.” *V5*  
24 *Techs. v. Switch, Ltd.*, 334 F.R.D. 297, 302 (D. Nev. 2019) (citation omitted). “Gamesmanship  
25 by an opposing party that thwarts the meet-and-confer process is not grounds to deny a discovery  
26 motion.” *See, e.g., Nevada Power v. Monsanto*, 151 F.R.D. 118, 120 (D. Nev. 1993).

27 Additionally, the Receiver did make attempts to understand Judd’s concerns regarding  
28 the scope of the request during the meet and confer process and Judd offered no new parameters  
or suggestions regarding how the requests could be narrowed. It was during such  
communications that Judd’s counsel explained that previous productions were made to the state  
court CRO and the SEC. However, no efforts were made by Judd to provide such documents  
directly to the Receiver, a task which should be fairly simple if the documents were previously

1 gathered for production. Further, as referenced in the Motion, the SEC has indicated they did  
2 not obtain documents responsive to the discovery that was previously propounded on Judd and  
3 any suggestion that previously produced documents should narrow the Subpoena is deflection.

#### 4 **VII. Judd has Failed to Support his Supposed Undue Burden Objection**

5 In the Motion, the Receiver argues that Judd failed to substantiate a burden objection,  
6 even if he had asserted it timely and properly. *See* ECF No. 698, pp. 22-24. In response, Judd  
7 ignores the relevant legal standards briefed by the Receiver and restates the conclusion that  
8 responding to the Subpoena would create “an undue burden on Judd and his counsel.” ECF  
9 No. 703, p. 17. He asserts that Judd has “virtually no financial resources,” and claims it would  
10 cost “more than \$50,000” to conduct a review for responsive and nonprivileged documents,  
11 based only on his counsel’s conclusory testimony to that effect. *Id.* at pp. 17-18. Judd’s after-  
12 the-fact attempt to salvage his burden objection fails for the same reasons set forth in the Motion.

13 The belated “evidence” Judd provides now is not sufficient. *See generally* ECF  
14 No. 703- 2, Judd Decl. With regard to his ability to pay, Judd’s Declaration states only that he  
15 has “limited resources” and does “not have the resources required to pay the costs and fees  
16 required to properly respond to a subpoena.” *Id.* at p. 4 ¶ 11. Judd provides no further detail on  
17 his income, if any; his expenses, if any; his access to credit or assistance from family or friends;  
18 what resources he is living on now; or any other information to help the Court evaluate his actual  
19 ability to pay. Supporting evidence would be easy to supply if Judd desired to, and his failure  
20 undercuts his credibility. Even if Judd had supplied the information, though, he also failed to  
21 provide the Court a reliable cost estimate to compare it to. *See* ECF No. 703-1, p. 9 ¶ 40. As  
22 noted above, the statement regarding Anderson’s cost estimate of “more than \$50,000,” as found  
23 in his own Declaration, is similarly lacking in detail. *See id.* (“I have estimated the cost to  
24 reactivate and maintain the database [sic] review the documents for responsive documents as  
25 well as review for privilege to exceed \$50,000.”)

26 Moreover, courts have held that the cost of doing a privilege review is not something  
27 appropriately considered in evaluating undue burden because the cost is not innate to responding  
28 to the subpoena (i.e., collecting and processing documents) but rather ancillary and incurred for

1 the benefit of the subpoenaed party. *Mount Hope Church*, 705 F.3d 418, 427 (9th Cir. 2012)  
2 (explaining that the Circuit’s jurisprudence “interprets “undue burden” as *the burden associated*  
3 *with compliance*” and not privilege review) (emphasis added). Further, undue burden arguments  
4 are viewed skeptically when the subpoenaed party has an interest in the litigation. *See Mowat*  
5 *Constr. Co. v. Dorena Hydro, LLC*, 2015 WL 13867691, at \*2 (D. Or. May 18, 2015). Since  
6 Judd is a party, as he is fond of pointing out, and stands accused of perpetrating the alleged  
7 Ponzi Scheme, his interest in this litigation cannot be overemphasized. The Estate should not  
8 bear the cost of the privilege review of one of the main operators of the alleged scheme.

