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11 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
12 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

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13 In re
14 RUDERMAN CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,
15 Debtor.

Case No. 2:09-bk-19539 ER
Chapter 7

16 HOWARD M. EHRENBERG,
17 Chapter 7 Trustee,
18 Plaintiff,

Adv. No.
**COMPLAINT TO AVOID AND RECOVER
FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS**

19 vs.

20 ALEC GORES, an individual,
21 Defendant.

{11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548(a)(1)(A) and (B),
550(a)(1) and (2) and California Civil
Code § 3439, et seq.}

DATE: [To Be Set By Summons]
TIME: [To Be Set By Summons]
PLACE: Courtroom 1568
U.S. Bankruptcy Court
255 E. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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25 Plaintiff, Howard M. Ehrenberg, the duly-appointed, qualified and acting
26 chapter 7 trustee (the "Trustee" or "Plaintiff") for the estate (the "Estate") of the debtor
27 Ruderman Capital Partners, LLC (the "Debtor"), complaining of defendant Alec Gores, an
28 individual ("Defendant"), alleges as follows:

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1 complaint against Ruderman for knowingly and intentionally executing a scheme to
2 defraud investors related to the Debtor, engaging in wire fraud, among other things
3 (United States District Court Case No. CR 0900757, pending in the Central District of
4 California, Western Division). The Trustee is further informed and believes, and based
5 thereon alleges that Ruderman surrendered to Federal Bureau of Investigation agents
6 following the criminal charges.

7 8. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,
8 that on or about August 6, 2009, the United States Department of Justice filed further
9 information regarding five counts against Ruderman for wire fraud (two separate counts),
10 investment advisor fraud (two separate counts), and willful failure to file a tax return (one
11 count). Among other things, the filing by the Department of Justice alleged that
12 "Defendant RUDERMAN would not invest the money entrusted to him by victim-investors
13 as he had promised to do. Instead, without informing the victim-investors or obtaining
14 their authorization, defendant RUDERMAN would use the victim-investor funds to make
15 "interest" payments and returns of capital to other victim-investors; to fund cash
16 disbursements to himself; to fund his gambling activities; and to pay his own personal
17 expenses and obligations arising from other business activities."

18 9. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,
19 that on or about August 24, 2009 Ruderman pleaded guilty to all five criminal counts
20 against him. The Trustee is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges
21 that Ruderman was sentenced by the District Court on or about January 11, 2010 to
22 more than 10 years in federal prison.

23 10. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,
24 that the Debtor was a Ponzi scheme where incoming funds from investors in, and
25 members of, the Debtor, were used to keep the operation going, to make distributions to
26 other investors, and to pay for Ruderman's personal expenses and gambling losses at
27 clandestine, high stakes poker games that were operated without any licenses or permits.
28 As part of the scheme, funds invested in the Debtor by investors were transferred to

1 persons such as Defendant, who received the funds on account of Ruderman's gambling
2 losses and on account of Defendant's gambling winnings. Defendant was not entitled to
3 receive the transfers from the Debtor, which transfers were comprised of improperly-
4 diverted investor funds.

5 **THE HIGH STAKES, CLANDESTINE POKER GAMES**

6 11. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,
7 that commencing in or about Summer 2006 through March 2009, Ruderman was a player
8 in regularly held, high stakes and clandestine "Texas Hold'em" poker games (the "Poker
9 Games") that used a professional-type poker table and hired dealers. The Trustee is
10 further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Poker Games were
11 held at luxury locations such as The Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles, California, the
12 Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, The Peninsula hotel in Beverly Hills,
13 California and, occasionally, at private residences of the poker players.

14 12. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,
15 that the Poker Games were exclusive events, by invitation only, and that there was a
16 regular roster of players consisting of wealthy celebrities, entrepreneurs, attorneys and
17 businessmen. The Trustee is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,
18 that the Poker Games were arranged by Molly Bloom, initially as an assistant to one of
19 the poker players and then as a stand-alone business as Molly Bloom, Inc., a California
20 corporation, and that Ms. Bloom and Molly Bloom, Inc.: (a) arranged for and provided
21 luxury accommodations for the Poker Games; (b) communicated the date, time and
22 location of the Poker Games, and coordinated the Poker Games; (c) hired the dealers for
23 the Poker Games; (d) arranged for amenities such as food, alcohol and massages for the
24 Poker Games; (e) kept track of winnings and losses of players at the Poker Games;
25 (f) collected fees for arranging the Poker Games; and (g) arranged for the settlement of
26 gambling winnings and losses between and among the players at the Poker Games.

