

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
STAGE STORES, INC., <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 20-32564 (DRJ)
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Debtors.	)	(Joint Administration Requested)
	)	(Emergency Hearing Requested)

**NOTICE OF DESIGNATION AS COMPLEX CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE**

On May 10, 2020, the above captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) commenced voluntary petition for relief under title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Court”). The undersigned proposed counsel believes that these chapter 11 cases qualify as complex chapter 11 cases because:

- X   The Debtors have total debt of more than \$10 million;
- X   There are more than 50 parties in interest in this case;
- X   Claims against the Debtors are publicly traded;
- Other (Substantial explanation is required. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Stage Stores, Inc. (6900) and Specialty Retailers, Inc. (1900). The Debtors’ service address is: 2425 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027.



WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order, designating these cases as complex chapter 11 cases, and granting such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

Houston, Texas  
May 10, 2020

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**Certificate of Service**

I certify that on May 10, 2020, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

*/s/ Matthew D. Cavanaugh*

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	)	<b>Re: Docket No. ___</b>

**ORDER GRANTING COMPLEX CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE TREATMENT**

These jointly administered cases were filed on May 10, 2020. A *Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case* (the “Notice”)<sup>2</sup> was filed. Based on its review of the initial pleadings, the Court concludes that the complex chapter 11 case designation is appropriate. Accordingly, the Court orders:

1. The Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas apply to these cases. The procedures are posted on the Court’s website. Compliance with the procedures is required.

2. The Debtors must give notice of this order to all parties in interest within seven days. If a party-in-interest objects to the provisions of this order, that party may file an appropriate motion within 14 days after service of the order.

3. The Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Local Rules”) apply to this case, subject to the following modifications:

- a. Bankruptcy Local Rule 1001-1(b) does not apply.
- b. The Local Rules for the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Texas (the “Local District Court Civil Rules”) rule 83.1 applies.
- c. Appendix A to the Local District Court Civil Rules applies.

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used and not defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Notice.

- d. If a conflict exists between the Bankruptcy Local Rules and the Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas, the Procedures for Complex Chapter 11 Cases in the Southern District of Texas govern.

Houston, Texas

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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DAVID R. JONES  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE