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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
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RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI	:	Case No. 23-12055 (SHL)
a/k/a RUDOLPH WILLIAM GIULIANI,	:	
	:	
Debtor.	:	
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SERVE A SUBPOENA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on May 24, 2024, pursuant to Rule 2004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) of Rudy W. Giuliani (“Giuliani” or the “Debtor”), by and through its undersigned counsel, will cause the attached subpoena (the “Subpoena”) to be served via process on Burke Brands LLC. A true and correct copy of the Subpoena is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Dated: May 24, 2024
New York, NY

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

SUBPOENA

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Southern District of New York

In re Rudolph W. Giuliani a/k/a Rudolph William Giuliani
Debtor

Case No. 23-12055 (SHL)

Chapter 11

SUBPOENA FOR RULE 2004 EXAMINATION

To: Burke Brands LLC
(Name of person to whom the subpoena is directed)

Testimony: YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the time, date, and place set forth below to testify at an examination under Rule 2004, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. A copy of the court order authorizing the examination is attached.

PLACE Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP One Bryant Park New York, NY 10036 aqureshi@akingump.com	DATE AND TIME June 14, 2024
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The examination will be recorded by this method: _____

Production: You, or your representatives, must also bring with you to the examination the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and must permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

See Ex. A

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, made applicable in bankruptcy cases by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9016, are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and 45(g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 05/24/2024

CLERK OF COURT

OR



Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, email address, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party) Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Abid Qureshi, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036, aqureshi@akingump.com Tel. (212) 872-1000

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or the inspection of premises before trial, a notice and a copy of this subpoena must be served on each party before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)

I received this subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)*: _____
on *(date)* _____ .

I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of \$ _____ .

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true and correct.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information concerning attempted service, etc.:

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)
(made applicable in bankruptcy cases by Rule 9016, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure)

(c) Place of compliance.

(1) *For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition.* A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) *For Other Discovery.* A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, or electronically stored information, or things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises, at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) *Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions.* A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction — which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees — on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) *Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.*

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises — or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) *Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.*

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) *Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information.* These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) *Claiming Privilege or Protection.*

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

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(g) **Contempt.** The court for the district where compliance is required — and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court — may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

EXHIBIT A

DEFINITIONS

The following Requests incorporate by reference the definitions and rules of construction set forth in Local Civil Rule 26.3 of the Southern District of New York, as incorporated by Local Rule 2004-1 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”), and any other applicable law or rules. For the purposes of these Requests, the following definitions shall apply whether or not such term is capitalized. Unless otherwise defined herein, all words and phrases shall be accorded their usual meaning and shall be interpreted broadly to encompass all facts and information that could otherwise be construed to fall outside their scope.

1. The term “*Affiliate*” or “*Affiliates*” shall have the meaning ascribed to the term “Affiliate” under 11 U.S.C. § 101(2).

2. The term “*Agent*” shall mean any Person or entity and their Professionals acting for or on behalf of another Person or entity.

3. The terms “*all*,” “*any*” and “*each*” shall each be construed as encompassing any and all of these terms.

4. The connectives “*and*” and “*or*” shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of a Request all Documents, Communications or responses that might otherwise be construed to be outside of its scope.

5. The term “*Communication*” shall mean the transmittal of information (in the form of facts, ideas, inquiries, or otherwise). For the avoidance of doubt, this may encompass any oral, written, or electronic transmission of information without limitation, including meetings, discussions, conversations, telephone calls, email messages, text messages, Bloomberg messages, chat messages, Instant Bloomberg chat messages, Social Media messages or other messaging platforms, memoranda, letters, analyst reports, telecopies, telefaxes, telexes, conferences,

seminars, messages, notes, video tapes, photographs, microfilm, microfiche, magnetic disks or other media of any kind.

6. The term “**concerning**” shall mean relating to (however remotely), referring to, describing, evidencing or constituting.

7. The terms “**Debtor**” or “**Giuliani**” shall mean the Person who filed a petition for chapter 11 relief in the case of *In re Rudolph W. Giuliani*, No. 23-12055 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.) and who goes by the name of Rudolph W. Giuliani, Rudolph William Giuliani, Rudolph Giuliani, Rudy Giuliani or any other variation of the Debtor’s name, including any alter egos, Persons who have apparent authority over the Debtor, Agents of the Debtor and Professionals of the Debtor.

