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**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)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	<b>Re: Docket No. <u>9</u></b>

**ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS  
TO FILE A CONSOLIDATED CREDITOR MATRIX  
AND LIST OF FIFTY LARGEST UNSECURED CREDITORS,  
(II) AUTHORIZING REDACTION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION  
INFORMATION, (III) WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT TO FILE EQUITY LISTS  
AND MODIFYING EQUITY HOLDER NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, (IV) APPROVING  
THE FORM AND MANNER OF NOTIFYING CREDITORS OF COMMENCEMENT  
OF THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES, AND (V) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order"): (a) authorizing the Debtors to file a consolidated creditor matrix and list of the fifty largest general unsecured creditors in lieu of submitting separate mailing matrices and creditor lists for each Debtor; (b) authorizing the Debtors to redact certain personal identification information; (c) waiving the requirement to file a list of equity security holders and modifying the requirements for provision of notice to such holders; and (d) approving the form and manner of notice of commencement of these chapter 11 cases and the scheduling of the meeting of creditors under section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction

<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.

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.



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over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Debtors are authorized to file a single consolidated Creditor Matrix for all of these chapter 11 cases.
2. The Debtors are authorized to file a consolidated Top 50 List.
3. The requirement set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 1007(a)(3) to file lists of equity holders for Debtor Stage Stores, Inc. is waived.
4. Any requirement that the Debtor entity Stage Stores, Inc. provide notice directly to equity security holders under Bankruptcy Rule 2002(d) is waived, and the Debtors are authorized to serve the notices required under Bankruptcy Rule 2002(d) on the registered holders of the Debtor entities Stage Stores, Inc.'s equity securities, or to the extent they are known, or through the appropriate broker, Depository Trust Company participant, or other intermediary, to the extent

a beneficial equity holder holds such equity interest through such intermediary.

5. The Debtors are authorized to redact the home addresses of individuals listed on the Creditor Matrix, Schedules and Statements, or other document filed with the Court. The Debtors shall provide an unredacted version of the Creditor Matrix, Schedules and Statements, and all other filings redacted pursuant to this Order to (a) the Court, the U.S. Trustee, and counsel to an official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these chapter 11 cases (if any), and (b) upon reasonable request to the Debtors (email is sufficient) or to the court that is reasonably related to these chapter 11 cases, any party in interest; provided that any receiving party shall not transfer or otherwise provide such unredacted document to any person or entity not party to the request. The Debtors shall inform the U.S. Trustee promptly after denying any request for an unredacted document pursuant to this Order.

6. The Debtors are authorized to serve the Notice of Commencement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, on the Creditor Matrix. Service of the Notice of Commencement shall be deemed adequate and sufficient notice of: (a) the commencement of these chapter 11 cases; and (b) the scheduling of the meeting of creditors under section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code.

7. Notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

8. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

9. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

**Signed: May 11, 2020.**



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DAVID R. JONES  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**EXHIBIT 1**

**Proposed Notice of Commencement**

**Information to identify the case:**

Debtor: Stage Stores, Inc. EIN: 91-1826900  
Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

Case Number: 20-32564 (DRJ)

Date case filed for Chapter 11:  
 May 10, 2020

**Official Form 309F (For Corporations or Partnerships)****Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case**

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**For the debtor listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.**

**This notice has important information about the case for creditors, debtors, and trustees, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.**

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtor or the debtor's property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtor. Creditors cannot demand repayment from the debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. A creditor who wants to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. (See line 11 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below, through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at [www.pacer.gov](http://www.pacer.gov)), or the website established by the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at [www.kccllc.net/stagestores](http://www.kccllc.net/stagestores).

A form to open an account on the bankruptcy court's electronic case filing system may be obtained at: <http://www.txs.uscourts.gov/sites/txs/files/CRECFform.pdf>, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

**The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.**

**Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case.**

**1. Debtors' full name: See chart below.**

**List of Jointly Administered Cases**

NO.	DEBTOR	Prior Names	CASE NO.	EIN #
1	Stage Stores, Inc.	N/A	20-32564	91-1826900
2	Specialty Retailers, Inc.	d/b/a Bealls, Goody's, Gordmans, Palais Royal, Peebles, Stage	20-32565	74-0821900

**2. All other names used in the last 8 years: See chart above**

**3. Address:** 2425 West Loop South,  
Houston, Texas 77027

**4. Debtors' attorneys:**

Matthew D. Cavanaugh (TX Bar No. 24062656)  
 Jennifer F. Wertz (TX Bar No. 24072822)  
 Kristhy M. Peguero (TX Bar No. 24102776)  
 Veronica A. Polnick (TX Bar No. 24079148)  
 JACKSON WALKER L.L.P.  
 1401 McKinney Street, Suite 1900

Debtors' notice and claims agent (for court documents and case information inquiries):

