

1	PLAYERS GROUP, INC.; THE GARDENS
2	CASINO (A.K.A HAWAIIAN GARDENS CASINO); GARLIC CITY CLUB; GLOBAL
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	CASINO; GOLDEN WEST CASINO;
4	HACIENDA CASINO; HALCYON GAMING,
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5	HOTEL DEL RIO & CASINO; HUSTLER
6	CASINO; THE INDEPENDENT; JALISCO POOL ROOM; KB VENTURES; KBCH
١	CONSULTANTS, INC.; KINGS CARD
7	CLUB; KNIGHTED VENTURES, LLC; L.E.
	GAMING, INC.; LA PRIMAVERA POOL
8	HALL & CAFE; LAKE BOWL CARDROOM;
	LAKE ELSINORE CASINO; LARRY
9	FLYNT'S LUCKY LADY CASINO; LIMELIGHT CARD ROOM; LIVERMORE
10	CASINO; LUCKY CHANCES CASINO;
10	MARINA CLUB; MIKE'S CARD CASINO;
11	NAPA VALLEY CASINO; NETWORK
	MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.; THE
12	NINETEENTH HOLE CASINO AND
12	LOUNGE; OAKS CARD CLUB; OCEAN'S
13	ELEVEN CASINO; OCEANA CARDROOM; OCEANVIEW CASINO; OUTLAWS CARD
14	PARLOUR; PACIFIC GAMING SERVICES,
17	LLC; PALACE POKER CASINO;
15	PARKWEST CASINO 580; PARKWEST
	CASINO CORDOVA; PARKWEST CASINO
16	LODI; PARKWEST CASINO LOTUS;
17	PARKWEST CASINO MANTECA;
17	PARKWEST CASINO SONOMA; PINNACLE CASINO; PLAYER'S CASINO;
18	PLAYERS EDGE SERVICES;
	PROGRESSIVE GAMING, LLC;
19	QUALIFIED PLAYER SERVICÉS, LLC;
	RACXX; THE RIVER CARD ROOM;
20	ROGELIO'S INC.; THE SALOON AT
21	STONES GAMBLING HALL; SEVEN MILE
41	CASINO; STARS CASINO; THE TAVERN AT STONES GAMBLING HALL; TOWERS
22	CASINO; TRES LOUNGE AND CASINO;
	TURLOCK POKER ROOM; WAHBA, LLC;
23	WESTLANE CARD ROOM,
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24	Defendants.
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Plaintiffs Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; Barona Band of Mission Indians;
Pechanga Band of Indians; Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation; Viejas Band of Kumeyaay
Indians; Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation; and Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (collectively,
"Plaintiffs") for their Complaint against Defendants Parkwest Bicycle Casino; 500 Club Casino;
Ace & Vine; Acme Player Services, LLC; Arise, LLC; Artichoke Joe's Casino; The Aviator
Casino; Bankers Casino; Bay 101; Blacksheep Casino Company; Blackstone Gaming, LLC;
California Club Casino; California Grand Casino; CalProp Services, LLC; Cameo Club; Capitol
Casino; Casino 99; Casino Chico; Casino Club; Casino M8trix; Casino Marysville; Casino
Merced; Casino Royale; Central Coast Casino; Certified Network M, Inc.; Club One Casino;
Commerce Casino; Crystal Park Casino (a.k.a. Crystal Casino); The Deuce Lounge & Casino;
Diamond Jim's Casino; Empire Sportsmen's Association; Epoch Casino; F2 TPS, LLC; Faros
Unlimited, Inc.; Fortune Gaming Associates; Fortune Players Group, Inc.; The Gardens Casino
(a.k.a Hawaiian Gardens Casino); Garlic City Club; Global Player Services, Inc.; Golden State
Casino; Golden Valley Casino; Golden West Casino; Hacienda Casino; Halcyon Gaming, LLC;
Hollywood Park Casino; Hotel Del Rio & Casino; Hustler Casino; The Independent; Jalisco Pool
Room; KB Ventures; KBCH Consultants, Inc.; Kings Card Club; Knighted Ventures, LLC; L.E.
Gaming, Inc.; La Primavera Pool Hall & Cafe; Lake Bowl Cardroom; Lake Elsinore Casino;
Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino; Limelight Card Room; Livermore Casino; Lucky Chances
Casino; Marina Club; Mike's Card Casino; Napa Valley Casino; Network Management Group,
Inc.; The Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge; Oaks Card Club; Ocean's Eleven Casino; Oceana
Cardroom; Oceanview Casino; Outlaws Card Parlour; Pacific Gaming Services, LLC; Palace
Poker Casino; Parkwest Casino 580; Parkwest Casino Cordova; Parkwest Casino Lodi; Parkwest
Casino Lotus; Parkwest Casino Manteca; Parkwest Casino Sonoma; Pinnacle Casino; Player's
Casino; Players Edge Services; Progressive Gaming, LLC; Qualified Player Services, LLC;
Racxx; The River Card Room; Rogelio's Inc.; The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall; Seven Mile
Casino; Stars Casino; The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall; Towers Casino; Tres Lounge and
Casino; Turlock Poker Room; Wahba, LLC; and Westlane Card Room (collectively,
"Defendants"), hereby state and allege as follows:

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Defendants brazenly profit from illegal gambling. California law prohibits card rooms from offering "banked" casino games—such as blackjack, baccarat, and pai gow—where an entity with an odds-based advantage takes on all comers, pays all winners, and collects from all losers. Under tribal-state compacts, California Indian tribes have bargained with the State (and pay) for a gaming system that facilitates their exclusive right to offer such banked games within California. But for years, California card rooms and their partner third-party proposition players have ignored the law and refused to recognize tribes' exclusive rights. Instead, they have reaped illegal windfalls by offering banked games that are barred by the California Constitution, California Penal Code, and relevant judicial decisions. Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit under the recently enacted Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act to stop Defendants' exploitative abuses.

- 2. The California Legislature enacted the Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act ("the Act") to provide an efficient mechanism to "determine whether certain controlled games operated by California card clubs are illegal banking card games or legal controlled games, thereby resolving a decade-long dispute between California tribes and California card clubs[.]" (CA LEGIS 860 (2024), 2024 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 860 (S.B. 549), codified as Gov. Code § 98020.) Under the Act, Plaintiff tribes are entitled to "a declaration as to whether a controlled game operated by a licensed gambling establishment and banked by a third-party provider of proposition player services constitutes a banking card game that violates state law, including tribal gaming rights under Section 19 of Article IV of the California Constitution, and may also request injunctive relief." (*Ibid.*) As detailed below, overwhelming evidence shows that Defendants are openly and extensively operating banked games in flagrant violation of the law.
- 3. Since 1872, California Penal Code Section 330 has expressly and broadly prohibited the operation of all "banked" or "banking" games, "that is, those games in which there is a person or entity that participates in the action as the one against the many, taking on all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers, doing so through a fund generally called the bank." (*Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Internat. Union v. Davis* (1999) 21 Cal.4th 585, 592, citations and quotation marks omitted.)

- 4. In 1984, California voters amended the state Constitution to enshrine California's longstanding prohibition on banked games. The amended language states that "[t]he Legislature has no power to authorize, and shall prohibit, casinos of the type currently operating in Nevada and New Jersey." (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 19, subd. (e).) The California Supreme Court has explained that a casino of "the type . . . operating in Nevada and New Jersey" includes "banked table games[.]" (*Hotel Employees, supra*, 21 Cal.4th at p. 605.) The Supreme Court also underscored that illegal banked games include those "banked by someone other than the owner of the gambling facility." (*Id.* at pp. 607–08.)
- 5. Blackjack, baccarat, and pai gow are all traditionally and indisputably understood to be banked games. Indeed, since 1885, Penal Code Section 330 has *specifically* identified "twenty-one," also known as blackjack, in the list of prohibited games. Baccarat and pai gow, like blackjack and other games the statute names, feature players gambling against one entity that possesses an odds-based advantage. California card rooms offer these games, but have used two mechanisms to attempt to disguise their banked essence and to superficially distinguish them from the games found in Nevada and New Jersey casinos. Neither subterfuge provides a legal defense for the card rooms' illegal business practices.
- 6. First, California card rooms have adopted game rules that purport to rotate the banking position from player to player, claiming that this prevents any single entity from banking the game (as occurs in Nevada and New Jersey casinos). But most of the game rules, either as written or by card room interpretation, do not require actual rotation of the bank—merely the offering of it. Thus, a single player may bank the game uninterrupted, just as in Nevada and New Jersey style banked games, when no other player accepts an offer to bank. Although a minority of California card room game rules provide that the banking position must actually rotate from player to player and that the game should be "broken" (stopped) if it does not, card rooms have rendered these requirements meaningless by immediately restarting play after the bank fails to rotate or by simply ignoring the requirements entirely. The effect is to allow a single player to bank the game uninterrupted, just as the house would in a Nevada or New Jersey casino.

- 7. Second, card rooms have entered relationships with entities known as third-party proposition players ("TPPs"), who pay the card rooms substantially for the right to assume the banking position (and its superior odds) in blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games. Although use of TPPs is not per se illegal under California law, when combined with the card rooms' refusal and failure to rotate the bank from player-to-player, the TPP becomes a de facto house bank, "the ultimate source and repository of funds dwarfing that of all other participants in the game." (*Sullivan v. Fox* (1987) 189 Cal.App.3d 673, 679.) Additionally, in contrast to the players, who wager a fixed amount, TPPs typically do not make wagers at all, but rather take on the role of paying out all the wins and losses, whatever they may be—in other words, taking on the traditional role of the bank found in a Nevada or New Jersey casino and rendering the games banked games.
- 8. When the concept of a TPP was initially created, California card rooms typically paid TPPs for providing that service. Now, with TPPs raking in vast profits from illegally banking the games, TPPs pay card rooms for the right to assume the lucrative player-dealer position. TPPs have also assumed other responsibilities typically associated with the house besides banking, including providing surveillance equipment to monitor games in card rooms and funding advertising of card room facilities. The contractual relationships between TPPs and card rooms create strong financial incentives for both to ensure that the banking position never rotates away from the TPPs. And, because TPPs' revenues are entirely derived from their winnings in card rooms' banked games, the TPP contractual payments to card rooms—which have ballooned to millions of dollars annually for larger card rooms—give those card rooms an obvious interest in the illegal gambling occurring at their tables. The inextricable relationship between TPPs and California card rooms eviscerates any purported distinction between the role of those partnered entities and the "house" at Nevada and New Jersey casinos.
- 9. In short, by using well-funded TPPs to ensure liquidity for games and by refusing and failing to comply with legal requirements that the banking position must rotate away from the seat held by the TPPs, card rooms have created gaming experiences that are indistinguishable from banked games in Nevada or New Jersey casinos. When a player sits down to play

(*Ibid.*) "No claim for money damages, penalties, or attorney's fees shall be permitted under this section." (*Ibid.*)

- 13. The California Legislature's intent with the Act is clear: It "allows California's Native American gaming tribes to ask the judiciary to resolve the longstanding dispute over whether certain controlled games operated by California card clubs are illegal banking card games and whether they infringe upon tribal gaming rights." (Assem. Com. on Appropriations, Analysis of Sen. Bill 549 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.), Aug. 7, 2024, p. 2.) The Act provides an avenue for Tribal plaintiffs to "file suit against cardrooms and other gambling enterprises to litigate the legality of the games they play." (Third Reading of Sen. Bill 549 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.), Aug. 19, 2024, p. 3.)
- 14. The Act requires the Court to conduct a *de novo* review of whether a game violates state law. (Gov. Code, § 98020, subd. (c).) As such, the Court is not bound by and owes no deference to any prior regulatory determinations. (*W. Telcon, Inc. v. California State Lottery* (1996) 13 Cal.4th 475, 479–80 [enjoining keno game previously approved by state regulators as an illegal banked game].)
- 15. Any lawsuit brought pursuant to the Act must be filed "no later than April 1, 2025, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento." (Gov. Code, § 98020, subd. (d).) If multiple actions are commenced under the Act, "they shall be consolidated for all purposes, including trial to avoid the risk of inconsistent declarations." (Gov. Code, § 98020, subd. (e).)

