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CLEVELAND COUNTY }

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel., )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
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PURDUE PHARMA L.P., et al., )  
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Defendants. )

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Case No. CJ-2017-816  
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**STATE'S RESPONSE TO TEVA ET AL. DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR A  
PROTECTIVE ORDER TO PRESERVE THE CONFIDENTIAL STATUS  
OF JOHN HASSLER'S DEPOSITION DESIGNATIONS**

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Recently, during a hearing, Defendants attempted to designate exhibits as confidential which the State's counsel demonstrated *during the hearing* were publicly available on the Internet to anyone in the world. Nevertheless, Defendants persisted in blanket designating at the time and have since not withdrawn the designation. Either they have not investigated those designations further or they are insisting that a publicly available document is still somehow Confidential. That is not a "good faith determination."

The State is in the process of challenging numerous other blanket improper confidentiality designations by Defendants to testimony and documents. The Teva Defendants alone have designated over 95% of their document production as Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only. That is the definition of a "blanket designation," and it is improper. Currently at issue are Teva's improper confidentiality designations to John Hassler's deposition. The State respectfully requests the Court deny Teva *Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order to Preserve the Confidential Status of John Hassler's Deposition Designations and Brief in Support* ("Motion"). None of the excerpts from Hassler's deposition qualify as Confidential under the Protective Order, and they certainly are not trade secrets.

## I. ARGUMENT AND AUTHORITIES

### A. Legal Standard

The Court previously recognized specific areas that would qualify for Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only treatment. *See* Amended Protective Order (filed April 16, 2018). Teva relies on the following categories of Confidential information from the Protective Order:

- (a) information prohibited from disclosure by any applicable laws and regulations;
- (b) confidential research, development or commercial information (*see* 12 O.S. §3226(C)(1)(g));
- (c) trade secret information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or process that:

- i. derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use, and
- ii. is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

Motion at 3-4. Teva bears the burden of demonstrating that the testimony meets either definition under the Protective Order. Protective Order at ¶14(b).

As set forth below, the designations the State is challenging do not meet either of these definitions.

### **B. Teva's Proposed Confidentiality Designations Are Inappropriate**

Teva claims the designations at issue fall into three categories: (1) corporate structure, operations, and decision-making; (2) internal marketing strategy and sales strategy; and (3) pharmaceutical development. Motion at 3. When the Court reviews the actual testimony at issue (*see* Exhibit 2), none of the testimony meets the definition of Confidential, and it certainly does not meet the definition of AEO or a trade secret, which Teva also claims. Unflattering or bad statements are not Confidential, nor are they commercially sensitive.

To be clear, the State is not suggesting that testimony or documents should never garner protection. The State recognized as much here by not challenging all areas of testimony Teva designated from Mr. Hassler's deposition. Instead, the State narrowly challenged the plainly improper designations.

#### 1. Teva's Description of "Category 1" Testimony Is Misleading and the Testimony Is Not Confidential.

Teva asserts that testimony should be marked confidential for "discussions of corporate structure, corporate operations, and corporate decision-making processes." Motion at 6-7. First, the testimony at issue does not fit that description. *See* Exhibit 2 at 16:1-15, 17:7-25, 18:1-3, 23:2-

10, 65:5-11, 181:19-184:24, 253:16-23. Second, even if it did, the testimony is not Confidential, as that type of information does not find any place in the definition.

Recognizing this fact, Teva generally claims that this means the testimony is “commercial information” under the Protective Order and, because it has not already publicly disclosed, means it is “confidential.” Teva relies on *Cardenas v. Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.*, to argue that “only materials which were publicly available were not considered ‘confidential.’” Motion at 5 (*citing* 230 F.R.D. 635 (D. Kan. 2005)). That is incorrect for numerous reasons. If that were the standard, then any information a company has that it has not previously made publicly available would be Confidential. That is not the law and not what the Protective Order says. Moreover, in *Cardenas*, the Court held that the company’s “consumer log, complaints and claims letters” were not confidential, even though they contained individual consumer information who had not given the company permission to share their information. *Id.* at 638. It did not matter that the company had not previously disclosed that information. Further, none of the testimony or documents at issue here match *Cardenas*, which was a product liability dispute. The majority of documents at issue in that case contained confidential testing and design documents about a product still on the market. *See id.* A cursory review of the designations challenged by Plaintiff, as set forth below shows that is not what is at issue here.

