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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
MCHAP, Inc. t/a The Saloon : Case #15-CC-00036
1205 U Street NW : Show Cause Hearing
License #71086, Retailer CT : (Status)
ANC-1B :
No ABC Manager on Duty :

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Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

1 CHAIRPERSON:

2 RUTHANNE MILLER, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 DONALD BROOKS

6 NICK ALBERTI

7 HECTOR RODRIGUEZ

8 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

9 JAMES SHORT

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11 ALSO PRESENT:

12 MAUREEN ZANIEL, ESQ.

13 on behalf of the District of Columbia

14 KAMAL JAHANBEIN, Owner of The Saloon

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

2 [9:57 a.m.]

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. The next Show
4 Cause Status hearing is Case No. 15-CC-00036, The
5 Saloon, located at 1205 U Street Northwest,
6 License No. 71086.

7 MR. JAHANBEIN: I am not familiar with
8 the procedure. I would like to know how long the
9 Board members want me to be here and how much
10 time I have to speak if I am allowed to speak.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So this is a
12 brief hearing. This is just status. This is not
13 your hearing on the merits. This is just a
14 scheduling hearing and to see if -- or see if you
15 have an agreement.

16 Yes, sir. Would you identify yourself
17 for the record? That's the first thing.

18 MR. JAHANBEIN: My name is Kamal
19 Jahanbein.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

21 MR. JAHANBEIN: I am the sole owner of
22 The Saloon or president.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And let the
2 Government identify herself. Go ahead.

3 MS. ZANIEL: Maureen Zaniel on behalf of
4 the District of Columbia.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

6 MR. JAHANBEIN: I have no schooling. I
7 can read 50 percent and write 10 percent.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

9 MR. JAHANBEIN: I'd be glad to answer all
10 the questions as long as they are very simple.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

12 MR. JAHANBEIN: I call it in the street
13 language.

14 They have telling me I have been a bad
15 boy by not having manager license.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So --

17 MR. BROOKS: We're not here to hear the
18 case.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So the process is
20 there are two types of --

21 MR. JAHANBEIN: I cannot identify what I
22 am allowed to say, how much I'm allowed to say.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, all right.

2 MR. JAHANBEIN: That's what I want.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So that's
4 what I'm trying to tell you. Today is not the
5 day to make your case. This is not the hearing
6 to make your case.

7 MR. JAHANBEIN: Well, why I'm here then?

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You are here -- we
9 want to see whether you've had an agreement with
10 the Government to settle the case, or else we're
11 just going to give you the date of your hearing.

12 MR. JAHANBEIN: Am I allowed to make a
13 comment? They ask me to pay \$350.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. No.

15 MR. JAHANBEIN: They have no idea who I
16 am, and I cannot afford to pay \$350.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, okay. So we
18 don't even get into that. So I assume there's no
19 agreement.

20 Okay. So --

21 MS. ZANIEL: It's not clear to me whether
22 an interpreter is needed.

1 MR. JAHANBEIN: No. As long as speak
2 simple, I understand simplicity in the language.
3 I have been accused not having a manager. If you
4 are interested to know why, I explain. Then I
5 take the punishment. But I am not willing to pay
6 the punishment unless I express myself.
7 Expression -- I have to be patient for --

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Sir, can I
9 ask you a question?

10 MR. JAHANBEIN: Yes, ma'am.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What's your first
12 language?

13 MR. JAHANBEIN: Huh?

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Your first language
15 is English?

16 MR. JAHANBEIN: My first language that I
17 forgot most of it is Farsi.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Farsi, okay. But
19 the language you're most comfortable in is what?

20 MR. JAHANBEIN: It's English and
21 simplicity.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: English and

1 simplicity. Okay.

2 [Laughter.]

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. We'll
4 make a note of that. So you don't need an
5 interpreter.

6 MR. JAHANBEIN: No, I don't, as long as
7 someone speaks --

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You might need some
9 assistance.

10 MR. JAHANBEIN: My position is clear. I
11 am willing to pay the \$350. I have a very strong
12 feeling about the District of Columbia
13 Government. I'm not going to go in there. I am
14 willing to pay my \$350 as long I get an
15 opportunity to identify my establishment. My
16 establishment is only non-profit club in the
17 whole United States.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

19 MR. JAHANBEIN: Since I don't have
20 education, I've been to schools around the world.
21 I have 18 schools, and I'm working on --

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So, Ms.