### 9 **VIII. Judd Waived his Objections**

10 Judd concedes that he never served a proper objection to the Subpoena because his  
11 counsel’s emails violate several Rules of Procedure and Local Rules, regardless of timeliness.  
12 *See* ECF No. 703, p. 14. Even if they were proper, however, the “objections” were also  
13 untimely. Judd tries to save his objections by repeating his argument that the Receiver should  
14 have served a Rule 34 request instead of the Subpoena. *See* ECF No. 703, p. 12. He argues that  
15 his counsel’s email was a timely objection under Rule 34, which has a longer response period  
16 than the Subpoena, and had the Receiver served such a document, the “objections” would have  
17 been timely. *See id.* But the Receiver did not serve a Rule 34 request. As explained in the  
18 Motion, the Subpoena was an appropriate discovery tool for the Receiver to select, and Judd’s  
19 so-called objections were not made timely to the Subpoena.

20 At best, Judd’s argument that the Subpoena was improper can stand only if Judd also  
21 shows the Receiver sought to end-run the requirements of a Rule 34 request. *See, e.g., McCall*  
22 *v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 2017 WL 3174914, \*6 (D. Nev. 2017). But the Receiver  
23 issued the Subpoena in good faith and not to avoid any of the provisions of Rule 34. After  
24 receiving Anderson’s email inquiring about the use of a subpoena, counsel for the Receiver  
25 studied the differences between Rules 34 and 45 to identify why Judd might be objecting to the  
26 Subpoena since Anderson’s email did not actually articulate any perceived prejudice. *See*  
27 ECF 698, pp. 12-13. As stated in the Motion, the only difference identified by the Receiver was  
28 timing. *See id.* Foreseeing the gamesmanship currently playing out before the Court, the

1 Receiver’s counsel offered that “[i]f it is an issue of needing additional time that its something  
2 we can discuss ....” ECF No. 698-2, Ewing-Anderson-Hendricks Emails, pp. 9-10.

3 In other words, as soon as Judd raised the issue of using a subpoena, the Receiver offered  
4 to eliminate the only difference either party has identified in the relevant Rules with respect to  
5 Judd’s obligations here. Anderson ignored this offer, ignored the one-week courtesy extension  
6 counsel provided even without such discussion, and served the objections late. Judd cannot now  
7 complain of an issue the Receiver offered to address; an offer Judd’s counsel declined –  
8 presumably so he could raise the issue now. Even if Judd could, he has not – and cannot –  
9 explain why he needed additional time to *object* to the Subpoena or how he was prejudiced by  
10 not having that time. The case law and circumstances support the Receiver’s use of a subpoena,  
11 as does the Appointment Order. Moreover, the Court can compel production of the same  
12 documents under the Appointment Order, as noted above. To elevate form over substance on  
13 these facts would serve only to reward and incentivize behavior designed to delay and hinder.

14 **IX. The Receiver Properly Served and Noticed the Subpoena**

15 In the Motion, the Receiver argued that conferring with Judd became a lost cause quickly  
16 because when “one of Anderson’s contentions was shown to be misplaced or inaccurate, Judd  
17 simply switched gears or backtracked.” Never one to disappoint, in the Response, Judd  
18 articulates for the first time his theory that the Receiver did not properly serve or notice the  
19 Subpoena.<sup>4</sup> *See* ECF No. 703, pp. 9-11.

20 Judd relies principally on a passage from Wright & Miller for his contention that a  
21 subpoena must be hand-served on its recipient, even when the subpoenaed party has counsel of  
22 record in the proceeding. *See id.* at 9. Judd does not mention that Wright & Miller continues  
23 to note that in “recent years a *growing number of cases* have departed from the view that  
24 personal service is required and alternatively have found service of a subpoena under Rule 45  
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26 <sup>4</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, Anderson did mention a perceived problem with notice  
27 during the parties’ in-person conferral but did not elaborate. And in the many emails exchanged,  
28 Anderson never raised the issue. To the contrary, in his first email, Anderson acknowledged  
service on Judd, asking “why you *served* a subpoena under Rule 45 to Mr. Judd ...?” ECF  
No. 698-2, Ewing-Anderson-Hendricks Emails, p. 11 (emphasis added).