### **PARTIES**

16. Plaintiff Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians ("Agua Caliente") exercises sovereign powers of self-governance and jurisdiction over the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation, which was set aside by Executive Orders in 1876 and 1877. Large portions of the cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, and Rancho Mirage lie within the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation which is located within Riverside County, California. In addition to generating economic activity on its Reservation via non-gaming related activities, Agua Caliente operates three casinos (Agua Caliente Casino – Palm Springs, Agua Caliente Casino – Rancho Mirage, and Agua Caliente Casino – Cathedral City) pursuant to the terms of its 2016 Tribal-State Compact with the State of

California, which expressly acknowledges that the Tribe and the State "recognize that Indian tribes in California have the exclusive right to operate Gaming Devices and banking or percentage card games . . . ." (Aug. 4, 2016 Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians ("Agua Caliente Compact") at Sec. 4.8.)

- 17. Plaintiff Barona Band of Mission Indians ("Barona"), known formally as the Barona Group of the Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, California, is a federally recognized Indian tribe. Barona was forced from its ancestral lands when the United States government sold its reservation to the City of San Diego for a reservoir. The Barona group pooled the funds received for its reservation and relocated to its current reservation in Lakeside, California in 1932. Barona owns and operates the Barona Resort & Casino pursuant to the Tribe's 2016 compact, which states that "the State and the Tribe recognize that the exclusive rights that the Tribe will enjoy under this Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Barona Band of Mission Indians (Compact) create a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate a Gaming Facility in an economic environment free of competition from the operation of slot machines and banked card games on non-Indian lands in California and that this unique economic environment is of great value to the Tribe[.]" (June 22, 2016 Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Barona Band of Mission Indians, Preamble at 1.)
- 18. Plaintiff Pechanga Band of Indians ("Pechanga") is a federally recognized Indian tribe. In 1875, members of the Tribe were evicted from their homes in the Temecula Valley. In 1882, the United States established the Pechanga Indian Reservation by Executive Order, and formally recognized the Tribe's sovereignty and land-base. Pechanga operates the Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, California, pursuant to its 2016 compact with the State of California. The compact provides that "the State and the Tribe recognize that the exclusive rights the Tribe enjoys under this Compact provide a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate its Gaming Facility in a market free of competition from the operation of slot machines and banked card games on non-Indian lands in California and that this exclusive environment is of great value to

the Tribe[.]" (Aug. 4, 2016 Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians ("Pechanga Compact"), Preamble at 2.)

- 19. Plaintiff Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation ("Sycuan") is a federally recognized tribe and a sovereign Indian nation, that was officially recognized by Executive Order of Ulysses S. Grant in 1875, and whose reservation is located in El Cajon, California. Sycuan operates the Sycuan Casino Resort pursuant to its 2015 compact with the State of California. The Sycuan Band's compact provides that "the State and the Tribe recognize that the exclusive rights that the Tribe will enjoy under this Tribal-State Compact . . . create[s] a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate a Gaming Facility in an economic environment free of competition from the operation of slot machines and banked card games on non-Indian lands in California and that this unique environment is of great value to the Tribe[.]" (Sept. 2, 2015 Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, Preamble at 1.)
- 20. Plaintiff Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians ("Viejas") is a sovereign Indian nation, officially recognized by the United States, with its reservation located in Alpine, California. Viejas operates the Viejas Casino & Resort pursuant to the 2016 compact with the State of California. The compact provides that "the State and the Tribe recognize that the exclusive rights that the Tribe . . . enjoy[s] under" it "create a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate a Gaming Facility in an economic environment free of competition from the operation of slot machines and banked card games on non-Indian lands in California and that this unique economic environment is of great value to the Tribe[.]" (June 28, 2016 Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Preamble at 1.)
- 21. Plaintiff Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation ("Yocha Dehe") is a sovereign Indian nation, recognized by the United States. In 1907, the Tribe was forced from its villages and onto a federally created rancheria in the town of Rumsey, California. In 1939, the Tribe moved further south into the Capay Valley (Yolo County), onto land held in trust by the United States for the Tribe's use and benefit. Yocha Dehe remains on this trust land today. In addition to generating economic activity on its Reservation via non-gaming related activities, Yocha Dehe operates the Cache Creek Casino Resort pursuant to the terms of its 2016 Tribal-State Compact with the State

of California, which recognized the Tribe's right to offer banked card games exclusively: "the State and the Tribe recognize the exclusive rights the Tribe will enjoy under this Compact create a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate a Gaming Facility in an economic environment free of competition from the operation of slot machines and banked card games on non-Indian lands in California and that this unique economic environment is of great value to the Tribe[.]" (Aug. 4, 2016 Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation ("Yocha Dehe Compact"), Preamble at 1.)

- 22. Plaintiff Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation ("San Manuel"), a federally recognized Indian tribe also federally recognized as the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, is based on the San Manuel Indian Reservation near Highland, California. The Nation is comprised of the Yuhaaviatam clan of Maara'yam Serrano, who were displaced from their ancestral lands beginning in the 1700s due to the California Mission system, and relocated to the San Bernadino Valley in 1866, after which the United States established its Reservation by executive order in the foothills of the San Bernadino Mountains, just north of the City of Highland, in 1891. San Manuel operates the Yaamava' Resort & Casino at San Manuel pursuant to the 2016 compact with the State of California (as amended in 2017). The compact provides that "the State and the Tribe recognize that the exclusive rights the Tribe enjoys under th[e] Compact provide a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate its Gaming Facility in a market free of competition from the operation of slot machines and banked card games on non-Indian lands in California and that this exclusive environment is of great value to the Tribe." (Aug. 15, 2016 Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Preamble at 2.)
- 23. Defendant 500 Club Casino, license number GEGE-001361, is located in Clovis, California.
- 24. Defendant Ace & Vine, license number GEGE-001359, is located in Napa, California.
- 25. Defendant Artichoke Joe's Casino, license number GEGE-001007, is located in San Bruno, California.

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121. Venue is also proper because multiple Defendants reside and/or have their principal place of business in Sacramento County, California.

### **BACKGROUND**

- California law prohibits "banking" or "banked" games in card rooms. A.
- The California Supreme Court defines a "banking" or "banked" game as one "in 122. which there is a person or entity that participates in the action as the one against the many, taking on all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers, doing so through a fund generally called the bank." (Hotel Employees, supra, 21 Cal.4th at p. 592, internal quotation marks and citations omitted.) The person or entity banking the game typically receives more favorable odds than the other players in exchange for bearing the risk of having to pay the other players should they win. Banked games differ from "round" games, such as poker, where each player may win only funds wagered by fellow players. (See *People v. Ambrose* (1953) 122 Cal.App.2d Supp. 966, 970 ["Where the players bet against each other and settle with each other, the game is not a banking game."].)
- 123. In Nevada and New Jersey casinos, banked table games such as blackjack, baccarat, and pai gow are common, with players either winning money from or losing money to the "house," which operates the bank. Although Nevada and New Jersey casinos typically bank their own games, the gambling establishment operator in California need not be the entity banking the game for it to qualify as an illegal "banked" game. (Hotel Employees, supra, 21 Cal.4th at pp. 607–08.) "[A] game will be determined to be a banking game if under the rules of that game, it is possible that the house, another entity, a player, or an observer can maintain a bank or operate as a bank during the play of the game." (Oliver v. County of L.A. (1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 1397, 1408.)
- 124. California law has prohibited "banked" games for nearly as long as it has been a state. From its enactment in 1872, California Penal Code Section 330 included banked games in its list of prohibited activities. (See *Hotel Employees*, supra, 21 Cal.4th at p. 592.) In 1885, the Legislature amended Section 330 to specifically identify "twenty-one"—now commonly known as "blackjack"—as a prohibited game. (*Ibid.*)

125. In its modern form, Section 330 identifies prohibited games both by specific game names, such as twenty-one, and by general categories, such as banked games:

Every person who deals, plays, or carries on, opens, or causes to be opened, or who conducts, either as owner or employee, whether for hire or not, any game of faro, monte, roulette, lansquenet, rouge et noire, rondo, tan, fan-tan, seven-and-a-half, twenty-one, hokey-pokey, or any banking or percentage game played with cards, dice, or any device, for money, checks, credit, or other representative of value, and every person who plays or bets at or against any of those prohibited games, is guilty of a misdemeanor . . . .

(Pen. Code, § 330.)

Constitution, amending it to provide that "[t]he Legislature has no power to authorize, and shall prohibit, casinos of the type currently operating in Nevada and New Jersey." (Cal. Const., art. IV, § 19, subd. (e).) The California Supreme Court has held that a casino of "the type . . . operating in Nevada and New Jersey" is identifiable by the presence of "especially banked table games and slot machines." (*Hotel Employees, supra,* 21 Cal.4th at p. 605; see also *In re Camarillo* (Bankr. N.D. Cal., May 10, 2005) 2005 WL 2203163, at p. \*3 [noting that in "Nevada-style gambling," a player plays against "the house," which "collects from the losers and is responsible for paying all winners"].)

## B. California Indian tribes have negotiated for the exclusive right to offer banked games on tribal lands.

- 127. The history of tribal gaming in California is inextricably intertwined with the history of tribal sovereignty and self-reliance. From before California was even a state, Indian nations—including the ancestors of Plaintiffs here—were forced from the lands on which they depended to live, decimated by state-sanctioned genocide, betrayed by government officials who purported to assist them, and relegated to poverty at the margins of American society. The first instances of organized gaming on tribal lands in California were modest bingo halls used to fund desperately needed health care and social services for tribal people.
- 128. When California Indian tribes exercised their sovereign authority to help care for their citizenry, California state and local governments sought to block them. The United States Supreme Court ultimately resolved the dispute in the groundbreaking decision *California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians* (1987) 480 U.S. 202, holding that state and local governments

lacked authority to shutter bingo halls on tribal lands. In response to the Supreme Court's decision, Congress enacted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ("IGRA") in 1988 to provide a new framework for state and tribal relations on gaming issues. Under IGRA, in states where gambling is legalized, tribes can enter compacts with state governments to authorize and regulate casino-style gambling offered by tribes, such as slot machines and banked games, on tribal lands.

- 129. In 1998, California voters passed Proposition 5, which authorized a standard "Tribal-State Gaming Compact" to be entered into by the State of California and California Indian tribes planning to operate casinos with slot machines and banked games. Opponents to Proposition 5 filed an immediate lawsuit, arguing that the proposition violated the state Constitution's prohibition on Nevada-style casinos and Section 330's prohibition on banked games (among other objections). (See *Hotel Employees*, *supra*, 21 Cal.4th at p. 589.)
- 130. In opposition to the Proposition 5 challenge, several California Indian tribes argued that the card games they intended to offer were not banked games because the funds used to pay winnings came from a "players' pool," constituted from the amounts wagered, not the Casino's own funds. [Id. at pp. 606–07.] The games, therefore, were not banked by a casino; they merely distributed players' own funds, similar to legal lotteries. The California Supreme Court rejected these arguments, for reasons directly relevant here:

That the tribe must "pay[] all winners, and collect[] from all losers" through a fund that is styled a "players pool" is immaterial: the players' pool is a bank in nature if not in name. It is a "fund against which everybody has a right to bet, the bank . . . taking all that is won, and paying out all that is lost."

