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2 10:20 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. I'm  
4 calling the case now of Joe Caplan Liquors. Joe  
5 Caplan Liquors. This is Case Number 21-PRO-  
6 00043, DK Corporation trading as Joe Caplan  
7 Liquors, 1913 7th Street Northwest, License  
8 Number ABRA-060351. This is a Retailer Class A  
9 License renewal.

10 Who is present on behalf of Joe Caplan  
11 Liquors?

12 MS. MAHMOUD: Hi. Good morning, Ms.  
13 Fletcher. Manalle Mahmoud. I'm with the law  
14 firm Mallios O'Brien & Sandground. We're  
15 representing Joe Caplan Liquors in this matter.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Ms.  
17 Mahmoud, would you please spell your name for the  
18 record?

19 MS. MAHMOUD: Of course. M as in  
20 Mary, A, N as in Nancy, A-L-L-E, last name  
21 Mahmoud, M as in Mary, A-H-M-O-U-D.

22 MS. FLETCHER: What's the last letter?

23 MS. MAHMOUD: D as in dog.

24 MS. FLETCHER: D as in dog. Thank  
25 you.

1 MS. MAHMOUD: Of course.

2 MS. FLETCHER: And so we also have  
3 several groups of individuals that filed protest.  
4 So we have one group, appears to be represented  
5 by Elaine Gin.

6 Ms. Gin, are you present?

7 MS. GIN: Yes, I am.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Would you  
9 please spell your name for the record?

10 MS. GIN: Absolutely. It's Elaine  
11 Gin, E-L-A-I-N-E. Gin is spelled G-I-N.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Ms. Gin, are  
13 there any other individuals present from your  
14 group today?

15 MS. GIN: Yes. I believe Richard  
16 Myers.

17 MR. MYERS: Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Myers, would  
19 you please state your name and spell it for the  
20 record?

21 MR. MYERS: Richard, R-I-C-H-A-R-D,  
22 Myers, M-Y-E-R-S.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Myers.

24 Anyone else present from your group  
25 today, Ms. Gin?

1 MS. GIN: Yes. Jon Combs.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Jon, would you please  
3 state your name and spell it for the record?

4 MR. COMBS: Yes. Jon Combs, J-O-N, C-  
5 O-M-B-S.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

7 Anyone else?

8 MS. GIN: I believe Leo Jennings is on  
9 it.

10 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, I am. My name --  
11 first name, Leo, L-E-O, last name Jennings, J-E-  
12 N-N-I-N-G-S, like Sam.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

14 Anyone else?

15 MS. GIN: Ken Bourassa is trying to  
16 log on, and he's having some technical issues.

17 MS. FLETCHER: And who is that person?

18 MS. GIN: Ken Bourassa.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Do you know how to  
20 spell that name?

21 MS. GIN: K-E-N, B-O- (audio  
22 interference).

23 MS. FLETCHER: B-O- what?

24 MS. GIN: B-O-U --

25 MS. FLETCHER: Did you say B as in

1 boy?

2 MS. GIN: Yes. B as in boy, O-U-R-A-  
3 S-S-A.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So Mr. Bourassa  
5 is -- is attempting to sign in, but he's having  
6 trouble getting in?

7 MS. GIN: That's correct.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Anyone else?

9 MS. GIN: No, that's it.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Gin, I'm  
11 going to consider at least five people from your  
12 group to be present today, which means that the  
13 group of five that you represent are granted full  
14 standing as protestants.

15 MS. GIN: Okay.

16 MS. FLETCHER: I've noted for the  
17 record that Mr. Bourassa was having trouble  
18 getting in. That happens sometimes, but we don't  
19 hold that against anybody.

20 MS. GIN: Okay.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. So  
22 the group of five represented by Elaine Gin --  
23 and, Ms. Gin, you are the designated  
24 representative, yes?

25 MS. GIN: I -- I am.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

2 And we have another group of  
3 individuals represented by Sarah Greggord.

4 Ms. Greggord, are you present?

5 (Pause.)

6 Is Sarah Greggord present?

7 (Pause.)

8 Is anyone else present from that  
9 group? I'll call the names in case you're not  
10 sure that's your group.

11 Okay. So some of this handwriting I  
12 cannot read. Let me try glasses. It's -- so  
13 Sarah Greggord -- could you mute your background,  
14 whoever -- I don't know who I can hear, but I can  
15 hear somebody. If you're not -- if your case is  
16 not being called, would you please mute your  
17 microphone?

18 So Sarah Greggord is not present. Is  
19 Eduardo Cierone present or Lopez Escoliar  
20 present? What about John Master? Is John Master  
21 present?

22 There's another name that's not really  
23 legible, but it looks like Higgin or Higgins. Is  
24 there a Mr. or Ms. Higgins present?

25 What about Erica Mustos? Is Erica

1 Mustos present?

2 (Pause.)

3 The group being represented by Sarah  
4 Greggord is dismissed because neither of the  
5 parties are present today.

6 We have a third group. Is Michael  
7 Wayne present today?

8 (Pause.)

9 Is anyone else present from Mr.  
10 Wayne's group today?

11 Okay. So I don't know who's speaking.  
12 Ms. Gaffney, is that you? Somebody needs to mute  
13 their microphone. And I'm -- I'm -- I'm asking  
14 you, Ms. Gaffney, because your -- your -- your  
15 screen lit up.