1 proper absent personal service.” § 2454 Service of a Subpoena, 9A Fed. Prac. & Proc. Civ.  
 2 § 2454 (3d ed.) (emphasis added). Although Wright & Miller cautions personal service is the  
 3 “safest course,” it also cites to *dozens* of decisions reaching the opposite result, and the  
 4 reasoning in these cases is more persuasive than that in the *Fujikara* case cited by Judd. *See id.*

5 *SEC v. Pence*, for instance, provides a helpful review of district court decisions on this  
 6 issue and concludes:

7 We are persuaded by the more recent line of cases. By its text, Rule 45  
 8 requires only “delivering” the subpoena to the named person, Fed. R.  
 9 Civ. P. 45(b)(1), and does not dictate the manner in which the delivery  
 10 must occur. Notably, Rule 45(b)(4) requires that the proof of service of  
 11 a subpoena,<sup>5</sup> which must be filed with the issuing court, specify the  
 12 “manner of service” of the subpoena. As noted in *Cordius Trust*, reading  
 13 Rule 45 to permit only personal service would render this portion of the  
 14 Rule superfluous. 2000 WL 10268, at \*2. Moreover, we agree that  
 15 permitting service by alternative means in appropriate cases better hews  
 16 to the interpretive principle in Fed. R. Civ. P. 1 that the Federal Rules of  
 17 Civil Procedure should be construed to provide for the “just, speedy, and  
 18 inexpensive” resolution of federal judicial actions. *See id.* at \*2. Thus,  
 19 the Court finds that Rule 45 permits service of subpoenas by means other  
 20 than personal service under appropriate circumstances.

21 *SEC v. Pence*, 322 F.R.D. 450, 454 (S.D.N.Y. 2017). The Seventh Circuit, the only Court of  
 22 Appeals the Receiver has identified that has addressed the issue reached the same conclusion:

23 Our conclusion is reinforced by a quick comparison of the language in  
 24 Rule 45(b)(1) with that in Rule 4(e), which specifies various ways in  
 25 which an individual within a judicial district of the United States may be  
 26 served with a summons. Those methods include “delivering a copy of the  
 27 summons and of the complaint to the individual *personally*.”  
 28 FED.R.CIV.P. 4(e)(2)(A) (emphasis added). Ott persuasively argues that  
 the use of the word “personally” in that part of Rule 4 would be “pure  
 surplusage” if Rule 45(b) were interpreted to require personal delivery by  
 a specially designated agent.

29 *Ott v. City of Milwaukee*, 682 F.3d 552, 557 (7th Cir. 2012) (emphasis added). In other words,  
 30 had the drafters intended for Rule 45 to feature the same personal service requirement as

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31 <sup>5</sup> Judd also claims the Receiver was required to file proof of service after making such  
 32 service, citing Rule 45(b)(4). *See* ECF No. 703, p. 9 n. 5. As Judd’s own parenthetical  
 33 demonstrates, the rule does not require proof of service to be file upon such service. *See id.*  
 34 Rather, it applies only “when necessary” and specifies which court such proof must be filed  
 35 with and the form requirements. *See* F.R.C.P. 45(b)(4). Here, the Receiver filed the proof with  
 36 the Court “when necessary” – i.e., when the Receiver sought to enforce the subpoena.

1 Rule 4(e), they simply would have included the word “personally” in Rule 45(b). They did not.

2 Finally, while the Ninth Circuit has not addressed this issue, it did address the opposite  
3 situation under comparable procedural requirements of the National Labor Relations Act. *See*  
4 *N.L.R.B. v. Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Mkt., Inc.*, 805 F.3d 1155, 1161 (9th Cir. 2015). In  
5 that case, parties complained the subpoenas *were not* served on their attorneys. Relevant here,  
6 the Ninth Circuit observed that to allow service on the party and not the attorney, when the party  
7 has counsel of record in the same proceeding, as Judd argues, would place the serving party’s  
8 counsel in an unfair ethical quandary:

9 when counsel is involved in an ongoing proceeding, ethical rules as well  
10 as established practice support service on the counsel, not the client. *See*  
11 MODEL RULES OF PROF'L CONDUCT R. 4.2 (stating that a lawyer shall  
12 not communicate with a party represented by another lawyer “unless the  
lawyer has the consent of the other lawyer or is authorized to do so by  
law or a court order”) ....