27 13. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,
28 that the Poker Games were "controlled games" which were required to be licensed by

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1 federal, state and/or local laws, rules and ordinances, as required by California law, and
2 as set forth in California Penal Code § 337(j), California Business & Professions Code
3 § 19800, *et seq.* (the "Gambling Control Act"), Business & Professions Code § 19923 and
4 other pertinent state and local laws, rules and ordinances. The Trustee is informed and
5 believes, and based thereon alleges, that section 337(j)(e)(1) states that poker is a
6 "controlled game" as set forth in that statute and in California Business & Professions
7 Code § 19805(g) and (k). The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon
8 alleges, that the Poker Games were not licensed by the State of California, any local
9 government or any other government branch or agency pursuant to California Business &
10 Professions Code § 19850 and other pertinent state and local laws, rules and ordinances.
11 The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Ms. Bloom and
12 Molly Bloom, Inc. were not licensed poker game operators by the State of California, any
13 local government or any other government branch or agency. The Trustee is informed
14 and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Four Seasons Hotel, The Beverly Hills
15 Hotel, The Peninsula Hotel and the private residences which hosted the Poker Games
16 were not licensed establishments to conduct the Poker Games by the State of California,
17 any local government or any other government branch or agency. The Trustee is
18 informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the equipment used in the Poker
19 Games (poker tables, decks of cards and other equipment) was not licensed or approved
20 by the State of California, any local government or any other government branch or
21 agency. The Trustee is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that neither
22 Ms. Bloom nor Molly Bloom, Inc., nor the dealers for the Poker Games, were licensed or
23 registered to deal at the Poker Games by the State of California, any local government or
24 any other government branch or agency. The Trustee is informed and believes, and
25 based thereon alleges, that neither Ms. Bloom nor Molly Bloom, Inc. ever submitted an
26 application for any type of gambling license with the State of California or any county, city
27 or municipality, and that neither Ms. Bloom nor Molly Bloom, Inc. provided evidence of
28 their qualifications to conduct the Poker Games, including but not limited to: (1) evidence

1 that would support a determination of their general character, integrity and ability to
2 participate in, engage in, or be associated with, controlled gambling; and (2) information
3 regarding the organization, financial structure, nature of the business to be operated,
4 including the names, personal and criminal history, fingerprints of all officers and
5 directors, and the names addresses and number of shares held by all stockholders of
6 record.

7 14. As the Poker Games, the operators of the Poker Games, the dealers
8 for the Poker Games, the equipment used at the Poker Games and the locations of the
9 Poker Games were unlicensed and improperly conducted pursuant to state and local
10 laws, rules and ordinances, to the extent that a player were to "win" at one of the Poker
11 Games and to the extent that the player was not paid for the winnings, the player had no
12 legally enforceable contractual right to receive payment, and had no right to enforce the
13 winnings in state or federal court.

14 **THE DEFENDANT RECEIVED TRANSFERS BASED ON RUDERMAN'S**
15 **LOSSES IN THE HIGH STAKES, CLANDESTINE POKER GAMES**

16 15. The Trustee is informed and believes that the Defendant did not
17 have any contractual or other relationship with the Debtor, that the Defendant was not a
18 member of, investor in, or creditor of, the Debtor, and that the Defendant improperly
19 received funds of the Debtor. The Trustee is further informed and believes that the
20 Defendant received funds from the Debtor as payments for the personal gambling debts
21 of Ruderman. The payment of the personal gambling debts of Ruderman was not an
22 authorized or legal use of the funds of the Debtor, and was paid from funds of investors
23 in, and members of, the Debtor.

24 16. The transfers to Defendant were paid from the Debtor's account at
25 City National Bank and from Ruderman's personal account at City National Bank.
26 However, Ruderman's personal account at City National Bank did not have a sufficient
27 balance to pay for the transfers to Defendant, or to the other recipients of transfers
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1 relating to the Poker Games. The balances held in Ruderman's personal account, as of
2 the 15th of each month, rounded to the dollar, were as follows:

Date	Balance in Ruderman's City National Bank Account
4/15/06	\$4,657.00
5/15/06	\$2,666.00
6/15/06	\$1,318.00
7/15/06	\$84,971.00
8/15/06	\$81,738.00
9/15/06	\$54,792.00
10/15/06	\$23,780.00
11/15/06	\$1,101.00
12/15/06	\$51,819.00
1/15/07	\$16,344.00
2/15/07	\$914.00
3/15/07	(\$2,252.00)
4/15/07	\$1,110.00
5/15/07	\$6,921.00
6/15/07	\$167,845.00
7/15/07	\$5,092.00
8/15/07	\$600.00
9/15/07	\$63,847.00
10/15/07	\$59,715.00
11/15/07	\$3,480.00
12/15/07	\$225,177.00
1/15/08	\$23,581.00
2/15/08	\$75,318.00

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1 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

2 **AVOIDANCE OF FRAUDULENT TRANSFER**

3 **AGAINST DEFENDANT(ACTUAL INTENT)**

4 ***{11 U.S.C. § 544 and California Civil Code §§ 3439.04(a)(1) and 3439.07}***

5 18. The Trustee repeats and realleges the allegations in above
6 paragraphs 1 through 17, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

7 19. The Trustee is informed and believes and thereon alleges that during
8 the seven-year period immediately preceding the Petition Date, the Debtor made
9 transfers of the Property listed in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by
10 this reference (the "7-Year Transfers") to the Defendant on the dates and in the amounts
11 set forth therein with the actual intent to delay, hinder or defraud the Debtor's creditors.

12 20. By reason of the foregoing, the 7-Year Transfers are avoidable
13 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544 and Civil Code § 3439.04(a)(1) and 3439.07.

14 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

15 **AVOIDANCE OF FRAUDULENT TRANSFER**

16 **AGAINST DEFENDANT (ACTUAL INTENT)**

17 ***{11 U.S.C. § 548(a)(1)(A)}***

18 21. The Trustee repeats and realleges the allegations in above
19 paragraphs 1 through 17, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

20 22. The Trustee is informed and believes and thereon alleges that during
21 the two year period immediately preceding the Petition Date, the Debtor made transfers
22 of the Property listed in **Exhibit B** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this
23 reference (the "2-Year Transfers") to Defendant on the dates and in the amounts set forth
24 therein with the actual intent to delay, hinder or defraud the Debtor's creditors.

25 23. By reason of the foregoing, the 2-Year Transfers are avoidable
26 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 548(a)(1)(A).

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1 33. By reason of the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to recover for the
2 benefit of the Estate the 7-Year Transfers and the 4-Year Transfers from the Defendant
3 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 544 and Civil Code § 3439.07.

4 **WHEREFORE**, the Trustee respectfully prays for judgment against the
5 Defendant as follows:

- 6 1. On the first claim for relief, that the 7-Year Transfers be
7 avoided for the benefit of the Estate;
- 8 2. On the second claim for relief, that the 2-Year Transfers be
9 avoided for the benefit of the Estate;
- 10 3. On the third claim for relief, that the 4-Year Transfers be
11 avoided for the benefit of the Estate;
- 12 4. On the fourth claim for relief, that the 2-Year Transfers be
13 avoided for the benefit of the Estate;
- 14 5. On the fifth claim for relief, for relief as follows:
15 • to recover the value of the 2-Year Transfers from
16 Defendant, for the benefit of the Estate, in the amount of
17 \$334,300.00, plus interest at the maximum legal rate from the date of
18 the 2-Year Transfers, or such other amount as shall be shown by
19 proof prior to judgment herein;
- 20 6. On the sixth claim for relief, for relief as follows:
21 • to recover the value of the 7-Year Transfers from
22 Defendant, for the benefit of the Estate, in the amount of
23 \$445,400.00, plus interest at the maximum legal rate from the date of
24 the 7-Year Transfers, or such other amount as shall be shown by
25 proof prior to judgment herein; and
26 • to recover the value of the 4-Year Transfers from
27 Defendant, for the benefit of the Estate, in the amount of
28 \$445,400.00, plus interest at the maximum legal rate from the date of

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the 4-Year Transfers, or such other amount as shall be shown by proof prior to judgment herein;

7. On all claims for relief; that the Trustee be awarded costs incurred in connection with this action; and

8. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED: March 31, 2011

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By: /s/ Daniel A. Lev
Daniel A. Lev
Attorneys for Plaintiff, Howard M. Ehrenberg,
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EXHIBIT "A"

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EXHIBIT "A" —
7-YEAR TRANSFERS

TRANSFER DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT
8/25/2006	Alec Gores	\$111,100.00
3/26/2008	Alec Gores	\$4,000.00
4/10/2008	Alec Gores	\$60,300.00
6/3/2008	Alec Gores	\$75,500.00
6/11/2008	Alec Gores	\$194,500.00
TOTAL:		\$445,400.00