(*Hotel Employees*, *supra*, 21 Cal.4th at p. 607, citations omitted; alterations in original.) The Supreme Court also rejected the argument that the Indian tribes were not offering banked games

means one or more segregated pools of funds that have been collected from player wagers, that are irrevocably dedicated to the prospective award of prizes in authorized gaming activities, and in which the house neither has [acquired] nor can acquire any interest. The Tribe may set and collect a fee from players on a per play, per amount wagered, or time-period basis, and may seed the player pools in the form of loans or promotional expenses, provided that seeding is not used to pay prizes previously won.

(*Hotel Employees*, *supra*, 21 Cal.4th at p. 625, alteration in original; internal quotation marks and citation omitted (dis. opn. of Kennard, J.).)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The proposed "players' pool" system:

because they had no interest in the outcome of the wagers: "[t]he *pool* itself functions as a bank, collecting from all losers and paying all winners." (*Id.* at p. 608, fn. 4.) "[A] banking game, within the meaning of Penal Code section 330's prohibition, may be banked by someone other than the owner of the gambling facility." (*Id.* at pp. 607–08.) On these grounds, the California Supreme Court concluded that "Proposition 5's authorization of casino gambling is invalid and inoperative." (*Id.* at p. 589.) The same standards, applied here, confirm that California card rooms are offering illegal banked games.

- 131. While the challenge to Proposition 5 was pending, then-Governor Grey Davis proposed an amendment to the California Constitution to exempt tribal gaming from the prohibition on Nevada and New Jersey style casinos. Ultimately presented to the voters as Proposition 1A in March 2000, the amendment "effectively grant[ed] tribes a constitutionallyprotected monopoly on most types of class III games [including banked games] in California." (In re Indian Gaming Related Cases (9th Cir. 2003) 331 F.3d 1094, 1103.) The voters of California approved Proposition 1A, authorizing the governor to "to negotiate and conclude compacts, subject to ratification by the Legislature, for the operation of slot machines and for the conduct of lottery games and banking and percentage card games by federally recognized Indian tribes on Indian lands in California in accordance with federal law." (Cal. Const., art IV, § 19, subd. (f).) The amendment definitively concluded "banking and percentage card games are hereby permitted to be conducted and operated on tribal lands subject to those compacts." (*Ibid.*) Because tribal lands are typically not located in urban areas, supporters of Proposition 1A emphasized that its adoption would not result in Nevada or New Jersey-style casinos with banked games in California's urban centers.
- 132. The compacts approved under the amendment recognized that "[t]he exclusive rights that Indian tribes in California . . . will enjoy under this Compact create a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate its Gaming Facility in an economic environment free of competition from the Class III gaming [including banked games] . . . on non-Indian lands in

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California." (See, e.g., Sept. 10, 1999 Tribal-State Compact between the State of California and

- 133. The most recent compacts negotiated by California Indian tribes, including Plaintiffs, contain similar language recognizing that no other entities are authorized under state law to offer banked games. "[T]he State and the Tribe recognize the exclusive rights the Tribe will enjoy under this Compact create a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate a Gaming Facility in an economic environment free of competition from the operation of slot machines and banked card games on non-Indian lands in California and that this unique economic environment is of great value to the Tribe[.]" (See Yoche Dehe Compact, Preamble at 2.) In "consideration" for this unique right, the California Indian tribes party to the compacts commits "on a sovereignto-sovereign basis" to pay the state "fair cost reimbursement and mitigation[.]" (Id. at 3.)
- Under this framework, the Indian tribes make quarterly payments to the State's Special Distribution Fund established by the Legislature. (See, e.g., Agua Caliente Compact at Sec. 4.3.) These payments are significant, representing tens of millions of dollars per year to the State's coffers. Moreover, they are a material term of the compacts: any failure to make timely payment "shall be deemed a material breach" of the compacts, for which the State may immediately seek injunctive relief in state or federal court, and the Tribes consent to waive their right to assert sovereign immunity. (See, e.g., Pechanga Compact at Sec. 4.7(c).) Put simply, the Tribes have meaningfully bargained with the State to facilitate their exclusive rights under the California Constitution to offer banked games and have agreed to pay the State from the proceeds they receive for the exercise of those rights.
- 135. By executing compacts, California Indian tribes do not merely affirm the rights afforded to them by the California Constitution. The payments made pursuant to the compacts help fund a state regulatory regime that, per the terms of the compacts, is supposed to recognize and uphold tribal exclusivity over banked games. Defendants, by operating illegal banked games

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Yocha Dehe was formerly known as the Rumsey Indian Rancheria. The Tribe changed its name in 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> (2024-25 California Gambling Control Commission State Budget, available at https://ebudget.ca.gov/2024-25/pdf/Enacted/GovernorsBudget/0010/0855.pdf.)

in California card rooms, deny Plaintiffs the benefit of this bargain. To address Defendants' illegal banked games, Plaintiffs have been forced to expend their own resources in addition to compact payments both to monitor card room activity and enforce their exclusive rights.

- 136. Plaintiffs bring this action to ensure that the exclusivity over banked games guaranteed by the state Constitution and tribal gaming compacts does not become another broken promise by governments to California Indian tribes.
  - C. In search of greater profits, California card rooms have expanded beyond their traditional offerings and into prohibited banked games.
- 137. Defendant California card rooms are gambling establishments licensed by the California Gambling Control Commission, based in Sacramento, California. Unlike Nevada and New Jersey-style casinos, where players often bet against the house and the casino earns revenue by banking the games, card rooms are intended to facilitate player versus player games, for which the card room collects a per-round fee for operating the game known as a "collection." As of December 2024, California is home to 72 licensed card rooms.
- 138. Traditionally, California card rooms have provided poker, a non-banked game also known as a "round" game. In poker, there is no bank against which all players bet; instead, the player-dealer position systematically and continuously rotates among the players, and the house's only interest in the game is in collecting specified table fees.
- 139. Since the early 2000s, card rooms have steadily expanded their offerings beyond traditional poker games. To draw in more players who will wager more money—thereby generating greater collections revenue—the card rooms have introduced variants of casino-style banked table games, such as blackjack, baccarat, and pai gow. The card rooms purport to provide these games in compliance with California's prohibition on banked games by not banking the games themselves using the card room's funds. Instead, the rules for these variants on banked games specify that a "player-dealer" will bank the game while a representative of the card room (the "House Dealer") deals cards, collects player fees, and otherwise runs the game.
- 140. The player-dealer framework is a direct outgrowth of the card room industry's concerted and explicit efforts to evade California's prohibition on banked games outside of tribal lands and has given rise to a niche business—the third-party proposition player ("TPP").

Initially, card rooms paid TPPs to occupy the player-dealer position at their tables, because individual players often lack sufficient liquidity to ensure the level of wagering card rooms desire to drive their profitability. But as card rooms and TPPs have fully embraced offering illegal banked games, the TPPs' position in the player-dealer spot has become more lucrative. As a result, TPPs now pay card rooms for the right to occupy the player-dealer position and take on a host of other responsibilities and expenses typically associated with running a casino, such as providing equipment like surveillance cameras, cards, and shuffling machines, contributing to rent for the gaming space, and advertising for the banked games off which they profit.

- 141. A TPP provides these services to a gambling establishment, like a card room, pursuant to a written contract. The "proposition player services" include "play as a participant in any controlled game that has a rotating-dealer position as permitted by Penal Code § 330.11." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4, § 12200(28).) For a card room that contracts with a TPP, each table generally has a proposition player—a TPP employee whose job is to bank the game. The proposition player does not act as a dealer, but rather sits at the table and covers the bets that take place in each round. While the pool of available funds in a traditional round game, like poker, is limited by what the individual players wager, the TPP provides a practically inexhaustible fund from which winnings can be paid to players that far exceed any amount wagered by the TPP as the player-dealer. While an individual player might be reluctant to serve as a banker given the potential exposure driven by other players' bets, the TPP is contracting with the card room to assume that role. In this way, the TPP facilitates enticing "bonus" bets that drive action to the card rooms' games and brings predictable and stable liquidity to them, just as Nevada and New Jersey casinos provide through house-banked games.
- 142. The economic relationship between TPPs and card rooms creates a strong incentive for both to ensure that the player-dealer position and its banking responsibilities never rotate away from the TPP. TPPs pay card rooms for the right to serve as the player-dealers in their games. In turn, the TPPs make money by occupying the position at the table with superior odds, just as the house does in a Nevada or New Jersey casino. To maximize the value of the position with superior odds, the TPP needs to ensure that it occupies the position for as many

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rounds of play as possible. Given this framework, TPPs have a strong economic interest in ensuring that they always serve as the bank and that the player-dealer position never rotates.

143. Card rooms similarly have a strong economic interest in ensuring that TPPs continuously occupy the player-dealer position and maximize use of its superior odds. Because the winnings from games are TPPs' only source of revenue, the more the TPPs are able earn in games from serving as the player-dealers, the greater payments the card rooms will be able to demand from their TPPs when negotiating contracts. Both the TPPs and card rooms make more money by maintaining a system wherein the banking role never rotates away from the TPPs. Given these aligned incentives and the contractual relationship between card rooms and TPPs, card rooms possess an obvious interest in the illegal banked gaming occurring on their tables. This framework runs directly afoul of California Business and Professions Code Section 19984(a), which prohibits "[a]ny agreement, contract, or arrangement between a gambling enterprise and a third-party provider of proposition player services" in which "a gambling enterprise or the house have any interest, whether direct or indirect, in funds wagered, lost, or won." And, by virtue of this collusive relationship, the house (here, the contractually bound unit of TPP and card room) "derives benefit from commercial gambling, the elimination of which is the legitimate objective of [Section 330]." (Sullivan, supra, 189 Cal.App.3d at p. 679.) This dynamic is precisely what the California Constitution and Penal Code prohibit through their ban on banked games.

## D. California law recognizes that any game where a player has the potential to maintain or operate as a bank is an illegal banked game.

144. The games at issue in this lawsuit—blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and other analogous games—are fundamentally banked games. Players gamble against a single entity that possesses superior odds and maintains a robust fund that pays all winners and collects from all losers. In Nevada and New Jersey casinos, the casinos typically occupy that banking position. Although California card rooms have attempted to superficially disguise banked games' true nature through layers of additional rules and procedures, those artifices are either ineffective or ignored, and thus do little to change the essential nature of the games. Defendants ensure that when a customer sits at a blackjack, baccarat, or pai gow table, there is a single entity (the TPP)

consistently ready to take all comers, pay all winnings, and collect all losses. Under California's Constitution and Penal Code, those games are illegal.

145. Blackjack, also known as twenty-one, was one of the earliest games to be included in Penal Code Section 330's list of prohibited games. Blackjack players compete against a single entity, which holds an odds-based advantage against other players.

146. The rules for California card room blackjack games typically provide that a standard round of play begins when a player-dealer is designated. The House Dealer places a "button" or other signifier in front of the player-dealer, which designates that they are taking the bank position and may also designate whether it is the first or second turn for the player-dealer in the banking position. Although specific language for each blackjack game may vary by card room, the rules typically contain language stating either that the player-dealer position—and therefore the banking role—should be offered to other players after two hands or rotated to other players after two hands. Defendants rely on the purported rotation of the player-dealer position and bank to attempt to distinguish the blackjack games they offer from those prohibited by California law.<sup>4</sup>

147. In its general form, baccarat does not have a player-dealer position. Rather, the players at the table simply make wagers based on a single shared set of cards. The dealer, who has no hand in the game, acts as nothing but a bank. Thus, by definition, baccarat cannot qualify for the "player-dealer rotation" carve-out for banked games under Section 330.11 because there is no player-dealer in the game.