The testimony that Teva claims is “Confidential” corporate structure and operations testimony is:

- 16:1-17 [REDACTED]
- 17:7-25, 18:1-3<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED]
- 23:2-10 [REDACTED]

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<sup>2</sup> All of the State’s references to deposition designations refer to Exhibit 2.

- 65:5-11 [REDACTED]

- 181:19-184:24 [REDACTED]

- 253:16-23 [REDACTED]

None of this information is a “trade secret” as set forth above, and Teva offers no explanation or evidence of how it would qualify as one. There are no “formula[s], pattern[s], compilation[s], program[s], device[s], method[s], technique[s], or process[es]” described. See Protective Order ¶3. Further, none of this information is Confidential. Some of it is public knowledge. See, e.g., 17:7-25. Other testimony is stale. See, e.g., 16:1-15; see also *Fox Sports Net N., L.L.C. v. Minnesota Twins P’ship*, 319 F.3d 329, 336 (8th Cir.2003) (“[O]bsolete information cannot form the basis for a trade secret claim because the information has no economic value”); *UTStarcom, Inc. v. Starent Networks, Corp.*, 675 F.Supp.2d 854, 871-72 (N.D. Ill. 2009) (finding, for “staleness’ reasons alone,” competitive analyses, marketing data, revenue data, and pricing information dating back 8-12 years were not trade secrets). Most of the remainder of the testimony is simply [REDACTED]. Lastly, it strains credulity how [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Teva provides no evidence or affidavit demonstrating the value of this information or the potential harm that could result to its business if disclosed. It should not be designated “Confidential,” and the Motion should be denied.

2. Teva’s Description of “Category 2” Testimony Is Misleading and the Testimony Is Not Confidential.

Teva next asserts that testimony should be marked Confidential for internal marketing strategy and sales strategy. Motion at 7-8. Similar to the category above, Teva’s description is misleading. And, regardless, the testimony does not meet the definition of Confidentiality. A

publicly distributed piece of marketing is not an “internal strategy,” nor is information about the drug’s label. Here, Teva is clearly trying to seal from the public’s eye some of its prior misrepresentations.

The testimony that Teva claims is Confidential as internal marketing strategy and sales strategy information is:

- 27:16-25 [REDACTED]
- 105:5-108:25, 110:01-111:13 [REDACTED]
- 116:5-8 [REDACTED]
- 118:11-16 [REDACTED]
- 119:12-25 [REDACTED]
- 122:1-4 [REDACTED]
- 133:1-15, 134:5-10 [REDACTED]
- 233:12-21 [REDACTED]
- 242:10-244:25 [REDACTED]
- 245:11-23 [REDACTED]
- Exhibit 2 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

This is clearly not “trade secret” information. Nor is it Confidential. Bad testimony and documents do not equate to “Confidential” testimony and documents. Teva may not want the world to know that it distributed unbranded materials with [REDACTED], but that does not make such documents or testimony Confidential. Teva provides no declaration or other evidence indicating how any of this testimony is Confidential, has independent economic value, or how its disclosure would harm Teva. Nor does Teva deny in its Motion that Exhibit 2

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<sup>3</sup> Teva further designated nearly two pages worth of lawyers debating page numbers on exhibit copies. While the State has no desire to use such irrelevant argument from this transcript, it highlights the lack of good faith in asserting confidentiality over testimony.



[REDACTED]. The Motion to preserve the Confidentiality of this testimony and exhibit should be denied.

3. Teva's Description of "Category 3" Testimony Is Misleading and the Testimony Is Not Confidential.

The final category of information Teva claims is Confidential is "product development" information. Motion at 8-9. However, none of the "products" discussed are still in development. They have either been released or abandoned. Stale information related to abandoned products is not a "trade secret" and is not Confidential. *See, e.g., Fox Sports Net N., L.L.C.*, 319 F.3d at 336; *UTStarcom, Inc.*, 675 F.Supp.2d at 871-72; *MicroStrategy, Inc. v. Business Objects, S.A.*, 661 F.Supp.2d 548, 555 (E.D.Va.2009).

