

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIVIL DIVISION**

DANIEL M. SNYDER,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	Case No. 2011 CA 003168 B
v.)	Judge Todd E. Edelman
)	Next Event: Motions Hearing on
CREATIVE LOAFING, INC., <i>et al.</i> ,)	Oct. 14, 2011, at 2 p.m.
)	
Defendants.)	
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**UNOPPOSED MOTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO INTERVENE FOR
THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF DEFENDING THE VALIDITY OF A STATUTE
ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Pursuant to SCR-Civil 24-I, the District of Columbia, with the consent of all parties, respectfully moves the Court for leave to intervene in this action. The District seeks to intervene solely for the limited purpose of presenting argument to defend the validity of the Anti-SLAPP Act of 2010, a statute enacted by the unanimous vote of the DC Council and signed by Mayor Gray that sat before Congress for the required period of review and took legal effect earlier this year. The District takes no position on the merits of any parties' claims or defenses in the underlying lawsuit, does not intend to burden the Court or parties with pleadings other than this motion and any memoranda and oral argument concerning the Anti-SLAPP Act's validity, and does not intend to serve discovery on any party. The Court's August 29, 2011 Notification Pursuant to Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure 24(c), as well as the text of Superior Court Rule 24-I, make clear that the District has a right to intervene in this action because the validity of a District law affecting the public interest has been drawn into question in this matter. Plaintiff asserts that the Anti-SLAPP Act, D.C. Law 18-351, *codified at* D.C. Official Code §§

16-5501 *et seq.*, violates the Home Rule Act and the United States Constitution. *See* Plaintiff's Opposition to Defendant's Special Motion to Dismiss the Complaint at 2, 4-13.

Moreover, as more fully set forth in the attached memorandum, the District also is entitled to intervene as a matter of right pursuant to Superior Court Rule 24(a).

Pursuant to SCR-Civil 12-I(a), the undersigned discussed the subject motion with counsel for all parties, who consented to the relief requested herein.

A proposed order granting the requested relief is attached.

DATE: August 30, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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