148. The rules for California card room baccarat games purport to create a player-dealer position, but the occupier of the position does not actually "play" the game by receiving any cards or placing wagers of his or her own and is a "player-dealer" in name only. (See Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 19805(ag), emphasis added ["'Player-dealer' and 'controlled game featuring a player-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> To be clear, Plaintiffs do not agree that, if Defendants' game rules required actual rotation of the banking position every two hands (an interval the card rooms themselves invented), they would transform blackjack, baccarat, and pai gow into constitutionally permissible games. But the Court need not reach that issue, because none of the games at issue, on their face or as played in card rooms, ensure the actual rotation such that a single player cannot bank the game for a sustained period.

dealer position' refer to a position in a controlled game, as defined by the approved rules for that game, in which seated *player participants* are afforded the temporary opportunity to wager against multiple players at the same table, provided that this position is rotated amongst the other seated players in the game."].) The person occupying the purported player-dealer position in Defendants' baccarat games is not a "player participant." The sole purpose of the purported player-dealer position in Defendants' baccarat games is to bank the game—paying all winning bets and collecting all losing bets made on the set of cards shared by every player at the table. Although specific language for each baccarat game may vary by card room, the rules typically contain language stating either that the purported player-dealer position—and therefore the banking role—should be offered to other players after two hands or rotated to other players after two hands. Defendants rely on the purported rotation of the player-dealer position and bank to attempt to distinguish the baccarat games they offer from those prohibited by California law.

- 149. The rules for California card room pai gow games typically provide that, at the start of a game, a player is offered the player-dealer position. Once the position is established, the other players compete against the player-dealer to make the best possible hand of cards.

  Although specific language for each pai gow game varies by card room, the rules typically contain language stating either that the player-dealer position—and therefore the banking role—should be offered to other players after two hands or rotated to other players after two hands.

  Defendants rely on the purported rotation of the player-dealer position and bank to attempt to distinguish the pai gow games they offer from those prohibited by California law.<sup>5</sup>
- 150. California card rooms also offer other games that operate on the same basic player-dealer mechanics as blackjack, baccarat, and pai gow. These analogous games, such as "Three Card Poker," "Ultimate Texas Hold'em," and "Casino War"—like their more traditional counterparts—purport to make use of a player-dealer position and their rules typically state that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In *Huntington Park Club Corporation v. County of L.A.* (1988) 206 Cal.App.3d 241, 250, the Court of Appeals held that a specific pai gow game was not a banked game because "the record does not establish that either plaintiffs (the house) or any other entity maintains or operates a 'bank." That decision, reached prior to the adoption of Penal Code 330.11, is easily distinguishable here given that Defendant TPPs can (and do) maintain and operate a bank while playing the pai gow games offered in Defendants' card rooms.

the player-dealer position should be offered or rotated to other players after two hands.

Defendants rely on the purported rotation of the player-dealer position and bank to attempt to distinguish these games from those prohibited by California law.

agames is not a new argument. In fact, the only court to reach the legality of games similar to those challenged here had no trouble finding them to be illegal. In *Oliver v. County of Los Angeles*, the California Court of Appeal considered whether the game "Newjack"—a variant of blackjack—constituted a prohibited banked game. ((1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 1397, 1408.) In Newjack, each player has the option to bank the game as the player-dealer for two consecutive hands; after that, the option passes to the player on the left and keeps passing until another player accepts it. (*Id.* at pp. 1407–08.) But Newjack's rules also allowed a player to decline the offer. As a result, one player could end up serving as the bank for more than two consecutive hands if all other players at the table decline to assume the role. Defendants argued that merely *offering* to rotate the bank was sufficient to save them from Section 330's prohibition on banked games. (*Id.* at p. 1408.) The Court succinctly rejected their defense. "It is the *potential* for a banked game under [the] rules . . . which determines whether [a game] is a banking game." (*Ibid.*)

[I]n Newjack, the player-dealer position does not *have* to rotate among the players. If the other players decline to accept the player-dealer position, one player can act as a player-dealer for repeated hands and such a player need not go broke after a few hands. ... The effect would be a banked game because it could then be said of such a player that he or she is taking on all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers.

(Id. at pp. 1408–09, emphasis in original; quotation marks omitted.)

152. In 2001, the Legislature amended the Penal Code to specify—consistent with the *Oliver* court's holding—the requirements that must be met for a rotating player-dealer position to be legal. Section 330.11 states that illegal banked games do not include those where the published rules:

[1] feature a player-dealer position and provide that this position must be continuously and systematically rotated amongst each of the participants during the play of the game, [2] ensure that the player-dealer is able to win or lose only a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and [3] preclude the house, another entity, a player, or an observer from maintaining or operating as a bank during the course of the game.

wager during the play of the game" to benefit from the statutory carve-out from banked games.

6 Because the California Supreme Court has held that the 1984 gaming-related amendment to the California Constitution elevated the existing prohibitions on banked games, including Section 330, to the constitutional level, any interpretation of Section 330.11 (enacted in 2000) that would allow card rooms to offer games that are otherwise prohibited under Section 330, including but not limited to games that merely offer or afford other players the opportunity to assume the player-dealer position, runs afoul of Article IV, Section 19(e) of the Constitution.

(Pen. Code, § 330.11.) Crucially, as recognized in *Oliver*, it is not sufficient for the published rules to create merely the potential for the player-dealer position to rotate, such as through an offer to other players. The statute requires "that this position *must* be continuously and systematically rotated amongst each of the participants during the play of the game[.]" (*Ibid.*, emphasis added.) And even if an *offer* of rotation rather than *actual* rotation were sufficient to meet Section 330.11's first requirement (it is not), an offer of rotation would not be sufficient to meet the third requirement—that the published rules must also actually preclude anyone "from maintaining or operating as a bank during the course of the game." As the *Oliver* court specifically recognized, rules that require only the offer of the player-dealer position still permit a player to maintain or to operate as a bank if other players refuse to accept the player-dealer position. (*Oliver*, *supra*, 66 Cal.App.4th at p. 1409 ["Because the rules permit such an occurrence, we hold Newjack is a banking game and therefore, as presently constituted, prohibited under section 330."].)

153. The final sentence of Section 330.11 underscores that merely offering the player-dealer position to others is not sufficient to stop a game from being an illegal banked game. The statute notes that "it is not the intent of the Legislature to mandate acceptance of the deal by every player" but *only* "if the division finds that the rules of the game render the maintenance of or operation of a bank impossible by other means." Thus, if the rules of a game do not mandate acceptance of the player-dealer position, there must be some other mechanism to ensure that one player is not able to maintain the banking function. If no such mechanism exists in the published rules, the game remains an illegal banked game prohibited by Section 330.6

154. Independent of any player-dealer rotation issue, Section 330.11 also requires that game rules must "ensure that the player-dealer is able to win or lose only a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game" to benefit from the statutory carve-out from banked games.

This requirement is essential for distinguishing illegal banked games—where practically unlimited funds are available to pay winning bets—from permissible games where the total available "pot" is limited to only the funds wagered by players. The California Court of Appeals explained how permissible games employing a player-dealer should operate:

The player/dealer makes the initial bet, and the other players bet against him. *The player/dealer pays off winners and collects from losers, but only until the player/dealer wins or loses his initial wager*. Thereafter, the round of play terminates even though there are remaining players at the table who have winning or losing hands. Accordingly, the player/dealer is not required to pay all winners, and the player/dealer may only collect from losers up to the amount the player/dealer wagered.

(City of Bell Gardens v. County of L.A. (1991) 231 Cal.App.3d 1563, 1566, emphasis added.)

155. In the blackjack and baccarat games played in the card rooms, however, the TPPs have no "fixed and limited" wager; indeed, they place no bet at all. Rather, TPPs pay out variable winnings and collect variable losses, whatever such winnings or losses may be, without making any actual wager of their own (let alone a "fixed and limited" one). These games are therefore banked regardless of how long the TPP occupies the player-dealer position.

### E. Defendants are profiting from illegal banked games.

operated by Defendants are illegal banked games under the California Constitution and Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11. As explained below, despite Defendants' claims that these games are legal, their published rules all completely fail to preclude TPPs, who are in contractual and financial relationships with the card rooms, from maintaining or operating as a bank during the game. Some of the published rules fail on their face, while others are routinely exploited by card rooms in practice. They are grouped into three general categories below. Regardless of the labels applied to them, none of the rules accomplish what the California Constitution requires: that no card room be permitted to offer Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games, where those

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> As noted above, all baccarat games offered by Defendants are illegal banked games for the independent reason that they do not employ a true player-dealer position, as required to utilize Penal Code Section 330.11's exemption.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A few card rooms list games available for play that fall into a fourth category: rules that purport to describe a player-dealer position but provide no guidance or requirement regarding rotation of the position. Those rules offer no prohibition on maintaining or operating a bank and lack any claim to the carve outs from banked games provided by Penal Code Section 330.11.

at the table find themselves consistently opposed to a single player-dealer "taking on all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers." (*Sullivan*, *supra*, 189 Cal.App.3d at p. 678.)

games currently offered by California card rooms have published rules that specify that the player-dealer position need only be offered to other players at the table, in direct contradiction to *Oliver*'s holding regarding banked games and the requirements of Penal Code Section 330. For example, in Pure 21.5 Blackjack and EZ Baccarat Panda 8, the published rules require only that "[t]he [player-dealer position] shall be offered systematically and continuously in a clockwise manner around the table after every two hands." Nothing in "Offer-Only" rules precludes a player from staying in the player-dealer position repeatedly if others at the table refuse the offer of the position. Thus, these rules do not require that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, and do not actually distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

gow, and analogous game rules are less brazen (if more disingenuous) in their violation of the law than the "Offer-Only" rules and acknowledge—consistent with the law—that no single player may hold the player-dealer position for a sustained period. These rules typically require that no player occupy the player-dealer position for more than two consecutive hands. For example, the published rules for the blackjack game Hawaiian Blackjack state that "the player-dealer position rotates in a systematic and continuous way among the seated players, and no one player may serve as the player-dealer for more than two consecutive hands." These rules, however, still allow players to decline the player-dealer position. And, crucially, they lack any mandate on what the card room must do if all other players refuse to accept the player-dealer position. Although the "Two-Hand-Limit" rules specify that the player-dealer position should not continue to reside with the same player for more than two consecutive hands, they contain no mechanism to prevent that outcome from happening in practice. Indeed, the card rooms instead actively *deter* others from accepting the player-dealer position through their fee collection policies—which

typically exempt players, but not player-dealers, from collection—and by requiring prohibitively high liquidity of any would-be takers. Thus, these rules do not effectively require that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, and do not actually distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

159. **Break Rules:** A minority of California card room rules for blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games purport to employ a "break" feature. For example, the published rules of Pure 21.5 Blackjack state:

The Player-Dealer position must rotate in a continuous and systematic fashion, and cannot be occupied by one person for more than two consecutive hands. There must be an intervening Player-Dealer so that no single player can continually occupy the player-dealer position within the meaning of *Oliver v. County of Los Angeles* (1998) 66 Cal. App. 41397, 1408-1409. If there is not an intervening person occupying the Player-Dealer's position, the game will be "broke" or stopped, as required by the California Penal Code.

These types of rules correctly acknowledge two crucial legal requirements: first, there must be an intervening player occupying the player-dealer position before it may return to the player who previously held it—meaning there must be actual, not merely offered, rotation—and, second, if there is no intervening player, the game must be "broke" or stopped. Although the rules acknowledge these legal requirements, they are still fundamentally deficient.