The testimony that Teva claims is "Confidential" product development is:

- 30:14-37:13 [REDACTED];
- 38:01-40:06 [REDACTED];
- 42:25-43:02 [REDACTED];<sup>4</sup> and
- 201:4-25 [REDACTED].

While this material is undoubtedly highly relevant to the case, it does not threaten Teva's business model by potentially allowing competitor's insight. No insight can be gained from past operations which have now been abandoned. Indeed, [REDACTED]. And, claiming confidentiality over the question [REDACTED] and the answer [REDACTED] is just a blatant attempt to hide testimony. It is not Confidential. It is a fact that Teva tried to hide and mislead doctors

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<sup>4</sup> The State is currently withdrawing any challenge to lines 41:01-42:24.

and the public about for years. But, it is not Confidential under the Protective Order. None of this information is. Again, the Motion should be denied.

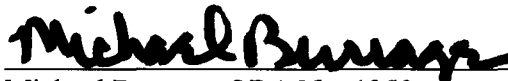
## II. CONCLUSION

Teva does not show the existence of any trade secrets or Confidential information. The testimony is not similar to those “trade secret” type documents the court has recognized before. Teva provided no evidence to support its bare assertions of prejudice or potential harm. As such, the Court should continue the well-established history of protecting the public’s right to information and prevent Teva’s continued attempts at blanket designations of confidentiality.

For the reasons set forth above and in its *Response to Defendants’ Motion for Protective Order*, the State respectfully requests the Court deny Defendants’ *Motion*.

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Respectfully submitted,



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1           We can identify what matters to this case, and in the  
2 meantime, we can brief whether or not that additional  
3 protection is warranted, your Honor can make a ruling, and  
4 we'll deal with it. But this is the most efficient way to do  
5 this. There's not a divorce case on the planet that is as  
6 important to the State of Oklahoma as this case.

7           There's not a New York case anywhere out there that  
8 Oklahomans, who are losing family members, care about. This is  
9 just a different case. And you know, I say that because it's  
10 important. I don't want to sound like a broken record.

11           But we represent the State of Oklahoma. We have a duty by  
12 extension to the citizens of Oklahoma, and they want to know  
13 what's going on. And we think we owe it to them. We think  
14 that the judiciary of Oklahoma owes it to them.

15           And so, you know, that's our argument in a nutshell. But  
16 we hope that the protective order will take into account both  
17 the public's right to know and have some mechanisms that will  
18 disincentivize blanket designations that will tie all this  
19 information up.

20           THE COURT: Let me have him go ahead and finish.

21           MR. MERKLEY: I think counsel has misunderstood what  
22 I'm saying. This procedure that we're proposing will make the  
23 process more efficient. The defendants are not planning to  
24 blanket designate all of their documents with a certain  
25 designation. Protective order in the law requires us to make a

1 | good faith determination on what documents qualify for  
2 | confidentiality, and we'll make that designation.

3 |         But this protective order would allow us to go ahead and  
4 | make that designation and produce to the plaintiff without  
5 | bringing the issue before the Court. And I didn't say anything  
6 | about changing the burden when I said bring the issue before  
7 | the Court.

8 |         But counsel has it wrong in the sense that if we get a  
9 | discovery request and we don't have a protective order like  
10 | this and we have a document responsive that qualifies for  
11 | confidential protection, we don't give it to them in advance  
12 | for them to study and use; we have to come -- we have the  
13 | burden to come to you and file a motion for a protective order,  
14 | saying, Your Honor, this particular document is confidential,  
15 | and we need it protected.

16 |         There will be several of those, no doubt. I don't even  
17 | think they'll disagree with that fact. We will be here on  
18 | individual motions for protective order before the Court  
19 | routinely.

20 |         And it's important, and I go back to we're not talking  
21 | about instances where we're closing the record at the  
22 | courthouse where the public can't see it. We're talking about  
23 | the side exchange of documents between litigants in a case.

24 |         Discovery is not subject to the Open Records Act, and the  
25 | public doesn't get to see discovery. And if you'll notice, if

# **EXHIBIT 2**

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