1 Zaniel, this is your case?

2 MS. ZANIEL: It's not.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's not, okay. So
4 someone may -- an attorney may between now and
5 the hearing date have a chance to talk with him.

6 MS. ZANIEL: I know Mr. Rivera made a
7 call, and it hasn't been returned, so they can
8 certainly make him talk, if they choose.

9 MR. JAHANBEIN: No, I have --

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

11 MR. JAHANBEIN: They have told me -- he
12 has told me I have a choice to show up, or we can
13 have things up with \$350.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, all right. So
15 then let me say this. This isn't the time to
16 make your peace, though. This is just the time
17 to see whether you're going to have a hearing or
18 it's resolved. So it's not resolved -- write
19 this down. You're going to have a Show Cause
20 hearing 12 -- December 2nd, 2015.

21 MR. JAHANBEIN: I have something in here,
22 December 2nd.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: December.

2 MR. JAHANBEIN: I have this.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, that's it.

4 December 2nd. So you come back to this place.

5 MR. JAHANBEIN: May I ask you a question?

6 This Board, you are the one making final

7 decision?

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

9 MR. JAHANBEIN: Number one, I have no
10 problem paying the fine. I need to know exactly
11 how much time that I get to identify myself to
12 the Board and perhaps to the District of Columbia
13 Government. Am I clear about that?

14 MS. ZANIEL: I heard -- I heard your
15 point.

16 MR. JAHANBEIN: I'm willing to pay the
17 \$350. Because I want to prepare and I have to
18 get somebody to write all my point. I am here,
19 prepared, and ready to go and face the nation.
20 And I'd like to know what is important to the
21 Board. Is it history background?

22 [Pause.]

1 MR. JAHANBEIN: Okay. So you have the
2 hearing date. I don't know if you want to take
3 any time to talk to him now or whether -- I think
4 it would be a good idea to, you know, usually
5 talk with OAG before the hearing.

6 MS. ZANIEL: There is one more case, and
7 I'll be happy to talk to him after that.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So why don't
9 we do that.

10 MR. JAHANBEIN: Thank you.
11 Last question.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

13 MR. JAHANBEIN: Since I believe in -- for
14 you to make a final decision about \$350, you have
15 to let me know what is important here. I know
16 human being is a fascinating with a history. You
17 want my background? I'm prepared to bring my
18 background.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No.

20 MR. JAHANBEIN: That's one.

21 And second, if you like document, tell me
22 what document you want, A, B, C, because I know

1 when you deal with the Government, they love to
2 receive document.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I --

4 MR. JAHANBEIN: I want to come in
5 convince you that I am prepared.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I think I
7 would say this. We don't give a lot of advice
8 from the dais up here exactly but --

9 MR. JAHANBEIN: Well, I am asking what is
10 important to you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Important to us is
12 the facts, what you were charged with and why or
13 why not you're guilty or not guilty.

14 But Ms. Zaniel, I think can help you, and
15 also you could call our office and talk to our
16 General Counsel.

17 MR. JAHANBEIN: No. I am a person to
18 person.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. She'll help
20 you after. She'll go over it.

21 MR. JAHANBEIN: And I don't have a phone.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: She's very familiar

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2 MR. JAHANBEIN: No car, no credit card.
3 Somebody else --

4 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Please don't interrupt
5 the Chair.

6 MR. JAHANBEIN: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: She's very familiar
8 with our procedures, and I know she'll be happy
9 to talk to you about it. Thank you. Okay? So
10 she's got one more case that she has to do, and
11 then she'll take a few minutes with you.

12 MR. JAHANBEIN: Okay. I'll be glad to
13 wait.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, great. Thank
15 you, sir.

16 MR. JAHANBEIN: Thank you very much.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

18 MR. ALBERTI: Ms. Zaniel is very fluent
19 in simplicity.

20 MS. ZANIEL: Thank you, I think.

21 [Laughter.]

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. You can take

1 a seat back there. Thank you.

2 [Whereupon, at 10:06 a.m., the
3 above-entitled matter concluded.]

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