160. The "Break" rules leave open a key loophole that card rooms have exploited in their efforts to evade banked-game prohibitions. The "Break" rules do not specify how long a game must be stopped to satisfy the rules. Likewise, there is no requirement that the table be reset or that the players be required to leave the table before beginning play again after the break. As a result, card rooms have claimed that the nominal pause between hands of play is a sufficient break or stoppage. The game then resumes with the same players, the same player-dealer, and no meaningful interruption. Whether card rooms ignore the break requirement in practice—as they almost always do—or comply with it in a hyper-technical, farcical manner by pausing a game only for a beat, under the "Break" rules, a single player still may occupy the player-dealer position for a sustained period. Thus, these rules do not effectively require that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from

maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, and do not actually distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 161. Additionally, the rules for California card room blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games—regardless of whether they are "Offer-Only," "Two-Hand-Limit," or "Break" rules—fail to ensure that the player-dealer banking the game is only able to win or lose a fixed and limited wager. In all the game rules at issue, the player-dealer's winnings or losings are variable because they depend on the wager decisions of other players. And regardless of whether Defendants' game rules purport to limit winnings and losses, Defendants operate their games such that the TPPs' winnings and losings are not limited in any legally meaningful way.
- 162. Ultimately, card rooms have attempted to obfuscate through ambiguous rules and underhanded practices what is simply illegal. By employing third-party proposition players and not rotating the bank away from them, card rooms offer blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games that are purposefully indistinguishable from the types of banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos.

### **ALLEGATIONS**<sup>9</sup>

### A. Third-Party Proposition Players

163. Third-party proposition players pay California card rooms for the opportunity to act as the bank in blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games. To maximize what they can charge TPPs for that opportunity, card rooms ensure that the player-dealer position—and with it, the role of banking the game—does not rotate away from the TPP. Nothing in the Offer-Only, Two-Hand-Limit, or Break rules prevents the TPP from occupying the player-dealer position for a sustained period. In this manner, the card rooms and TPPs work jointly to ensure that card rooms' games are indistinguishable from Nevada and New Jersey-style gaming—in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Plaintiffs' allegations regarding game rules are based in part on the rules posted by the Bureau of Gambling Control for specific card rooms at <a href="https://oag.ca.gov/gambling/cardroomlist#">https://oag.ca.gov/gambling/cardroomlist#</a> (last checked December 31, 2024). Plaintiffs expressly incorporate by reference into the Complaint the rules posted by the Bureau and reserve the right to supplement or amend their allegations should the posted rules change after the filing of this action.

164. There are currently twenty-two licensed TPPs in California: Acme Player Service
LLC; Arise, LLC; Blackstone Gaming, LLC; CalProp Services, LLC; Certified Network M, Inc.
F2 TPS, LLC; Faros Unlimited, Inc.; Fortune Gaming Associates; Fortune Players Group, Inc.;
Global Player Services, Inc.; Halcyon Gaming, LLC; KB Ventures; KBCH Consultants, Inc.;
Knighted Ventures, LLC; L.E. Gaming, Inc.; Network Management Group, Inc.; Pacific Gaming
Services, LLC; Players Edge Services; Progressive Gaming, LLC; Qualified Player Services,
LLC; The Independent; and Wahba, LLC (collectively, "the California TPPs").

165. The California TPPs occupy the player-dealer position (and its superior odds) for sustained periods in California card room blackjack, baccarat, pai gow and analogous games. In doing so, the California TPPs maintain and operate a bank during the course of the games in which they participate, in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

### B. 500 Club Casino

- 166. 500 Club Casino operates a card room in Clovis, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for 500 Club Casino's games.
- 167. 500 Club Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 168. 500 Club Casino offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:

### Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 169. 500 Club Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - Pure 21.5 Blackjack

- Pure Spanish 21.5
- EZ Baccarat
- Fortune Pai Gow Poker
- Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 170. Regardless of what is required by game rules, 500 Club Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at 500 Club Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 171. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between 500 Club Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in 500 Club Casino's games, 500 Club Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

### C. Ace & Vine

- 172. Ace & Vine operates a card room in Napa, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Ace & Vine's games.
- 173. Ace & Vine offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 174. Ace & Vine offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:

continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 182. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Artichoke Joe's Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Artichoke Joe's Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 183. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Artichoke Joe's Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Artichoke Joe's Casino's games, Artichoke Joe's Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### E. The Aviator Casino

- 184. The Aviator Casino operates a card room in Delano, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for the Aviator Casino's games.
- 185. The Aviator Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 186. The Aviator Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pure Spanish 21.5
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack with Red Flex and Buster Bonus Wagers
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack with Red Flex Bet
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack with Buster Bonus Bet

1	• EZ Baccarat Panda 8		
2	• Super Pan 9		
3	Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus		
4	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously		
5	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a		
6	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited		
7	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal		
8	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.		
9	187. The Aviator Casino offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:		
10	Supreme Baccarat		
11	Fortune Pai Gow Poker		
12	Pai Gow Poker		
13	Pai Gow Poker Joker's Wild		
14	Ultimate Texas Hold'em		
15	Three Card Poker		
16	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position		
17	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining		
18	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a		
19	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games		
20	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.		
21	188. The Aviator Casino offers the following games with Break rules:		
22	• Pure 21.5 Blackjack		
23	Baccarat Gold		
24	Easy Poker		
25	These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must		
26	continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or		
27	operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a		
28	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the game		

189. Regardless of what is required by game rules, the Aviator Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at the Aviator Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

190. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between the Aviator Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in the Aviator Casino's games, the Aviator Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### F. Bankers Casino

- 191. Bankers Casino operates a card room in Salinas, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Bankers Casino's games.
- 192. Bankers Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 193. Bankers Casino offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:

# Buster Blackjack

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

194. Bankers Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:

197. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Bankers Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Bankers Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

198. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Bankers Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Bankers Casino's games, Bankers Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## G. Bay 101

199. Bay 101 operates a card room in San Jose, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Bay 101's games.

200. Bay 101 offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

201. Bay 101 offers the following games that make no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in their rules:

- California Blackjack
- Fortune Pai Gow Poker
- Pai Gow Poker
- Super Pan 9

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager

1	during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada		
2	and New Jersey style-banked games.		
3	202. Bay 101 offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:		
4	• 21st Century Baccarat 4.0 with Tie Hands		
5	• EZ Baccarat Panda 8		
6	Golden Frog Baccarat 1.0		
7	Golden Frog Baccarat 2.0		
8	Golden Frog Baccarat 2.1		
9	• Millennium-19 / M-19		
10	• ZooBac		
11	Let it Ride Bonus		
12	Pai Gow Tiles		
13	Three Card Poker		
14	• Three Card Poker (Version B)		
15	Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus		
16	Face Up Pai Gow Poker		
17	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously		
18	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a		
19	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited		
20	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal		
21	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.		
22	203. Bay 101 offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:		
23	<ul> <li>No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 5.0 Buster Blackjack</li> </ul>		
24	• 21st Century Baccarat 8.0 Version		
25	Casino War		
26	• Crazy 4 Poker		
27	Ultimate Texas Hold'em Bad Beat Bonus		
28	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position		

must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

204. Bay 101 offers the following games with Break rules:

- No Bust 21st Century Blackjack
- No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0
- Bay Baccarat / Pan 9

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 205. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Bay 101 and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Bay 101 in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 206. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Bay 101 and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Bay 101's games, Bay 101 possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## H. Blacksheep Casino Company

207. Blacksheep Casino Company is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Cameron Park, California.

games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

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Pai Gow Poker (Double Hand Poker)

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 216. Regardless of what is required by game rules, California Grand Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at California Grand Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 217. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between California Grand Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in California Grand Casino's games, California Grand possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### J. Cameo Club

- 218. Cameo Club is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Stockton, California.
- 219. Cameo Club may offer a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 220. Cameo Club may offer the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - **EZ** Baccarat
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
    - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

Face Up Pai Gow Poker

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- 233. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Casino 99 and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Casino 99 in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 234. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Casino 99 and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Casino 99's games, Casino 99 possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

### M. Casino Chico

- 235. Casino Chico operates a card room in Chico, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Casino Chico's games.
- 236. Casino Chico offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 237. Casino Chico offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Fortune Pai Gow Poker
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack 6 to 5
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack 3 to 2
    - Never Fold'em Hold'em
- These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited

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wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 238. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Casino Chico and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Casino Chico in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 239. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Casino Chico and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Casino Chico's games, Casino Chico possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### N. Casino Club

- 240. Casino Club operates a card room in Redding, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Casino Club's games.
- 241. Casino Club offers a number of blackjack and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 242. Casino Club offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack with Red Flex and Buster Bonus Wagers
    - Three Card Poker Six Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 243. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Casino Club and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack and analogous games offered at Casino Club in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 244. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Casino Club and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Casino Club's games, Casino Club possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### O. Casino M8trix

- 245. Casino M8trix operates a card room in San Jose, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Casino M8trix's games.
- 246. Casino M8trix offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 247. Casino M8trix offers the following games that make no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in their rules:
  - Pai Gow'd
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker
  - Let it Ride Bonus
  - Pai Gow Tiles

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada

1	and New Jersey style-banked games.		
2	248. Casino M8trix offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:		
3	21st Century Blackjack Switch		
4	• Pure Spanish 21.5		
5	• Pure 21.5 Blackjack		
6	• Pure 21.5 Blackjack 1.0		
7	• Pure 21.5 Blackjack 2.0		
8	• Baccarat Gold 1.0		
9	• Baccarat Gold 3.0		
10	• Eternal Baccarat		
11	• Casino War		
12	<ul> <li>Double Hand Poker Bonus Gold 10</li> </ul>		
13	• Face Up Pai Gow Poker		
14	Six Card Poker Two-Way Bad Beat		
15	Three Card Poker		
16	Ultimate Texas Hold'em Bad Beat Bonus		
17	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously		
18	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a	ì	
19	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limite	d	
20	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal		
21	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.		
22	249. Casino M8trix offers the following game with Two-Hand Limit rules:		
23	• Crazy 4 Poker		
24	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position		
25	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining		
26	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a		
27	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games		
28	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.		

analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready

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fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games

from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

258. Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement these allegations should Casino Marysville begin operating after the filing of this action.

### Q. Casino Merced

- 259. Casino Merced operates a card room in Merced, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Casino Merced's games.
- 260. Casino Merced offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 261. Casino Merced offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pure Spanish 21.5
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
    - EZ Baccarat Panda 8
    - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

262. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Casino Merced and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Casino Merced in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

263. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Casino Merced and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Casino Merced's games, Casino Merced possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### R. Central Coast Casino

- 264. Central Coast Casino operates a card room in Grover Beach, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Central Coast Casino's games.
- 265. Central Coast Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 266. Central Coast Casino offers the following game with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pai Gow Poker

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 267. Central Coast Casino offers the following game with Break rules:
  - 21st Century Blackjack No Bust Blackjack

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

268. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Central Coast Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous

games offered at Central Coast Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

269. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Central Coast Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Central Coast Casino's games, Central Coast Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### S. Club One Casino

- 270. Club One Casino operates a card room in Fresno, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Club One Casino games.
- 271. Club One Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 272. Club One Casino offers the following games that make no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in their rules:
  - Century 21 Baccarat
  - Caribbean Stud Poker
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker
  - Pai Gow Tiles
  - Three Card Poker

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

1	273. Club One Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:	
2	21st Century Blackjack Switch	
3	• Pure 21.5 Blackjack	
4	• Pure Spanish 21.5 Blackjack 3 to 2	
5	• Pure Spanish 21.5 Blackjack 6 to 5	
6	• EZ Baccarat Panda 8	
7	• 21st Century Baccarat Dai Bacc Version	
8	• Face Up Pai Gow Poker	
9	• Pai Gow Poker	
10	• Pure Spanish 21.5 3 to 2	
11	• Pure Spanish 21.5 6 to 5	
12	• Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus	
13	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously	
14	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a	
15	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited	
16	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal	
17	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.	
18	274. Club One Casino offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:	
19	Supreme Baccarat	
20	• Super Pan 9	
21	• Ultra Pan 9	
22	• Casino War	
23	• Fast Action Hold'em	
24	Ultimate Texas Hold'em	
25	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position	
26	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining	
27	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a	
28	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games	

from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

275. Club One Casino offers the following games with Break rules:

- No Bust 21st Century Blackjack
- No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 276. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Club One Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Club One Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 277. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Club One Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Club One Casino's games, Club One Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### T. Commerce Casino