16 MS. GAFFNEY: I'm the guilty person.  
17 I'm sorry.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

19 So let me go down this list. Michael  
20 Wayne is not present. What about D as in dog, E-  
21 V-I -- that's the first name. The last name  
22 appears to be Mahadevia. I'm going to spell  
23 that. M-A-H-A-D-, like dog, -E-V-I-A. Is that  
24 person present?

25 What about Dan? D-A-N, Jedzinok. I'm

1 going to spell that. It's spelled J-E-D-, like  
2 dog, -Z-I-N-O-K. Is that person present?

3 What about Diego? D-I-E-G-O? Looks  
4 like Buchala. I'll spell that. B like boy, U-C-  
5 H-A-L-A. Is Diego present?

6 The last person is Betina Hennig. Is  
7 Betina Hennig present? That's spelled B-E-T-,  
8 like Tom, -I-N-A, H-E-N-N-I-G. Is that person  
9 present? Is that person present, or am I hearing  
10 an echo? Is Ms. Hennig present?

11 (Pause.)

12 Okay. There's no one present from the  
13 group represented by Mr. Wayne. That group of  
14 five is dismissed.

15 And then we have left two other  
16 individuals that filed a protest. Is John  
17 Webster present? John Webster? John Webster?  
18 Is John Webster present?

19 What about David Harris?

20 (Pause.)

21 Mr. Webster and Mr. Harris are  
22 dismissed, first of all because they failed to  
23 appear today, but second of all, they're not part  
24 of a group of five. And neither one of them  
25 filed protests as abutting property owners. John



1 Webster and David Harris are dismissed.

2 So we have one group of five  
3 represented by Elaine Gin. We need to set a date  
4 for mediation, a status hearing, and a protest  
5 hearing. I have the status hearing and protest  
6 hearing dates for you, so I'll give you those  
7 dates.

8 The status hearing is set for August  
9 18 at 10:30 a.m. August 18 at 10:30.

10 MS. MAHMOUD: That works for me.

11 MR. MYERS: I won't be in town. This  
12 is Richard Myers.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Did you say -- are you  
14 speaking to me, LaVerne Fletcher? Or are you --  
15 are you all talking to each other? I mean, what  
16 --

17 (Simultaneous speaking.)

18 MS. FLETCHER: -- anybody speaking to  
19 -- is anybody speaking to LaVerne Fletcher?

20 MR. MYERS: I have a question.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Myers, which  
22 -- Mr. Myers, which case are you here for?

23 MR. MYERS: With Elaine Gin.

24 MS. FLETCHER: You're with Elaine Gin.  
25 Okay. I'm listening.

1 MR. MYERS: So the date of 18th --  
2 August 18th, does all five have to be at the  
3 status hearing?

4 MS. FLETCHER: No. Thanks for asking.  
5 Because five of you are present today, at the  
6 status hearing only Ms. Gin needs to appear.

7 MR. MYERS: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you for checking.

9 MS. GIN: And -- and -- and this is  
10 Elaine Gin. That -- that day and time works for  
11 me.

12 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry. What did  
13 you say, Ms. Gin?

14 MS. GIN: That date and time works for  
15 me.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

17 The protest hearing is set for  
18 September 30th, 3:30. September 30 at 3:30 p.m.  
19 for the protest hearing.

20 We need to set a date for mediation,  
21 so I'll give you the next available day. The  
22 next available day for mediation is Thursday,  
23 July 22nd, anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00  
24 p.m. on Thursday, July 22nd.

25 MS. GIN: This is Elaine Gin. Can we

1 have a -- that day does not work for me.

2 MS. FLETCHER: What was that, Ms. Gin?

3 MS. GIN: That -- that day, it does  
4 not work for me. Can we have a later date?

5 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, yeah. We can move  
6 to -- we can do Friday the 23rd, or we can move  
7 to the following week.

8 MS. GIN: Following week is better for  
9 me. Thank you.

10 MS. FLETCHER: What about Tuesday,  
11 July 27?

12 MS. GIN: Tuesday, July 27th, it is.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Is that okay for you,  
14 Ms. Mahmoud?

15 MS. MAHMOUD: Yes. That date works,  
16 preferably later on in the day if there is an  
17 afternoon time available.

18 MS. FLETCHER: What about 2:00?

19 MS. MAHMOUD: That's wonderful.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Is that -- is that okay  
21 for you, Ms. Gin?

22 MS. GIN: Yes, that works. Thank you.

23 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

24 MR. MYERS: Question again, Ms.

25 Fletcher.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Who's that speaking?

2 MR. MYERS: Richard Myers.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, Mr. Myers?

4 MR. MYERS: For the mediation, who can  
5 attend that?

6 MS. FLETCHER: Well, we only need the  
7 designated representative for mediation, but  
8 you're a protestant, so you're -- you're welcome  
9 to attend. But generally the designated  
10 representative attends on behalf of a group.

11 MR. MYERS: Okay. Thank you again.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Mediation is set for  
13 Tuesday, July 27, at 2:00. Any questions at all?

14 MS. MAHMOUD: No. Thank you, Ms.  
15 Fletcher.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, you're  
17 welcome. Thank you for coming. The roll call  
18 hearing in the matter of Joe Caplan Liquors is  
19 concluded.

20 MS. MAHMOUD: Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
22 went off the record at 10:35 a.m.)

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