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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT,
et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DESIGNER BRANDS INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-07285-BFM

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT
AND STIPULATION**

1 Pursuant to Local Rule 40-2, Plaintiffs Sony Music Entertainment, Sony Music
2 Entertainment US Latin LLC, Arista Music, Arista Records, LLC, Ultra Records, LLC,
3 Zomba Recording LLC, Records Label, LLC, and LaFace Records, LLC (collectively
4 “Plaintiffs”) and Defendants Designer Brands Inc., DSW Shoe Warehouse, Inc., and
5 Topo Athletic LLC (collectively “Defendants”) (and collectively with Plaintiffs, the
6 “Parties”) report that, subject to the negotiation and execution of a mutually acceptable
7 settlement agreement, they have reached a settlement in principle.

8 Accordingly, the Parties hereby stipulate, agree, and respectfully request that the
9 upcoming hearings and conference scheduled for August 18 and 25, 2026, be taken off
10 calendar and that all dates and deadlines be continued by 30 days, including the above
11 hearing and conference dates.

12 The Parties respectfully request that the Court enter an Order granting the
13 requested relief.
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15 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

16 Dated: August 17, 2026
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19 By: /s/ Cynthia S. Arato
20 Cynthia S. Arato

21 *Attorneys for Plaintiffs*

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ATTESTATION REGARDING SIGNATURES

I, Cynthia S. Arato, attest that all signatories listed, and on whose behalf the filing is submitted, concur in the filing's content and have authorized the filing.

Dated: August 17, 2026

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