- 278. Commerce Casino operates a card room in Commerce, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Commerce Casino's games.
- 279. Commerce Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

1	Mississippi Stud		
2	• Pai Gow Tiles		
3	Face Up Pai Gow Poker		
4	Face Up Pai Gow Poker Joker's Wild		
5	• Face Up Pai Gow Poker Version 2.0		
6	• Super Pan 9 (Pan 9)		
7	• Wild 52		
8	Bonanza Pai Gow		
9	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously		
10	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a		
11	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited		
12	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal		
13	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.		
14	282. Commerce Casino offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:		
15	No Bust Blackjack 4.1A		
16	• 21st Blackjack 6.1A		
17	• 21st Century Baccarat 8.1		
18	<ul> <li>No Bust 21st Century Blackjack Buster Blackjack Side Bet Version 6.1</li> </ul>		
19	Baccarat with Optional Bonus Pair Wager		
20	• 21st Century Baccarat Royale 9.2		
21	EZ Baccarat		
22	21st Century Baccarat Royale 9.2 No Commission		
23	Fortune Pai Gow Poker		
24	Let it Ride Bonus		
25	Caribbean Stud Poker		
26	• EZ Pai Gow		
27	• Casino War		
28	Ultimate Texas Hold'em		

Crazy 4 Poker

These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 283. Commerce Casino offers the following games with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.1
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack Buster Blackjack Side Bet 6.1
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack Second Chances
  - 21st Century Baccarat 5.1
  - 21st Century Baccarat Face Up Version
  - Asia Poker
  - Asia Poker Bonus

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 284. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Commerce Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Commerce Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 285. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Commerce Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Commerce Casino's games,

292. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Crystal Park Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Crystal Park Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

293. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Crystal Park Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Crystal Park Casino's games, Crystal Park Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### V. Diamond Jim's Casino

- 294. Diamond Jim's Casino operates a card room in Rosamond, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Diamond Jim's Casino's games.
- 295. Diamond Jim's Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 296. Diamond Jim's Casino offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:

#### Caribbean Stud

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

297. Diamond Jim's Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:

300. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Diamond Jim's Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Diamond Jim's Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

301. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Diamond Jim's Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Diamond Jim's Casino's games, Diamond Jim's Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## W. Empire Sportsmen's Association

- 302. Empire Sportsmen's Association operates a card room in Modesto, California.

  One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Empire Sportsmen's Association games.
- 303. Empire Sportsmen's Association offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 304. Empire Sportsmen's Association offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:

# Buster Blackjack

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

1	305.	Empire Sportsmen's Association offers the following games with Offer-Only	
2	rules:		
3	•	EZ Baccarat Panda 8	
4	•	Double Hand Poker	
5	•	Pure Spanish 21.5	
6	•	Face Up Pai Gow Poker	
7	•	Face Up Pai Gow Poker 2.0	
8	•	Pai Gow Tiles	
9	•	Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus	
10	•	Ultimate Texas Hold'em Bad Beat Bonus	
11	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously		
12	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a		
13	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited		
14	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal		
15	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.		
16	306.	Empire Sportsmen's Association offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit	
17	rules:		
18	•	21st Century Blackjack 8.0 with Buster Blackjack	
19	•	Fortune Pai Gow Poker 1.1	
20	•	Three Card Poker	
21	•	Ultimate Texas Hold'em	
22	These Two-H	land-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position	
23	must continue	ously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining	
24	or operating a	as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a	
25	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the game		
26	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.		
27	307.	Empire Sportsmen's Association offers the following games with Break rules:	

No Bust 21st Century Blackjack

• 21st Century Baccarat Face Up Version with Tie Bet

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 308. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Empire Sportsmen's Association and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Empire Sportsmen's Association in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 309. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Empire Sportsmen's Association and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Empire Sportsmen's Association's games, Empire Sportsmen's Association possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## X. Epoch Casino

- 310. Epoch Casino is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Rancho Cordova, California.
- 311. Epoch Casino may offer a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 312. Epoch Casino may offer the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

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and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a

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operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

322. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between the Gardens Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in the Gardens Casino games, the Gardens Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## Z. Garlic City Club

- 323. Garlic City Club operates a card room in Gilroy, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Garlic City Club's games.
- 324. Garlic City Club offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 325. Garlic City Club offers the following games that make no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in their rules:
  - Three Card Poker
  - Caribbean Stud Poker
  - Super Pan Nine

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 326. Garlic City Club offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - Pai Gow Tiles
  - EZ Baccarat Panda 8
  - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 327. Garlic City Club offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker
  - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 328. Garlic City Club offers the following game with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 5.1 Version

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

329. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Garlic City Club and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Garlic City Club in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 340. Golden West Casino offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:
  - 21st Century Blackjack 7.0 with Bonus Pair and Buster Blackjack
  - Casino War
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker
  - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 341. Golden West Casino offers the following game with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

342. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Golden West Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Golden West Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

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1	Pai Gow Tiles
2	Pan 9 Dragon 9 Bonus
3	Party Craps
4	Six Card Poker Two-Way Bad Beat
5	Three Card Poker
6	Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
7	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously
8	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a
9	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited
10	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal
11	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
12	347. Hollywood Park Casino offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:
13	No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0a
14	Casino War
15	Crazy 4 Poker
16	Fortune Pai Gow Poker
17	Pai Gow Poker
18	Pai Gow Poker Joker's Wild
19	Ultimate Texas Hold'em
20	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position
21	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining
22	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a
23	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games
24	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
25	348. Hollywood Park Casino offers the following games with Break rules:
26	No Bust 21st Century Blackjack version 6.1
27	Pure 21.5 Blackjack
28	These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must

continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 349. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Hollywood Park Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Hollywood Park Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 350. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Hollywood Park Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Hollywood Park Casino's games, Hollywood Park Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### DD. Hotel Del Rio & Casino

- 351. Hotel Del Rio & Casino is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Isleton, California.
- 352. Hotel Del Rio & Casino may offer a game utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. This game is a banked game operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 353. Hotel Del Rio & Casino may offer the following game with Offer-Only rules:
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited

Pai Gow Poker

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 361. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Hustler Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Hustler Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 362. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Hustler Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Hustler Casino's games, Hustler Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### FF. Kings Card Club

- 363. Kings Card Club operates a card room in Stockton, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Kings Card Club's games.
- 364. Kings Card Club offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 365. Kings Card Club offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - Blackjack X

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada

Kings Card Club offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:

Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

- Fortune Pai Gow Poker
- Dragon Bonus Baccarat Commission Free
- Face Up Pai Gow Poker

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

Regardless of what is required by game rules, Kings Card Club and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Kings Card Club in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

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368. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Kings Card Club and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Kings Card Club's games, Kings Card Club possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### GG. Lake Bowl Cardroom

- 369. Lake Bowl Cardroom is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Folsom, California.
- 370. Lake Bowl Cardroom may offer a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 371. Lake Bowl Cardroom may offer the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - No Bust Blackjack

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 372. Lake Bowl Cardroom may offer the following game with Offer-Only rules:
  - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 373. Lake Bowl Cardroom may offer the following game with Two-Hand Limit rules:
  - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

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Pure Spanish 21.5

EZ Baccarat Panda 8

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Lake Elsinore Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:

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from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 381. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Lake Elsinore Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Lake Elsinore Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 382. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Lake Elsinore Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Lake Elsinore Casino's games, Lake Elsinore Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# II. Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino

- 383. Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino operates a card room in Gardena, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino's games.
- 384. Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 385. Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino offers the following games that make no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in their rules:
  - Blackjack
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker 1.0
  - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
  - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank

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388. Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino offers the following games with Break rules:

- 21st Century Blackjack
- Pure 21.5 Blackjack
- Pure 21.5 Blackjack (3 to 2)

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 389. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 390. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino's games, Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### JJ. **Limelight Card Room**

- 391. Limelight Card Room operates a card room in Sacramento, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Limelight Card Room's games.
- 392. Limelight Card Room offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

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or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 401. Livermore Casino offers the following games with Break rules:
  - Pure 21.5 Blackjack

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 402. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Livermore Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Livermore Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 403. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Livermore Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Livermore Casino's games, Livermore Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# LL. Lucky Chances Casino

- 404. Lucky Chances Casino operates a card room in Colma, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Lucky Chances Casino's games.
- 405. Lucky Chances Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready

- 408. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Lucky Chances Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Lucky Chances Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 409. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Lucky Chances Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Lucky Chances Casino's games, Lucky Chances Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## MM. Marina Club

- 410. Marina Club operates a card room in Marina, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Marina Club's games.
- 411. Marina Club offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 412. Marina Club offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
    - ZooBac
    - Face Up Pai Gow Poker
- These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
  - 413. Marina Club offers the following game with Break rules:

• No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 1.0

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 414. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Marina Club and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Marina Club in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 415. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Marina Club and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Marina Club's games, Marina Club possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### NN. Mike's Card Casino

- 416. Mike's Card Casino is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Oakdale, California.
- 417. Mike's Card Casino may offer a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 418. Mike's Card Casino may offer the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
    - Pai Gow Poker with Wrangler Push and Outlaw 9 High or Better Bonus Bet

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 419. Mike's Card Casino may offer the following game with Two-Hand Limit rules:
  - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 420. Mike's Card Casino may offer the following game with Break rules:
  - Cowboy Blackjack

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

421. Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement these allegations should Mike's Card Casino begin operating after the filing of this action.

# OO. Napa Valley Casino

- 422. Napa Valley Casino operates a card room in American Canyon, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Napa Valley Casino games.
- 423. Napa Valley Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready

from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 427. Napa Valley Casino offers the following game with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.3

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 428. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Napa Valley Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Napa Valley Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 429. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Napa Valley Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Napa Valley Casino's games, Napa Valley Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## PP. Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge

- 430. Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge operates a card room in Antioch, California.

  One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge's games.
- 431. Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

and analogous games offered at Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

436. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge's games, Nineteenth Hole Casino and Lounge possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

### QQ. Oaks Card Club

- 437. Oaks Card Club operates a card room in Emeryville, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Oaks Card Club's games.
- 438. Oaks Card Club offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 439. Oaks Card Club offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:

## • Super Pan 9

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 440. Oaks Card Club offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - Pure 21.5 Blackjack
  - ZooBac

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operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

444. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Oaks Card Club and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Oaks Card Club's games, Oaks Card Club possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

### RR. Ocean's Eleven Casino

- 445. Ocean's Eleven Casino operates a card room in Oceanside, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Ocean's Eleven Casino's games.
- 446. Ocean's Eleven Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 447. Ocean's Eleven Casino offers the following games that make no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in their rules:
  - California Baccarat
  - Buster Blackjack
- These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
  - 448. Ocean's Eleven Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pure Spanish 21.5
    - 21st Century Blackjack 8.0
    - California Baccarat 2.0

1	Dragon Dai Bacc
2	• EZ Baccarat Panda 8
3	Face Up Pai Gow Power
4	Fortune Pai Gow Poker
5	Pai Gow Tiles
6	Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
7	Dai Bacc
8	Super Pan Nine
9	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously
10	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a
11	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited
12	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal
13	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
14	449. Ocean's Eleven Casino offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:
15	• 21st Century Blackjack
16	No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 6.0 version
17	• EZ Baccarat
18	Pai Gow Poker
19	Three Card Poker
20	Ultimate Texas Hold'em
21	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position
22	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining
23	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a
24	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games
25	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
26	450. Ocean's Eleven Casino offers the following games with Break rules:
27	21st Century Baccarat Face Up Version with Tie Hands
28	Caribbean Stud Poker

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 451. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Ocean's Eleven Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Ocean's Eleven Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 452. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Ocean's Eleven Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Ocean Eleven Casino's games, Ocean's Eleven Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## SS. Oceana Cardroom

- 453. Oceana Cardroom is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Oceano, California.
- 454. Oceana Cardroom may offer a number of baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 455. Oceana Cardroom may offer the following games that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
  - EZ Baccarat
  - Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 456. Oceana Cardroom may offer the following game with Offer-Only rules:
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

457. Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement these allegations should Oceana Cardroom begin operating after the filing of this action.

