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	11	BARBRA STREISAND, an individual,	CASE NO. SC 077257
	12	Plaintiff,	[Honorable Allan J. Goodman]
	13	vs.	PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND
	14	KENNETH ADELMAN, an individual;	MOTION TO TAX COSTS SOUGHT BY DEFENDANT KENNETH ADELMAN;
	15 16	PICTOPIA.COM, a California corporation; LAYER42.NET, a California corporation; and DOE 1 through DOE 20, inclusive.	MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF
	17	Defendants.	[[Proposed] Order Filed Concurrently Herewith]
	18		Date: April 7, 2004
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TO DEFENDANTS KENNETH ADELMAN, PICTOPIA.COM AND LAYER42.NET AND 1 THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: 2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 7, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in Department H of 3 the Los Angeles Superior Court, located at 1633 Purdue Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025-3117 4 plaintiff Barbra Streisand ("Streisand") will move this Court to tax the costs sought by Defendant 5 Kenneth Adelman ("Adelman"): 6 This Motion is made pursuant to California Civil Procedure Code § 1033.5 and 7 California Rule of Court, Rule 870 on the grounds that (1) Adelman may only seek to recover the 8 cost of exhibits provided to the trier of fact; (2) Adelman is not entitled to recover the costs of 9 blowups or models that do not aid the trier of fact; and (3) Adelman should not recover for 10 excessive and unreasonable costs for delivery of court filings and documents to this Court. 11 This Motion is based upon this Notice of Motion, the accompanying Memorandum 12 of Points and Authorities, the pleadings, records and files in this action, such matters of which the 13 Court may take judicial notice, and such further evidence and argument as may be presented by 14 Streisand at or before the hearing on this Motion. 15 16 ALSCHULER GROSSMAN STEIN & KAHAN LLP DATED: March 1, 2004 17 JOHN M. GATTI REX D. GLENSY 18 JONATHAN E. STERN 19 20 Jonathan E. Stern 21 Attorneys for Plaintiff BARBRA STREISAND 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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I. **INTRODUCTION**

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Defendant Kenneth Adelman's ("Adelman") Memorandum of Costs seeks items of costs to which he is not entitled. Specifically, the Memorandum of Costs improperly demands reimbursement for the following items:

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

- Photocopying costs for exhibits other than those given to the Court at trial. Pursuant to Cal Civ. Proc. Code § 1033.5, the cost of additional sets of exhibits that were not provided to the trier of fact is not recoverable.
- Cost of creating blowups or models. Such costs are not recoverable under Cal Civ. Proc. Code § 1033.5 when they are not reasonably helpful to the trier of fact.
- Costs incurred in delivering court filings and documents to court. These costs are not a specified recoverable cost. They also are unnecessary because delivery could have been achieved at significantly less expense.

Accordingly, this Court should deny Adelman's improper requests for costs.

II. ADELMAN IMPROPERLY SEEKS COSTS FOR EXHIBITS NOT PROVIDED TO THE TRIER OF FACT

A. Adelman Is Not Entitled to Recover the Cost of Multiple Photocopies of **Pleadings Not Used As Exhibits**

Item Number 11 on Adelman's Memorandum of Costs is a claim for \$1,238.44 for "[m]odels, blowups, and photocopies of exhibits." California Civil Procedure Code § 1033.5(a)(12) provides that a party may recover the cost of photocopies of exhibits only "if they were reasonably helpful to aid the trier of fact." California Civil Procedure Code § 1033.5(b)(2) expressly prohibits photocopying charges that are not for exhibits to aid the trier of fact. Thus, the cost of photocopying exhibits for the parties, as opposed to exhibits for the Court, is not recoverable.

Conveniently, Adelman failed to file a Memorandum of Costs Worksheet itemizing the specific photocopies for which he seeks to be reimbursed. Even assuming, however, that every single exhibit Adelman provided to the Court was reasonably helpful to the trier of fact (which Streisand disputes), Adelman's exhibits consisted of a total of 355 pages. At the reasonable rate of 10¢ per page for photocopying, the most Adelman should or could possibly recover is \$35.50

B. Adelman Is Not Entitled to Recover the Cost of Blowups

Adelman cannot contend that any portion of the \$1,238.44 listed in Item Number 11 is related to the cost of models or blowups. Code of Civil Procedure Section 1033.5(b)(2) states that: "Allowable costs shall be reasonably necessary to the conduct of the litigation rather than merely convenient or beneficial to its preparation." Code of Civil Procedure Section 1033.5(a)(12) further states: "Models and blowups of exhibits and photocopies of exhibits may be allowed if they were reasonably helpful to aid the trier of fact."

There is no evidence that the court relied on any model or blowup in rendering its decision. In fact, Adelman attempted to use blowups and exhibits during the hearings but the Court denied their use. Accordingly, there is not any indication that any model or blowup was "reasonably helpful" to this Court. Consequently, Adelman is not entitled to any costs associated with creating any model or blowup.

III. ADELMAN'S REQUESTS FOR COSTS FOR DELIVERY OF COURT FILINGS AND DOCUMENTS TO COURT IS UNREASONABLE

Item Number 13 on Adelman's Memorandum of Costs is a claim for \$1,395.80 resulting from delivery of court filings and documents to court. To be reimbursable as a cost to a prevailing party, an expense must be reasonably necessary to the litigation and reasonable in amount. Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1033.5(c)(3); Thon v. Thompson, 29 Cal. App. 4th 1546 (1994).

Fees for delivering court filings and documents to court in the amount of \$1,3950.80 is clearly unreasonable and is not a recoverable expense set forth in Code of Civil Procedure Section 1033.5. These expenses would not have been near \$1,395.80 had Adelman used U.S. mail, Federal Express, or personal filing when delivering documents to this court. See Nelson v. Anderson, 72 Cal. App. 4th 111, 132 (1999) (holding that the trial court correctly determined that "messenger filings [were] of doubtful necessity and [were] unreasonable on their

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1	face, when compared to the probable cost of alternatives such as mail, Federal Express, or
2	personal filing, in view of the size of the very large firm [Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher]
3	representing" the defendants). In addition, Adelman does not even itemize these expenses or
4	attempt to describe how he arrived at this outrageous sum. Consequently, this amount is grossly
5	unreasonable and excessive.
6	IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>
7	In his Memorandum of Costs, Adelman seeks more than he is entitled to and which he
8	should not recover.
9	Adelman's grossly inflated charges for photocopying (which Adelman conveniently fails
10	to itemize) should not be allowed.
11	Moreover, Adelman should not be permitted to recover the cost of blowups or models
12	since none were introduced that were reasonably helpful to the Court.
13	Finally, Adelman's costs for delivery of court filings and documents to this Court are
14	unnecessary and unreasonable.
15	Accordingly, Streisand respectfully requests that the Court tax Streisand's costs as set
16	forth herein.
17	DATED: March 1, 2004 ALSCHULER GROSSMAN STEIN & KAHAN LLP
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