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## TO THE COURT, PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Court's Order (Dkt. 502), Defendants Bank of America Corporation and Bank of America, N.A. (collectively, "Defendants" or "Bank of America"), hereby request that this Court enter an order redacting the Tentative Order (Dkt. 502) as indicated in the attached Proposed Redacted Tentative Order below that are filed in connection with the Joint Statement Regarding Sealing Portions of the Tentative Order Pursuant to the Court's Request:

<b>Document Description</b>	Nature of Information to be Sealed
Parties' Proposed Redacted Tentative	Contains information designated by
Order (Dkt. 502)	Defendants and Plaintiffs as "HIGHLY
	CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS'
	EYES ONLY" and "HIGHLY
	CONFIDENTIAL – SOURCE CODE,"
	and contains excerpts of documents
	designated by Bank of America and
	third-party Mitek as "Highly
	Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only"
	under the parties' stipulated protective
	order (Dkt. No. 210). Mitek and
	Plaintiffs do not oppose sealing this
	document.

## I. Background

As set forth in the Declaration of Danielle Williams in Support of Application to File Under Seal submitted herewith, Defendants make this application because the foregoing document includes information marked and/or designated as "Highly Confidential – Attorneys Eyes Only" and/or "Highly Confidential – Source Code" as follows pursuant to the parties' Stipulated Protective Order (Dkt. No. 210). *See* 



Declaration of Danielle Williams (the "Williams Decl."), ¶¶ 3–4. Defendants make this application because these materials contain information that is "Highly Confidential – Attorneys Eyes Only" and/or "Highly Confidential – Source Code" to Bank of America, as well as information that is "Highly Confidential – Attorneys Eyes Only" and/or "Highly Confidential – Source Code" of Mitek Systems, Inc. ("Mitek"). *Id.*, ¶¶ 3–4. Plaintiffs' counsel does not oppose redacting these materials as indicated in the attached.

The Williams Declaration sets forth the information Defendants seek to file under seal, the basis for the Application, and good cause to seal Bank of America confidential information. Id., ¶¶ 3–4.

## **II.** Good Cause Exists to Redact These Materials

The decision to seal records is left to the discretion of the District Court. Hagestad v. Tragesser, 49 F.3d 1430, 1434 (9th Cir. 1995) (citing Nixon v. Warner Communications, Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 599 (1978)). Rule 26(c)(1)(G) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure allows parties, upon a showing of "good cause," to file under seal documents containing "confidential . . . commercial information." See also IMAX Corp. v. Cinematech, Inc., 152 F.3d 1161, 1168 n.9 (9th Cir. 1998) (noting that confidential and proprietary business information is "to be filed under seal."); Sun Microsystems Inc. v. Network Appliance, No. C-08-01641 EDL, 2009 WL 5125817, at \*9 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 21, 2009) (granting sealing requests because the documents "contain confidential [business] information, much of which has been designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential under the parties' stipulated protective order, that could cause competitive harm if disclosed."); In re Adobe Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation Master File, 141 F.R.D. 155, 161-162 (N.D. Cal. 1992) ("Protective orders and filings under seal are the primary means by which the courts ensure full disclosure of relevant information, while still preserving the parties' (and third parties') legitimate expectation that confidential business information, proprietary technology and trade secrets will not be publicly disseminated.").

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Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant their application to redact the Tentative Order (Dkt. 502) on the grounds that the foregoing materials contain Bank of America's confidential commercial information, specifically, non-public, proprietary details about the design and functionality of Bank of America's mobile check deposit, which includes excerpts and/or references to source code of Bank of America and its vendors designated "Highly Confidential – Source Code." Williams Decl., ¶ 3-4. Accordingly, Bank of America has an important interest in maintaining the confidentiality of this information, and any public interest in its disclosure is rebutted. See, e.g., Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180 (9th Cir. 2006) (differentiating dispositive motions by explaining that, for such motions, "the private interests of the litigants are not the only weights on the scale"). If such information were made public, competitors of Bank of America and its vendors would gain access to Bank of America's business practices regarding its product development and technical details regarding the design and functionality of its products. Williams Decl., ¶ 4. Bank of America does not share this type of information publicly because it could significantly harm Bank of America's competitive standing and, with respect to information designated Highly Confidential by Mitek, is subject to contractual obligations of confidentiality to its vendor. *Id*.

Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request that the Court grant the Application to File the aforementioned documents under seal.

Dated: June 12, 2024

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