# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

PATRICIA B. BAUM, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	) No. 3:17-cv-00246-RNC ) CLASS ACTION	
Plaintiff,	) <u>CLASS ACTION</u> )	
VS.	)	
HARMAN INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED, et al.,	) ) )	
Defendants.	, )	
	)	

### PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

### I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To recover as a Class Member based on your claims in the action entitled *Baum v. Harman Int'l Indus., Inc.*, et al., No. 3:17-cv-00246-RNC (the "Litigation"), you must complete and, on page 6 hereof, sign this Proof of Claim and Release form. If you fail to submit a properly-addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim and Release form, postmarked or received by the date shown below, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed Settlement of the Litigation.
- 2. Submission of this Proof of Claim and Release form, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement.
- 3. YOU MUST MAIL OR SUBMIT ONLINE YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE, ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HEREIN, NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2022, TO THE COURT-APPOINTED CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR IN THIS CASE, AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Harman Merger Litigation
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 6177
Novato, CA 94948-6177
Online Submission: www.HarmanMergerLitigation.com

If you are NOT a Class Member (as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the "Notice")), DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim and Release form.

4. If you are a Class Member and you do not timely request exclusion in connection with the proposed Settlement, you will be bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Litigation, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM.

### II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

Pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, only Class Members who were holders of record of Harman common stock at the close of business on January 10, 2017, and who submit a valid Proof of Claim and Release form to the Claims Administrator may share in the recovery.

If you held Harman International Industries, Incorporated ("Harman") common stock on January 10, 2017 (the "Record Date"), and held the shares in your name, you are the beneficial holder, as well as the record holder. If, however, you held Harman common stock on the Record Date and the shares were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, the third party is the record holder.

Use Part I of this form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each holder of record ("nominee"), if different from the beneficial holder of the common stock which form the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL HOLDER(S) OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HOLDER(S) OF THE HARMAN COMMON STOCK UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

All joint holders must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them and their authority must accompany this claim and their titles or capacities must be stated. The Social Security (or taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial

holder may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

If you are acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Class Member (for example, as an executor, administrator, trustee, or other representative), you must submit evidence of your current authority to act on behalf of that Class Member. Such evidence would include, for example, letters testamentary, letters of administration, or a copy of the trust documents.

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request to, or may be requested to, submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. *All claimants MUST submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim and Release form listing all their transactions whether or not they also submit electronic copies*. If you wish to file your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at edata@gilardi.com to obtain the required file layout. No electronic files will be considered to have been properly submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues to the claimant a written acknowledgement of receipt and acceptance of electronically submitted data. Distribution payments must be made by check or electronic payment payable to the Authorized Claimant (beneficial account owner). The Third-Party Filer shall not be the payee of any distribution payment check or electronic distribution payment.

### III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled "Holdings in Harman Common Stock" to state the number of shares of Harman common stock you held at the close of business on January 10, 2017.

You must provide copies of broker information or other documentation of your holdings in Harman common stock as attachments to your claim. If any such documents are not in your possession, please obtain a copy or equivalent documents from your broker because these documents are necessary to prove and process your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim.

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

Baum v. Harman Int'l Indus., Inc., et al.

No. 3:17-cv-00246-RNC

## **PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE**

Must Be Postmarked (if Mailed) or Received (if Submitted Online) No Later Than December 1, 2022

## HRN

<u>Please Type or Print in the Boxes Below</u> Do <u>NOT</u> use Red Ink, Pencil, or Staples

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PART I. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION						
Last Name	M.I. First Name					
Last Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)	M.I. First Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)					
IRA Joint Tenancy Employee	Individual Other					
Company Name (Beneficial Owner - If Claimant is not an Individual)	or Custodian Name if an IRA (specify)					
Trustee/Asset Manager/Nominee/Record Owner's Name (If Different	nt from Beneficial Owner Listed Above)					
Account#/Fund# (Not Necessary for Individual Filers)						
Last Four Digits of Social Security Number Taxpayer Identification	cation Number					
or —						
Telephone Number (Primary Daytime)  Telephone Number (Primary Daytime)	umber (Alternate)					
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#### PART II. HOLDINGS IN HARMAN COMMON STOCK

A. Number of shares of Harman common stock held at the close of business on January 10, 2017:

Proof Enclosed?

## YOUR SIGNATURE ON PAGE 6 WILL CONSTITUTE YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE RELEASE DESCRIBED IN PART V BELOW.

### IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim and Release under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for District of Connecticut, with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Litigation. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim in connection with the holding of Harman common stock on the Record Date and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

### V. RELEASE

- 1. I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, finally and forever release, relinquish, and discharge each and all of the Released Persons from the Released Claims as provided in the Stipulation of Settlement.
- 2. "Related Parties" means, with respect to each Defendant, any and all of their related parties, including, without limitation, any and all of their past or present parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, or successors, as well as any and all of its or their current or former officers, directors, employees, associates, members of their immediate families, agents or other persons acting on their behalf, underwriters, insurers, reinsurers, attorneys, advisors, financial advisors, publicists, independent certified public accountants, auditors, accountants, assigns, creditors, administrators, heirs, estates, or legal representatives.
- 3. "Released Claims" means any and all claims that have been asserted, could have been asserted, or could be asserted in the future in this Litigation; and any and all claims, actions, potential actions, demands, losses, rights, causes of action, controversies, costs, damages, liabilities, obligations, judgments, suits, matters and issues of any nature for any remedy, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, accrued or unaccrued, whether class, individual, or otherwise, arising under the laws, regulations, or common law of the United States of America, any state or political subdivision thereof, or any foreign country or jurisdiction, in law, in contract, or in equity, and regardless of legal theory, and including claims for indemnification, contribution, or otherwise denominated, that have been asserted, could have been asserted, or could be asserted in the future, by Lead Plaintiff or any Class Member in his, her or its capacity as a purchaser, seller or holder of Harman stock, that have arisen from, could have arisen from, or relate in any manner to, in whole or in part, the allegations, conduct, facts, events, transactions, acts, occurrences, statements, representations, omissions or any other matter related to, or arising out of, the Litigation, the Merger, the Proxy, the public statements, projection and investor presentations referenced in the Amended Complaint, or the purchase, sale, or holding of Harman's common stock at any time during the period from and including January 10, 2017 through and including March 12, 2017. "Released Claims" includes "Unknown Claims" as defined below. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Stipulation of Settlement is intended to, nor shall it be deemed to, release any claim that the Defendants have against any of Defendants' insurers.
  - 4. "Released Persons" means each and all of the Defendants and each and all of their Related Parties.
- 5. "Settled Defendants' Released Claims" means all actions, claims, debts, demands, liabilities, losses, matters, rights, suits and causes of action of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, contingent or absolute, mature or immature, discoverable or undiscoverable, whether concealed or hidden, suspected or unsuspected, whether based in law or equity, arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, or any other law, rule or regulation, which now exist or heretofore have existed, that have been or could have been asserted in the Litigation or any forum by the Released Persons or any of them against Lead Plaintiff, Intervening Plaintiff, Class Members, or Plaintiff's Counsel, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement, of the claims against the Released Persons, except for claims related to the enforcement of the Settlement.



6. "Unknown Claims" means any of the Released Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in such party's favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons, and any of the Settled Defendants' Released Claims that the Released Persons do not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of Lead Plaintiff, each and all of the Class Members and Plaintiff's Counsel, which, if known by such party, might have affected such party's settlement with and release of the Released Persons or Lead Plaintiff, each and all of the Class Members and Lead Plaintiff's counsel, or might have affected such party's decision not to object to this Settlement or seek exclusion. Unknown Claims include those Released Claims in which some or all of the facts comprising the claim may be suspected, or even undisclosed or hidden. With respect to any and all Released Claims and the Settled Defendants' Released Claims, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly, and each of the Class Members and Released Persons shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Order and Final Judgment or the Alternative Judgment, if applicable, shall have, expressly waived to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

In addition, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly, and each of the Class Members and Released Persons shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Order and Final Judgment or the Alternative Judgment, if applicable, shall have expressly waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542. Lead Plaintiff, Class Members and the Released Persons may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which such party now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims and the Settled Defendants' Released Claims, but Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly, and each Class Member and Released Persons, upon the Effective Date, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Order and Final Judgment, or the Alternative Judgment, if applicable, shall have fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all Released Claims, or the Settled Defendants' Released Claims, as the case may be, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct that is negligent, reckless, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law, or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, whether or not previously or currently asserted in any action. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and the Class Members and Released Persons shall be deemed by operation of the Order and Final Judgment, or the Alternative Judgment, if applicable, to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

- 7. This release shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Stipulation of Settlement and the Settlement becomes effective on the Effective Date.
- 8. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any claim or matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.
- 9. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information (including supporting documentation) about the number of shares of Harman common stock held by me (us) on the Record Date.
  - 10. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I am (we are) not a Defendant or other person excluded from the Class.
- 11. I (We) certify that I am (we are) not subject to backup withholding under the provisions of §3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note: If you have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that you are subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language that you are not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.



I declare under penalty of peundersigned is true and corr		aws of the United Sta	ates of America that the	foregoing information supplied by the
Executed this	day of	(Month/Year)	in	(City/State/Country)
(Sign your name here)			(Sign your name here)	)

ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

## Reminder Checklist:

(Type or print your name here)

(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g.,

Beneficial Holder, Executor or Administrator)

- 1. Please sign the above release and declaration.
- 2. Remember to attach copies of supporting documentation, if available.
- 3. Do not send originals of stock certificates or other documentation as they will not be returned.
- 4. Keep a copy of your Proof of Claim and Release form and all supporting documentation for your records.
- 5. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your Proof of Claim and Release form, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
- 6. If you move, please send your new address to the address below.

(Type or print your name here)

(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g.,

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7. **Do not use red pen or highlighter** on the Proof of Claim and Release form or supporting documentation.

THIS PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY DECEMBER 1, 2022, OR, IF MAILED, POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2022, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

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