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EXHIBIT "B"

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EXHIBIT "B" —
2-YEAR TRANSFERS

TRANSFER DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT
3/26/2008	Alec Gores	\$4,000.00
4/10/2008	Alec Gores	\$60,300.00
6/3/2008	Alec Gores	\$75,500.00
6/11/2008	Alec Gores	\$194,500.00
TOTAL:		\$334,300.00

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EXHIBIT "C"

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EXHIBIT "C" —
4-YEAR TRANSFERS

TRANSFER DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT
8/25/2006	Alec Gores	\$111,100.00
3/26/2008	Alec Gores	\$4,000.00
4/10/2008	Alec Gores	\$60,300.00
6/3/2008	Alec Gores	\$75,500.00
6/11/2008	Alec Gores	\$194,500.00
TOTAL:		\$445,400.00

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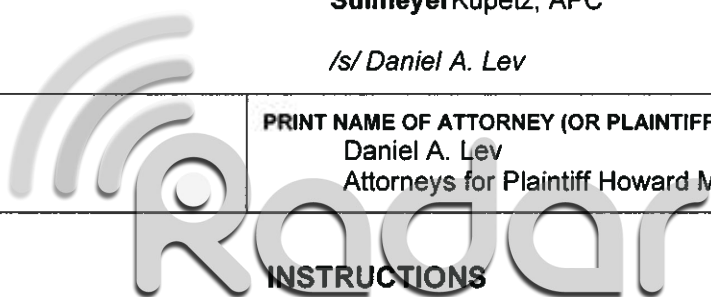
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2007 USBC, Central District of California

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET (Instructions on Page 2)		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)
PLAINTIFFS HOWARD M. EHRENBERG, Chapter 7 Trustee		DEFENDANTS ALEC GORES, an individual
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Daniel A. Lev (CA Bar No. 129622) <u>dlev@sulmeyerlaw.com</u> SulmeyerKupetz, A Professional Corporation <u>333 S. Hope St., 35th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071-1406</u> Tel: <u>(213) 626-2311</u> ; Fax: <u>(213) 629-4520</u>		ATTORNEYS (If Known)
PARTY (Check One Box Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee		PARTY (Check One Box Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF ACTION, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED) <p style="text-align: center;">Avoidance and recovery of fraudulent conveyances pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548(a)(1)(A) & (B) and 550(a)(1) and California Civil Code § 3439, <i>et seq.</i></p>		
NATURE OF SUIT (Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1, first alternative cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)		
FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property <input type="checkbox"/> 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property <input type="checkbox"/> 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14-Recovery of money/property - other		FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued) <input type="checkbox"/> 61 -Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support <input type="checkbox"/> 68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury <input type="checkbox"/> 63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan <input type="checkbox"/> 64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation (other than domestic support) <input type="checkbox"/> 65-Dischargeability - other
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Other Relief Sought None

BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES		
NAME OF DEBTOR RUDERMAN CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC	BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 2:09-bk-19539 ER	
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING CENTRAL	DIVISIONAL OFFICE LOS ANGELES	NAME OF JUDGE ERNEST M. ROBLES
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)		
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING	DIVISIONAL OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) SulmeyerKupetz, APC /s/ Daniel A. Lev		
DATE March 31, 2011	PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) Daniel A. Lev Attorneys for Plaintiff Howard M. Ehrenberg, Chapter 7 Trustee	



The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as par of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiffs attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not presented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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Debtor,

ADV. CASE NO.

HOWARD M. EHRENBERG, Chapter 7 Trustee,

Plaintiff,

*(The Boxes and Blank Lines below are for the Court's
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vs.

ALEC GORES, an individual,

Defendant.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
 STATUS CONFERENCE**

TO THE DEFENDANT: A Complaint has been filed by the Plaintiff against you. If you wish to defend yourself, you must file with the Court a written pleading, in duplicate, in response to the Complaint. You must also send a copy of your written response to the party shown in the upper left-hand corner of this page. Unless you have filed in duplicate and served a responsive pleading by _____, the Court may enter a judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

A Status Conference on the proceeding commenced by the Complaint has been set for:

Hearing Date:

Time:

Courtroom: 1568

Floor: 15th

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Date of Issuance: _____

KATHLEEN J. CAMPBELL
 Clerk of Court

By: _____
 Deputy Clerk