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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

10 **John Trapper,**

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 **Hulu, LLC, et al.,**

14 Defendants.
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Case No. 25STCV22973

**Declaration of Defendant Leslie Kolins
Small in Support of Her Special Motion to
Strike Plaintiff's Complaint Under
CCP § 425.16; Exhibit 1**

Hon. Robert B. Broadbelt III
Department 53

Date: February 19, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Dept.: 53

Reservation ID: 301345899918

Action filed: August 5, 2025

Trial date: None set

1 **Declaration of Leslie Kolins Small**

2 I, Leslie Kolins Small, declare:

3 1. I am a defendant in the above-referenced action. I am more than 18 years old
4 and am making this declaration in support of my Special Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Complaint
5 Under CCP § 425.16. The statements below are based on my personal knowledge, except for
6 those stated on information and belief (of which I am informed and believe to be true). If called
7 as a witness, I could and would testify competently about the contents of this declaration.

8 2. I am a television director, Emmy-nominated Executive Producer, and the for-
9 mer President for Travieso Productions, a production company spearheaded by actor George
10 Lopez. I have worked in the entertainment industry since the late 1980s. Among various roles
11 in the entertainment industry, I directed episodes of *Country Comfort* for Netflix and garnered
12 an Emmy Nomination for CBS's *The Carol Burnett 50th Anniversary Special*.

13 3. As president of Travieso Productions, I developed, sold, and produced multiple
14 projects, including an award-winning feature *Spare Parts* with Academy Award winners Marisa
15 Tomei and Jamie Lee Curtis.

16 4. In April 2013, in connection with my role at Travieso Productions, I met with
17 Plaintiff John Trapper and his agent, Larry Kennar, to discuss a concept they wanted to pitch.

18 5. I understand that Mr. Trapper alleges that during the April 2013 meeting with
19 me, and in subsequent correspondence, he shared written materials and orally conveyed ideas
20 related to a television series project entitled *Rainbow Estates*.

21 6. Neither Mr. Trapper nor Mr. Kennar presented or discussed Mr. Trapper's
22 pitch with me on the condition that I first agree that Trapper would be paid or credited for the
23 use of his idea.

24 7. Neither I nor Travieso Productions entered into any agreement with Mr. Trap-
25 per or Mr. Kennar in connection with receiving or discussing Mr. Trapper's pitch or in con-
26 nection with reviewing materials either of them sent me about Mr. Trapper's proposed series.

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EXHIBIT 1

From: John Trapper playrite2000@aol.com
Subject: New show pitch
Date: July 30, 2013 at 6:01 PM
To: leslie@georgelopez.com



Hi,

We met a few months back and you passed on my super gay concept (Rainbow Estates), but I wanted to see what you think of my latest show. Me and a crew are working on shooting a pilot next month. Just thought I'd run it by you as it has mass appeal.

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/446251280/help-fund-pilot-episode-of-mockumentary-sidneys-cl>

I hope you're well!

John Trapper