13 *N.L.R.B. v. Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Mkt., Inc.*, 805 F.3d 1155, 1161 (9th Cir. 2015). In  
14 sum, a reading of the Rules’ plain language and consideration of the practicalities demonstrate  
15 that service on Judd’s counsel was not only sufficient but most appropriate.<sup>6</sup>

16 Judd’s relies on a similarly outcome-oriented review of relevant persuasive authority to  
17 support his argument that the Receiver violated the notice requirements of Rule 45. Indeed,  
18 *Fujikura*, a case Judd relies on elsewhere, observes that “courts in [a sister district] have  
19 declined to quash a subpoena on this basis “especially given the extensive briefing and this  
20 order on the merits” of the subpoena.” *Fujikura Ltd. v. Finisar Corp.*, 2015 WL 5782351, at  
21 \*4 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 5, 2015) (quoting *Miller v. Ghirardelli Choc. Co.*, No. C 12-4936, 2013 WL  
22 6774072, at \*5 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 20, 2013)) (collecting cases). On facts analogous to those here,  
23 a district court in Kansas found that plaintiff’s receipt of notice allowing them 10 days to object  
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26 <sup>6</sup> Judd complains gratuitously in his Response of the Receiver speaking with him  
27 without his counsel present, even though the Receiver is neither licensed to practice law, nor a  
28 party to the case, nor representing anyone in the case. *See, e.g.*, ECF No. 703, p. 6 ¶ 17. If the  
Receiver had served the Subpoena on Judd personally, Judd would likely be arguing that the  
undersigned had violated his ethical obligations by communicating with Judd outside his  
counsel’s presence.

1 to the subpoena was sufficient. *Biocore Med. Techs., Inc. v. Khosrowshahi*, 181 F.R.D. 660,  
 2 667-68 (D. Kan. 1998). Likewise, the Receiver served Judd's Subpoena on the other parties  
 3 10 days before objections were due. *See* ECF No. 698-3 (subpoena return date of April 26).

4 Judd has not articulated any prejudice from the technical procedural deficiencies he  
 5 argues. Importantly, neither Judd nor anyone else has claimed they lacked sufficient notice of  
 6 the Subpoena to make objections. Indeed, Judd's counsel acknowledged service of the  
 7 Subpoena on Judd by email just two days after the Receiver effected such service, as noted  
 8 above. And conspicuously absent from the Declaration Judd submitted is any claim that he  
 9 lacked notice of the Subpoena. Put simply, the Receiver served and noticed the Subpoena in a  
 10 manner "reasonably designed to ensure that a witness actually receives a subpoena." *Pence*,  
 11 322 F.R.D. at 454.

12 **X. Judd Admits his Attorneys have 180,000 Nonprivileged, Responsive Documents**

13 At a minimum, the Court should order Judd to immediately produce the 180,000  
 14 *nonprivileged* documents he concedes are in his attorneys' possession. Apparently, Judd's  
 15 attorneys have already determined that just 120,000 "require a privilege review." *See* ECF  
 16 No. 703-1, Anderson Decl., pp. 9-10 ¶ 40. In other words, Judd's attorneys have been sitting  
 17 on a trove of almost 200,000 nonprivileged documents relevant to this dispute *for over 2 years*  
 18 despite an affirmative obligation that not just the Defendants, but also their attorneys and other  
 19 agents, turn over assets and information belonging to the Estate to the Receiver. ECF No. 88,  
 20 pp. 8-9 ¶ 16. Fabian VanCott is intimately familiar with this obligation. ECF No. 235, pp. 3:1-  
 21 10; 10 ("The Court further orders Mr. Anderson and his firm, Fabian VanCott, to fully comply  
 22 with the temporary restraining order (ECF No. 3), the preliminary injunction (ECF No. 56), and  
 23 the Receivership Order (ECF No. 88) issued by Judge Mahan.")

24 The cost of producing the 180,000 *nonprivileged* documents is small: the work would  
 25 consist of a vendor putting the documents on a hard drive and shipping it to the undersigned.  
 26 There is no reason Judd has not done so yet, given the documents are surely responsive, at a  
 27 minimum, to the Appointment Order, since they were apparently gathered in connection with  
 28 the Commission's inquiry into the Enterprise.

1 **XI. CONCLUSION**

2 The only thing in Judd’s Response that changes the analysis the Receiver offered in the  
3 Motion is Judd’s concession that his counsel is in possession of 180,000 non-privileged  
4 documents subject to both Judd and Fabian VanCott’s turnover obligations under the  
5 Appointment Order. Accordingly, in addition to the relief requested in the Motion, the Receiver  
6 respectfully requests that the Court order Judd to produce all documents collected from Judd  
7 and in Fabian VanCott’s possession, custody, or control and determined to be nonprivileged, as  
8 set forth in Anderson’s Declaration, within 2 days of the Court’s order.

9 DATED this 20th day of September 2024.

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