## TT. Oceanview Casino

- 458. Oceanview Casino operates a card room in Santa Cruz, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Oceanview Casino's games.
- 459. Oceanview Casino offers a number of blackjack and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 460. Oceanview Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited

wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 461. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Oceanview Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack and analogous games offered at Oceanview Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 462. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Oceanview Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Oceanview Casino's games, Oceanview Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack and analogous games.

# **UU.** Outlaws Card Parlour

- 463. Outlaws Card Parlour operates a card room in Atascadero, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Outlaws Card Parlour's games.
- 464. Outlaws Card Parlour offers a number of blackjack and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 465. Outlaws Card Parlour offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited

wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 466. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Outlaws Card Parlour and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack and analogous games offered at Outlaws Card Parlour in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 467. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Outlaws Card Parlour and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Outlaws Card Parlour's games, Outlaws Card Parlour possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack and analogous games.

# VV. The Palace Poker Casino

- 468. The Palace Poker Casino operates a card room in Hayward, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for the Palace Poker Casino's games.
- 469. The Palace Poker Casino offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 470. The Palace Poker Casino offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager

during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 471. The Palace Poker Casino offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - 21st Century Blackjack 9.0 Buster Blackjack and Perfect Pair Bonus Bet
  - EZ Baccarat Panda 8
  - Face Up Pai Gow Poker
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker
  - Fortune Pai Gow Poker 2.0
  - Pai Gow Tiles
  - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 472. Regardless of what is required by game rules, the Palace Poker Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at the Palace Poker Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 473. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between the Palace Poker Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in the Palace Poker Casino's games, the Palace Poker Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

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1	Dai Bacc
2	Dragon Bonus Baccarat- Commission Free
3	• Super Pan 9
4	Super Pan 9 Super Tie Bonus
5	• 3 Card Poker
6	Ace Up Pai Gow Poker
7	Face Up Pai Gow Poker
8	• Looney 4 Poker
9	Lucky Pai Gow Poker
10	Mississippi Stud Poker
11	Pai Gow Poker
12	Pai Gow Poker Tiles
13	Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
14	Ultimate War
15	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously
16	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a
17	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited
18	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal
19	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
20	478. Parkwest Bicycle Casino offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:
21	• 21st Century Baccarat 8.0
22	• 21st Century Baccarat 9.0
23	EZ Baccarat
24	No Commission Baccarat 1.0
25	Casino War
26	Crazy 4 Poker
27	• Let it Ride Bonus 1.0
28	Three Card Poker

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1	Triple Action Poker
2	Triple Draw Poker
3	• Triple Draw Poker 1.0
4	Ultimate Texas Hold'em
5	Pan 9 with Dragon 9 Bonus Bet
6	Caribbean Stud Poker
7	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position
8	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining
9	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a
10	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games
11	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
12	479. Parkwest Bicycle Casino offers the following games with Break rules:
13	21st Century Blackjack Second Edition
14	No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0
15	No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 5.0
16	No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 6.0
17	• 21st Century Baccarat 5.0
18	Caribbean Stud Poker (Pair-Up Version)
19	Reverse Bet Pai Gow Tiles
20	These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must
21	continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or
22	operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a
23	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games
24	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
25	480. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Parkwest Bicycle Casino and
26	California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and
27	analogous games offered at Parkwest Bicycle Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer
28	position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from

maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

481. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Parkwest Bicycle Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Parkwest Bicycle Casino's games, Parkwest Bicycle Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

### XX. Parkwest Casino 580

- 482. Parkwest Casino 580 operates a card room in Livermore, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Parkwest Casino 580's games.
- 483. Parkwest Casino 580 offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 484. Parkwest Casino 580 offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - Buster Blackjack

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 485. Parkwest Casino 580 offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - Blackjack X
  - Cash-in Baccarat
  - Jade Baccarat
  - Ace Up Pai Gow Poker

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continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

489. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Parkwest Casino 580 and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Parkwest Casino 580's games, Parkwest Casino 580 possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# YY. Parkwest Casino Cordova

- 490. Parkwest Casino Cordova operates a card room in Rancho Cordova, California.

  One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Parkwest Casino Cordova's games.
- 491. Parkwest Casino Cordova offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 492. Parkwest Casino Cordova offers the following game that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - Mini Pai Gow

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 493. Parkwest Casino Cordova offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - Blackjack X
  - Cash-in Baccarat
  - Ace Up Pai Gow Poker

496. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Parkwest Casino Cordova and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Parkwest Casino Cordova in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

497. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Parkwest Casino Cordova and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Parkwest Casino Cordova's games, Parkwest Casino Cordova possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

## **ZZ.** Parkwest Casino Lodi

498. Parkwest Casino Lodi operates a card room in Lodi, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Parkwest Casino Lodi's games.

499. Parkwest Casino Lodi offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

500. Parkwest Casino Lodi offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:

- Blackjack X
- Cash-in Baccarat
- Ace Up Pai Gow Poker
- Cal Quick Draw Poker
- Looney 4 Poker
- Lucky Pai Gow Poker
- Pai Gow Poker with Triple Bonus Bets
- Pai Gow Tiles

maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

504. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Parkwest Casino Lodi and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Parkwest Casino Lodi's games, Parkwest Casino Lodi possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# AAA. Parkwest Casino Lotus

- 505. Parkwest Casino Lotus operates a card room in Sacramento, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Parkwest Casino Lotus' games.
- 506. Parkwest Casino Lotus offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 507. Parkwest Casino Lotus offers the following games that make no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in their rules:
  - Mini Pai Gow
  - Pai Gow Tiles
  - Buster Blackjack

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 508. Parkwest Casino Lotus offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - Blackjack X
  - EZ Baccarat Panda 8

1	Cash-in Baccarat
2	Big Bonus Baccarat
3	Ace Up Pai Gow Poker
4	Lucky Pai Gow Poker
5	Mah-Jong Pai Gow
6	Pai Gow Poker with Triple Bonus Bets
7	• 3 Card Poker
8	Ultimate Pai Gow Poker
9	Ultimate Texas Hold'em
10	Ultimate War
11	Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus
12	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously
13	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a
14	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited
15	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal
16	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
17	509. Parkwest Casino Lotus offers the following games with Two-Hand Limit rules:
18	EZ Baccarat
19	Royal Pai Gow Poker
20	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position
21	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining
22	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a
23	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games
24	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
25	510. Parkwest Casino Lotus offers the following game with Break rules:
26	Commission-Free Baccarat
27	These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must
28	continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or
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operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 511. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Parkwest Casino Lotus and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Parkwest Casino Lotus in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 512. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Parkwest Casino Lotus and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Parkwest Casino Lotus' games, Parkwest Casino Lotus possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

#### **BBB.** Parkwest Casino Manteca

- 513. Parkwest Casino Manteca operates a card room in Manteca, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Parkwest Casino Manteca's games.
- 514. Parkwest Casino Manteca offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 515. Parkwest Casino Manteca offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack with Buster Blackjack
    - EZ Baccarat Panda 8
    - Commission-Free Baccarat Dragon Bonus
    - Cash-in Baccarat
    - 3 Card Poker

maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

519. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Parkwest Casino Manteca and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Parkwest Casino Manteca's games, Parkwest Casino Manteca possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# CCC. Parkwest Casino Sonoma

- 520. Parkwest Casino Sonoma is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Petaluma, California.
- 521. Parkwest Casino Sonoma may offer a number of baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
- 522. Parkwest Casino Sonoma may offer the following games that makes no mention of offering or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:
  - Two Card Peek
  - Party Craps

These rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 523. Parkwest Casino Sonoma may offer the following games with Offer-Only rules:
  - Mini Pai Gow
  - Ultimate War
  - Ultimate Pai Gow Poker
  - Blackjack X Magic 7

1	Blackjack X
2	Cal Quick Draw Poker
3	Blackjack X with Buster Blackjack Bonus Bet Version 1.1
4	Blackjack X with Buster Blackjack Bonus Bet Version 1.2
5	Blackjack X with Buster Blackjack Bonus Bet Version 1.3
6	Blackjack X with Buster Blackjack and Jack Magic Bonus Bet
7	Pai Gow Poker with Triple Bonus Bets
8	Cash-In Baccarat
9	Lucky Pai Gow Poker
10	• 3 Card Poker
11	Ace Up Pai Gow Poker
12	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously
13	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a
14	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited
15	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal
16	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
17	524. Parkwest Casino Sonoma may offer the following game with Two-Hand Limit
18	rules:
19	Ultimate Texas Hold'em
20	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position
21	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining
22	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a
23	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games
24	from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
25	525. Parkwest Casino Sonoma may offer the following games with Break rules:
26	Pai Gow Double Hand Poker
27	• 3 Card Texas Hold'em
28	Cal Blackjack Version 2.0 Up Card Luck

Commission-Free Baccarat

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

526. Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement these allegations should Parkwest Casino Sonoma begin operating after the filing of this action.

# **DDD.** Pinnacle Casino

- 527. Pinnacle Casino is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Soledad, California.
- 528. Pinnacle Casino may offer a number of blackjack and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 529. Pinnacle Casino may offer the following game with Offer-Only rules:
    - Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 530. Pinnacle Casino may offer the following game with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.01

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games

536. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Player's Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Player's Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

537. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Player's Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Player's Casino's games, Player's Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# FFF. Rogelio's

- 538. Rogelio's is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Isleton, California.
- 539. Rogelio's may offer a blackjack game utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. This game is a banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 540. Rogelio's may offer the following game with Break rules:
    - Pure 21.5 Blackjack

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

541. Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement these allegations should Rogelio's begin operating after the filing of this action.

must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 546. The Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall offers the following games with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0 Buster Blackjack

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 547. Regardless of what is required by game rules, the Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at the Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 548. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between the Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in the Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall's games, the Saloon at Stones Gambling Hall possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# **HHH. Seven Mile Casino**

549. Seven Mile Casino operates a card room in Chula Vista, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Seven Mile Casino's games.

No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 6.0 version

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These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 554. Seven Mile Casino offers the following games with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.01

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Seven Mile Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 556. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Seven Mile Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Seven Mile Casino's games, Seven Mile Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# III. Stars Casino

557. Stars Casino operates a card room in Tracy, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Stars Casino's games.

• Ultimate Texas Hold'em

These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 562. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Stars Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Stars Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 563. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Stars Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Stars Casino's games, Stars Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# JJJ. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall

- 564. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall operates a card room in Citrus Heights, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for the Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall's games.
- 565. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

1	566. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall offers the following games with Offer-Only
2	rules:
3	• Pure Spanish 21.5
4	21st Century Blackjack Switch
5	No Bust 21st Century Buster Blackjack 4.0 with Lucky Bonus Bet
6	• EZ Baccarat Panda 8
7	Dai Bacc
8	• ZooBac
9	Commission Free Fortune Pai Gow Poker
10	Face Up Pai Gow Poker
11	Pai Gow Poker
12	Pai Gow Tiles
13	Three Card Poker
14	Three Card Poker Six Card Bonus
15	These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously
16	and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a
17	bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited
18	wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal
19	Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.
20	567. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall offers the following games with Two-Hand
21	Limit rules:
22	Casino War
23	Fortune Pai Gow Poker
24	Ultimate Texas Hold'em Bad Beat Downs
25	These Two-Hand-Limit rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position
26	must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining
27	or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a
28	fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the game

from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

568. The Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall offers the following games with Break rules:

- No Bust 21st Century Blackjack 4.0
- No Bust 21st Century Buster Blackjack 4.0

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 569. Regardless of what is required by game rules, the Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at the Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.
- 570. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between the Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in the Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall's games, the Tavern at Stones Gambling Hall possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# KKK. Towers Casino

- 571. Towers Casino operates a card room in Grass Valley, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Towers Casino's games.
- 572. Towers Casino offers a number of blackjack and pai gow games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.

573. Towers Casino offers the following game with Offer-Only rules:

Fortune Pai Gow Poker

These Offer-Only rules contain no requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey style-banked games.

- 574. Towers Casino offers the following game with Break rules:
  - No Bust 21st Century Blackjack with Buster Bet

These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

- 575. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Towers Casino and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack and pai gow games offered at Towers Casino in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jerseystyle banked games.
- 576. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Towers Casino and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Towers Casino's games, Towers Casino possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack and pai gow games.

# LLL. Tres Lounge and Casino

577. Tres Lounge and Casino is not currently operating but is licensed to operate a card room in Watsonville, California.

or rotating the player-dealer position in its rules:

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These Break rules contain no effective requirement that the player-dealer position must continuously and systematically rotate, do not otherwise preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and do not sufficiently distinguish the games from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

587. Regardless of what is required by game rules, Turlock Poker Room and California TPPs have operated and continue to operate all the blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games offered at Turlock Poker Room in a manner such that the player-dealer position does not continuously and systematically rotate, the TPP is not otherwise precluded from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play, the TPP is not limited to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game, and the games are not sufficiently distinguished from illegal Nevada and New Jersey-style banked games.

588. Given the nature of the contractual relationship between Turlock Poker Room and the California TPP occupying the purported player-dealer position in Turlock Poker Room's games, Turlock Poker Room possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# NNN. Westlane Card Room

- 589. Westlane Card Room operates a card room in Stockton, California. One or more of the California TPPs provide third-party proposition player services for Westlane Card Room's games.
- 590. Westlane Card Room offers a number of blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games utilizing a purported player-dealer position occupied by a TPP employee ready to take all comers, pay all winners, and collect from all losers. All of these games are banked games operated in violation of the California Constitution and Penal Code.
  - 591. Westlane Card Room offers the following games with Offer-Only rules:
    - Pai Gow Tiles
    - EZ Baccarat
    - Blackjack X

Dragon Bonus Baccarat - Commission Free

Pure Spanish 21.5

Three Card Poker 6 Card Bonus

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games, Westlane Card Room possesses an illegal interest in the funds wagered, lost, or won in its blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games.

# **OOO.** Card Rooms Without Posted Rules

595. Defendants California Club Casino, Casino Royale, Golden State Casino, Hacienda Casino, Jalisco Pool Room, La Primavera Pool Hall & Café, Racxx, and the River Card Room are licensed gaming establishments that are currently not operating and have no posted rules on the Bureau of Gambling Control's website. To the extent any of the above Defendants begin to operate and/or post rules after the filing of this action, Plaintiffs reserve the right to supplement their allegations.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# Declaration that blackjack-style games are illegal banked games in violation of the California Constitution Against All Defendants (Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act)

- 596. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 595 as if fully set forth herein.
- 597. Blackjack is a banked game in which a player or entity possessing an odds-based advantage takes on all comers, pays all winners, and collects from all losers.
- 598. Regardless of the superficial changes Defendant California card rooms make to the rules or names of blackjack-style games, they retain the fundamental characteristics of a banked game.
- 599. Consistent with the type of banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos, in Defendants' blackjack-style games, a player or entity possessing an odds-based advantage takes on all comers, pays all winners, and collects from all losers.
- 600. Defendant California TPPs maintain and operate a bank by maintaining and occupying the player-dealer position in the blackjack-style games offered by Defendant California card rooms. Nothing in the rules of the blackjack-style games offered and operated by Defendants preclude the TPP from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play.

- 601. Consistent with the type of banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos, in Defendants' blackjack-style games, the player or entity banking the game is not limited to winning or losing only a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game.

  Uncertainty over how much the player or entity banking the game will win or lose is typical of a banked game.
- 602. Consistent with the type of banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos, Defendant California card rooms and Defendant California TPPs possess an interest in the wagers made in Defendants' blackjack-style games. Given the contractual relationship between the parties, Defendant California card rooms and Defendant California TPPs collectively operate as a "house" to bank the games.
- 603. Thus, the blackjack-style games offered and operated by Defendants violate Section 19 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

# Declaration that blackjack-style games are illegal banked games in violation of the California Penal Code Against All Defendants (Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act)

- 604. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 603 as if fully set forth herein.
- 605. California Penal Code Section 330 prohibits the playing of "twenty-one" and "any banking or percentage game played with cards."
- 606. Blackjack and "twenty-one" are the same game, and therefore expressly prohibited by Penal Code Section 330.
- 607. Blackjack is also a banking game played with cards. Regardless of the superficial changes Defendant California card rooms make to the rules or names of blackjack-style games, they remain banked games in which a player or entity possessing an odds-based advantage takes on all comers, pays all winners, and collects from all losers. Defendant California TPPs maintain and operate a bank by maintaining and occupying the player-dealer position in the blackjack-style games offered by Defendant California card rooms.

to winning or losing only a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game. Uncertainty over how much the player or entity banking the game will win or lose is typical of a banked game.

- 617. Consistent with the type of banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos, the purported player-dealer in Defendants' baccarat-style games does not play a hand of cards or make specific bets in the game. The purported player-dealer's only role in Defendants' baccarat-style games is to serve as a bank, paying winners and collecting from losers.
- 618. Consistent with the type of banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos, Defendant California card rooms and Defendant California TPPs possess an interest in the wagers made in Defendants' baccarat-style games. Given the contractual relationship between the parties, Defendant California card rooms and Defendant California TPPs collectively operate as a "house" to bank the games.
- 619. The baccarat-style games offered and operated by Defendants thus violate Section 19 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Declaration that baccarat-style games are illegal banked games in violation of the California
Penal Code
Against All Defendants
(Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act)

- 620. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 619 as if fully set forth herein.
- 621. California Penal Code Section 330 prohibits the playing of "any banking or percentage game played with cards."
- 622. Baccarat is a banking game played with cards. Regardless of the superficial changes Defendant California card rooms make to the rules and names of baccarat-style games, they remain banked games in which a player or entity possessing an odds-based advantage takes on all comers, pays all winners, and collects from all losers. Defendant California TPPs maintain and operate a bank by occupying the purported player-dealer position in the baccarat-style games offered by Defendant California card rooms.

- 623. The baccarat-style games offered and operated by Defendants also violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not feature an actual player-dealer position because the person or entity occupying the position is not a player-participant in the game, as required by Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code Section 19805(ag). The purported player-dealer does not play a hand of cards or make specific bets in the game. The purported player-dealer's only role in Defendants' baccarat-style games is to serve as a bank, paying winners and collecting from losers.
- 624. The baccarat-style games offered and operated by Defendants also violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because the TPP or any other player occupying the purported player-dealer position wins or loses more than a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game because the purported player-dealer does not make an actual wager against any of the other players.
- 625. The baccarat-style games offered and operated by Defendants also violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because nothing in the rules precludes the TPP from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play.
- 626. The baccarat-style games offered and operated by Defendants are illegal banked games under the California Penal Code.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# Declaration that any games with Offer-Only rules are illegal banked games Against All Defendants (Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act)

- 627. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 626 as if fully set forth herein.
- 628. Defendants offer and operate blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games with "Offer-Only" rules.
- 629. "Offer-Only" rules specify that the player-dealer position need only be offered to, not actually rotated to, other players at the table. Offer-Only rules lack any requirement or mechanism that, either expressly or in effect, prevents a player from staying in the player-dealer position for a sustained period if other players decline the offer.

- 630. Pursuant to Offer-Only rules, a TPP in a contractual relationship with a card room may occupy the player-dealer position for a sustained period, and thus operate as a bank for the game—taking all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers.
- 631. When played in card rooms, games with Offer-Only rules in fact allow a TPP in a contractual relationship with a card room to occupy the player-dealer position for a sustained period, and thus operate as a bank for the game—taking all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers.
- 632. The games with Offer-Only rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not require that the player-dealer position must rotate in a continuous and systematic manner.
- 633. The games with Offer-Only rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play.
- 634. The games with Offer-Only rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not render the maintenance of or operation of a bank impossible.
- 635. The games with Offer-Only rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game.
- 636. The games with Offer-Only rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Section 19 of Article IV of the California Constitution because their rules do not sufficiently distinguish the games they govern from banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos.
- 637. The games with Offer-Only rules offered and operated by Defendants are illegal banked games.

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# SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# Declaration that any games with Two-Hand-Limit rules are illegal banked games Against all Defendants

(Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act)

- 638. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 637 as if fully set forth herein.
- 639. Defendants offer and operate blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games with "Two-Hand-Limit" rules.
- 640. "Two-Hand-Limit" rules specify that the player-dealer position should not continue to reside with the same player for more than two consecutive hands, but contain no mechanism to prevent that outcome in practice.
- 641. Pursuant to Two-Hand-Limit rules, a TPP in a contractual relationship with a card room may occupy the player-dealer position for a sustained period, and thus operate as a bank for the game—taking all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers.
- 642. When played in card rooms, games with Two-Hand-Limit rules in fact allow a TPP in a contractual relationship with a card room to occupy the player-dealer position for a sustained period, and thus operate as a bank for the game—taking all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers.
- The games with Two-Hand-Limit rules offered and operated by Defendants violate 643. Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not effectively require that the player-dealer position must rotate in a continuous and systematic manner.
- The games with Two-Hand-Limit rules offered and operated by Defendants violate 644. Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not preclude a player from maintaining or operating as a bank during game play.
- 645. The games with Two-Hand-Limit rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not render the maintenance of or operation of a bank impossible.

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- 646. The games with Two-Hand-Limit rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Penal Code Sections 330 and 330.11 because they do not limit a player-dealer to only winning or losing a fixed and limited wager during the play of the game.
- 647. The games with Two-Hand-Limit rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Section 19 of Article IV of the California Constitution because their rules do not sufficiently distinguish the games they govern from banked games offered in Nevada and New Jersey casinos.
- 648. The games with Two-Hand-Limit rules offered and operated by Defendants are illegal banked games.

# SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# Declaration that any games with Break rules are illegal banked games Against all Defendants (Tribal Nations Access to Justice Act)

- 649. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 648 as if fully set forth herein.
- 650. Defendants offer and operate blackjack, baccarat, pai gow, and analogous games with "Break" rules.
- 651. "Break" rules specify that a game must be "broke" or stopped if a person occupies the player-dealer position for more than two consecutive hands, but they do not specify what constitutes a break in the game, how long the game must be stopped, or whether players must leave the table before play may resume again.
- 652. Pursuant to Break rules, a TPP in a contractual relationship with a card room may occupy the player-dealer position for a sustained period, and thus operate as a bank for the game—taking all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers.
- 653. When played in card rooms, games with Break rules in fact allow a TPP in a contractual relationship with a card room to occupy the player-dealer position for a sustained period, and thus operate as a bank for the game—taking all comers, paying all winners, and collecting from all losers.

The games with Break rules offered and operated by Defendants violate Penal

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