8. The term “**Debtor Related Entity**” shall refer to and include the following Persons, each as defined herein, and including without limitation any trade names, assumed names or previously registered names:

- Giuliani Partners, LLC
- Giuliani Communications, LLC
- Giuliani Security & Safety, LLC
- Giuliani Group, LLC
- Giuliani & Company, LLC
- Rudolph W. Giuliani, PLLC
- WorldCapital Payroll Corporation
- Giuliani Media, LLC

9. The term “**Debtor Related Person**” shall refer to and include the following Persons, each as defined herein:

- Andrew Giuliani

- James Menges
- Joseph Ricci
- Maria Ryan
- Michael Ragusa
- Robert Kiger
- Ryan Medrano
- Ted Goodman
- Lisa Osofsky
- John Huvane
- Robert Costello

10. The term “***Document***” is defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of the term “documents or electronically stored information” in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34(a)(1)(A), including but not limited to all writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound recordings, images, electronically stored information and other data or data compilations. This includes documents stored in any medium from which information can be obtained either directly or, if necessary, after translation by the responding party into a reasonably usable form, including but not limited to emails, texts, chats, spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

11. The term “***Domain Name***” shall mean any sequence of alphanumeric characters that forms all or part of the corresponding internet addresses.

12. The term “***including***” shall mean “including, but not limited to.”

13. The term “*Person*” shall mean any natural person or any legal entity, unincorporated association or group of individuals or legal entities, whether formally or informally established, and their Affiliates and Professionals, including, without limitation, any business or governmental entity or association.

14. The term “*Professional*” shall mean any Person or entity engaged to provide or involved in providing professional services of any kind at any time, including without limitation, any attorneys, accountants, consultants (including independent consultants), independent contractors, advisors and testifying or non-testifying experts.

15. The term “*Rudy Coffee*” shall refer to the business that sells coffee or coffee products, including, but not limited to, whole coffee beans, and is owned by the Debtor, was formed by the Debtor or was otherwise created for the benefit of the Debtor or any Debtor Related Entity.¹

16. The term “*Social Media*” shall mean any forum, website, application, or other platform on which persons can create, transmit, share, communicate, or comment upon any information, ideas, or opinions, or otherwise engage in social networking, including but not limited to: Twitter, Rumble, Gab, MeWe, Periscope, Facebook, Discord, Reddit, Imgur, SnapChat, Instagram, Google+, 4chan, 8chan, Tumblr, Youtube, LinkedIn, Flickr, Reddit, Quora, Disqus, Slack, Whisper, Yik Yak, Medium, WordPress, WeChat and instant messaging services such as Signal, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, Hangouts, Skype, Line, KakaoTalk, Telegram and CyberDust. Without limiting the foregoing in any manner, and by way of example only, the following are Social Media activity: uploading, posting, commenting, reacting (e.g., “liking” a post), sharing and communicating on comment sections of Social Media.

¹ See the Rudy Coffee website, accessible at <https://rudy.coffee/>.

17. The terms “*You*,” “*Your*” or “*Yours*” shall refer to Burke Brands LLC.

18. The definitions described above shall apply regardless of whether such term is capitalized or not capitalized.

19. Any references to a Person shall be deemed to include such Person’s Agents, accountants, advisors, employees, attorneys and other Professionals, officers, directors, direct or indirect shareholders, members, managers, representatives, Affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, assigns, trustees, fiduciaries, settlors, donors, beneficiaries or any other individual or entity acting or purporting to act on behalf of such Person. In addition, the reference to any trust shall include any current or former trustees, or other fiduciaries, settlors, donors, and beneficiaries.

20. The use of any singular noun shall be construed to include the plural, and vice versa, and a verb in any tense shall be construed as the use of the verb in all other tenses.

21. The use of the present tense includes the past tense, the use of the past tense shall include the present tense and the use of any verb in any tense shall be construed as including the use of that verb in all other tenses.

22. Words and phrases not defined shall have their ordinary and plain meaning within the context of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and in accordance with the generally accepted meaning accorded such words and phrases in everyday use in the English language.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. These instructions incorporate by reference the requirements and duties of the Federal Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York.

2. Each Request is continuing in nature. If at any time additional Documents responsive to the Requests come into Your possession, custody or control or are brought to Your attention, prompt supplementation of Your response to these Requests is required.

3. You are requested to produce all Documents, Communications and information requested herein that are within Your possession, custody, or control or in the possession, custody or control of Your current and former officers, directors, Agents, employees, representatives, Affiliates, Professionals, members, managers, trustees or any other Person or entity acting or purporting to act on Your behalf.

4. You are requested to produce Documents, Communications and information requested herein on a rolling basis.

5. If You cannot fully respond to one or more of the Requests after exercising due diligence to secure the information requested thereby, please so state, and specify: (a) the portion of each Request that cannot be responded to fully and completely; (b) what efforts were made to obtain the requested information; (c) the facts relied upon that support Your contention that the Request(s) cannot be answered fully and completely; and (d) any knowledge, information or belief You have concerning the unanswered portion of any such Request(s).

6. All Documents shall be produced with metadata in TIFF format with OCR images, provided, however, that documents in Excel format shall be provided in native format. ***All Documents shall be produced with metadata, including but not limited to the date and time***

created/sent, author, recipients, cc-copies, bcc-blind copies, family member information, MD-5 hash, subject line and title and whether the document contains redactions.

7. If the response to any Request consists, in whole or in part, of an objection on the basis of or including undue burdensomeness, then provide those documents that can be produced without undue burden. For such documents that are too unduly burdensome to produce, describe the process or method required to obtain said documents, the quantity and location of the documents involved and the estimated costs of the search.

8. If You intend to withhold any responsive Document, Communication or other information on the basis of a claim of attorney-client privilege, work product protection or any other ground of non-disclosure, You shall identify such Document, Communication or information in writing by date of the Document's creation, title/file name/"re line"/subject, addressee/to/cc/bcc, addressor/from, Document type and topic covered and listed with a statement of the grounds alleged for withholding such Document, Communication or other information, including any privilege claimed.

9. If Your response to any Request is any other objection, You must indicate if Documents are being withheld based on the objection(s), provide all Documents not covered by the objection and state the specific basis of the objection.

10. If any Document responsive to these Requests has been destroyed, lost or discarded, state when the Document was destroyed, lost or discarded; identify the Person who destroyed, lost or discarded the Document; and, in the event the Document was destroyed or discarded, identify the Person who directed that it be destroyed or discarded. Additionally, detail the reasons for the destruction, loss or discarding; describe the nature of the Document; identify the Persons who

created, sent, received or reviewed the Document; and state in as much detail as possible the contents of the Document.

11. Subject to Instruction No. 6 above, Documents should be produced in the manner they are kept in the ordinary course of business. In producing Documents, all Documents that are physically attached to each other, or segregated or separated from other Documents, when originally located, should be produced as is.

12. All Documents shall be produced in such fashion as to identify the custodian or department in whose possession the Document was found and the business address of each Document's custodian(s).

13. The fact that a Document is produced by another party does not relieve You of the obligation to produce Your copy of the same Document, even if the two Documents are identical.

14. Unless otherwise specified, the Requests call for the production of Documents and Communications created, drafted, copied or otherwise obtained from January 1, 2019, to the present.

15. By serving these Requests, the Committee reserves all rights, does not waive any of its rights, and expressly reserves the right to amend, to modify or otherwise to supplement these Requests.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

1. All Documents and Communications sufficient to show the nature of any relationship between You and (i) Rudy Coffee, (ii) the Debtor, (iii) any Debtor Related Entity or (iv) any Debtor Related Person.

2. All Documents and Communications concerning the ownership of Rudy Coffee, the Rudy Coffee Domain Name and any intellectual property associated with Rudy Coffee.

3. All Documents and Communications between You and (i) Rudy Coffee, (ii) the Debtor, (iii) any Debtor Related Entity or (iv) any Debtor Related Person.

4. All Documents and Communications concerning Your role, if any, with respect to the sale, production or distribution of coffee or any other products for the benefit of Rudy Coffee, the Debtor or any Debtor Related Entity.

5. All Documents and Communications concerning any actual, contemplated or proposed contracts or agreements, whether oral or written, formal or informal, entered into between You and (i) Rudy Coffee, (ii) the Debtor, (iii) any Debtor Related Entity or (iv) any Debtor Related Person, including, but not limited to, contracts or agreements concerning the sale, production or distribution of coffee or any other products in connection with the Debtor or any Debtor Related Entity.

6. All Documents and Communications concerning income, revenue or other compensation received by Rudy Coffee, the Debtor or any Debtor Related Entity from You, including income, revenue or other compensation derived from the sale, production or distribution of coffee or any other products.

7. All Documents and Communications concerning any fundraising efforts conducted by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of Rudy Coffee, the Debtor or any Debtor Related Entity, including any Documents or Communications related to Your participation in those efforts.