

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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1900 M Restaurant Assoc., :  
Inc. t/a Rumors Restaurant : Show  
1900 M Street, NW : Cause  
Retailer CN - ANC-2B : Hearing  
License No. 71717 : (Status)  
Case #11-251-00059 :  
:  
(Allowed the Establishment :  
to be Used for an Unlawful :  
or Disorderly Purpose, :  
Failed to Comply With :  
Security Plan) :

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February 8, 2012  
The Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
Hearing Room, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite  
400S Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson  
Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson

- NICK ALBERTI, Member
- DONALD BROOKS, Member
- HERMAN JONES, Member
- CALVIN NOPHLIN, Member
- MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
- JEANNETTE MOBLEY, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

FERNANDO RIVERO, OAG

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (10:08 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Our next case  
4 is a Show Cause (Status) Hearing, Case No. 11-  
5 251-00059, Rumors Restaurant.

6 MR. RIVERO: Good morning, Board  
7 Members, Fernando Rivero for the District of  
8 Columbia standing in for Walter Adams.

9 MR. KLINE: Good morning, Andrew  
10 Kline on behalf of the licensee. To my left  
11 is Paul Kolokousis, who is the manager. The  
12 president, Russell Paddington is in Florida.  
13 I have a letter from his authorizing Mr.  
14 Kolokousis to be here today on behalf of the  
15 licensee.

16 MR. RIVERO: And the Government  
17 has no objection.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And  
19 you will be submitting that for the record?

20 MR. KLINE: Yes, we will.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

22 MR. KLINE: It has actually been

1 transmitted electronically.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

3 MR. KLINE: But we'll submit a  
4 copy today as well.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And  
6 did your client receive notice of the hearing?

7 MR. KLINE: Yes. Received and  
8 read it, understood it and waive any required  
9 formal reading. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Any  
11 preliminary matters?

12 MR. RIVERO: The parties do not  
13 have an offer in compromise to present to the  
14 Board, at this time.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

16 MR. KLINE: Madam Chairperson?

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes?

18 MR. KLINE: This licensee was  
19 subject to a previous Show Cause proceeding,  
20 which is now before the D.C. Court of Appeals  
21 and it is actually scheduled for oral argument  
22 on March 5th. The charges in this case are

1 the same as some of the charges in that case.  
2 And the issues in the two cases are very much  
3 the same.

4 We think that the Board and the  
5 parties would benefit from guidance from the  
6 Court of Appeals and I spoke to Mr. Adams  
7 about this, he and I had an email exchange  
8 about this yesterday, he, of course, is the  
9 principal Assistant Attorney General on this  
10 case, and we agreed it might be appropriate to  
11 continue this for 90 days to see if we get a  
12 decision out of the Court of Appeals to  
13 provide some guidance on these issues.

14 MR. RIVERO: And the Government  
15 has no objection and, therefore, consents to  
16 an oral motion for continuance, at this time.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You don't  
18 have a written motion, at this time, do you?

19 MR. KLINE: No.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So we would  
21 like to have a written motion and then we will  
22 address it.

1 MR. KLINE: Well, since this was  
2 Mr. Adams' idea, hopefully the written motion  
3 will be coming from him and not just from me.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. Or  
5 jointly, however you want to do it. We would  
6 just prefer to have it in writing and then we  
7 will address it.

8 So we will leave on the calendar  
9 right now the Show Cause Hearing for March 14,  
10 2012, but we will be -- I assume that this  
11 motion will be coming in fairly soon and then  
12 the Board will address it very soon as well.

13 MR. RIVERO: Thank you.

14 MR. KLINE: Great. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

16 MR. KLINE: In the meantime, just  
17 so the Board knows, the parties may be  
18 discussing a global resolution of all the  
19 cases and that probably requires Board input  
20 in some way.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That will --  
22 I'm sorry, I missed that because of the door.

1 MR. KLINE: I said the parties may  
2 be discussing a global resolution of all  
3 matters and that may require the Board's input  
4 in some way, but we, obviously, will do that  
5 through the ABRA office.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I  
7 mean, in general, if you are going to ask us  
8 for something, a written motion would be --

9 MR. KLINE: I understand.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's okay.  
11 It's not complicated.

12 MR. KLINE: Understood.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good. That's  
14 great. Okay.

15 MR. KLINE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.  
17 Good luck with that.

18 MR. KLINE: Thanks.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

20 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)  
21 Hearing in the above-entitled matter was  
22 concluded at 10:12 a.m.)

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