**If by First-Class Mail:**  
 Stage Stores Claims Processing Center  
 c/o KCC

<p>Houston, Texas 77010          Telephone: (713) 752-4200          Facsimile: (713) 752-4221          Email: <a href="mailto:mcavenaugh@jw.com">mcavenaugh@jw.com</a>  <a href="mailto:jwertz@jw.com">jwertz@jw.com</a>  <a href="mailto:kpeguero@jw.com">kpeguero@jw.com</a>  <a href="mailto:vpolnick@jw.com">vpolnick@jw.com</a></p>	<p>222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300          El Segundo, CA 90245</p>	
<p>-and-</p> <p>Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C. (admitted <i>pro hac vice</i>)          Neil E. Herman (admitted <i>pro hac vice</i>)          KIRKLAND &amp; ELLIS LLP          KIRKLAND &amp; ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP          601 Lexington Avenue          New York, New York 10022          Telephone: (212) 446-4800          Facsimile: (212) 446-4900          Email: <a href="mailto:joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com">joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com</a>  <a href="mailto:neil.herman@kirkland.com">neil.herman@kirkland.com</a></p>	<p><b>If by Hand Delivery or Overnight Mail:</b>          Stage Stores Claims Processing Center          c/o KCC          222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300          El Segundo, CA 90245          Telephone: (866) 967-0495 (U.S./Canada)          (310) 751-2695 (International)          Email: <a href="http://www.kccllc.net/stagestores/inquiry">www.kccllc.net/stagestores/inquiry</a>          Case website: <a href="http://www.kccllc.net/stagestores">www.kccllc.net/stagestores</a></p>	
<p>-and-</p> <p>Joshua M. Altman (admitted <i>pro hac vice</i>)          KIRKLAND &amp; ELLIS LLP          KIRKLAND &amp; ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP          300 North LaSalle Street          Chicago, Illinois 60654          Telephone: (312) 862-2000          Facsimile: (312) 862-2200          Email: <a href="mailto:josh.altman@kirkland.com">josh.altman@kirkland.com</a></p>		
<p><b>5. Bankruptcy Clerk's Office</b></p> <p>Documents in this case may be filed at this address. You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at <a href="http://www.pacer.gov">www.pacer.gov</a></p>	<p><b>United States Courthouse</b>  <b>515 Rusk Avenue</b>  <b>Houston, Texas 77002</b></p>	<p><b>Hours Open: Monday - Friday</b>  <b>8:00 AM - 5:00 PM</b>  <b>Contact phone: 713-250-5500</b></p>
<p><b>6. Meeting of Creditors</b></p> <p>The debtor's representative must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.</p>	<p><b>[•], 2020, at [•] a.m. (prevailing Central Time)</b></p> <p>The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.</p>	<p><b>Location:</b>          Bob Casey United States Courthouse, Office of the United States Trustee,          515 Rusk, Suite 3401          Houston, Texas, 77002</p> <p><b>Remote Dial-In:</b> 866-707-5468  <b>Passcode:</b> 6166997</p>
<p><b>7. Proof of claim deadline:</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for filing proof of claim:</b></p> <p>Not yet set. If a deadline is set, notice will be sent at a later time.</p> <p>A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov">www.uscourts.gov</a> or any bankruptcy clerk's office.</p> <p>Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your claim is designated as disputed, contingent or unliquidated;</li> <li>• You file a proof of claim in a different amount; or</li> <li>• You receive another notice</li> </ul>	

	<p>If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.</p> <p>You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at <a href="http://www.pacer.gov">www.pacer.gov</a></p> <p>Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.</p>
<p><b>8. Exception to discharge deadline</b></p> <p>The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive a complaint and any required filing fee by the following deadline.</p>	<p>You must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint if you want to have a debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(6)(A).</p> <p><b>Deadline for filing the complaint: To be Determined</b></p>
<p><b>9. Creditors with a foreign address</b></p>	<p>If you are a creditor receiving notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.</p>
<p><b>10. Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case</b></p>	<p>Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate its business.</p>
<p><b>11. Discharge of debts</b></p>	<p>Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtor except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt owed to you excepted from the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(6)(A), you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint and paying the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.</p>



**Exhibit A**

**United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of Texas  
Creditor Registration Form for Electronic Filing**

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**Creditor Registration Form for Electronic Filing**

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Please complete this form to open an account on the Court's Bankruptcy electronic case filing (ECF) system.

If you have already participated in an instructional ECF course or have an ECF password in another district, indicate the district and the date in the space provided.

District/Date \_\_\_\_\_

First/Middle/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Agency for which you are authorized to sign or file bankruptcy claims: \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Suite: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this form, I agree to abide by these rules:

1. I will maintain familiarity with the technical and procedural requirements as they are adopted by the court.
2. Use of my login and password constitutes my signature on documents filed electronically for purposes the Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9011.
3. I am responsible for all use of my login and password, authorized or not.
4. By registering, I consent to electronic service of documents and notices through the Court's Electronic Filing System and waive service by other means.
5. I agree to electronically file bankruptcy claims and/or transfers/ assignment claims only.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

Electronic Registration  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
P.O. Box 61010  
Houston, TX 77208-1010

United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of TexasIn re:  
Stage Stores, Inc.  
DebtorCase No. 20-32564-drj  
Chapter 11**CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE**

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Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on May 13, 2020.

cr +Andrews Independent School District, et al, C/O Laura J. Monroe,  
Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, PO Box 817, Lubbock, TX 79408-0817

cr +Brookfield Property REIT, Inc., Kristen N. Pate, 350 N. Orleans St., Suite 300,  
Chicago, IL 60654-1607

cr +Humble Independent School District, et al, c/o Owen M. Sonik, PBFcm, LLP,  
1235 N. Loop W., Ste 600, Houston, TX 77008-1772

cr +Simon Property Group, Inc., Attn: Ronald M. Tucker, Esq., 225 West Washington Street,  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-3438

intp State of Texas, c/o Texas Attorney General's Office, Bankruptcy & Collections Division,  
P. O. Box 12548 MC-008, Austin, TX 78711-2548

Notice by electronic transmission was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.

db +E-mail/Text: BNC-ALLIANCE@QUANTUM3GROUP.COM May 11 2020 22:41:27 Stage Stores, Inc.,  
2425 West Loop South, Houston, TX 77027-4300

intp +E-mail/Text: jeremiah.buettner@mcafeetaft.com May 11 2020 22:42:39  
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**I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.****Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.**

Date: May 13, 2020

Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens**CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING**

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on May 11, 2020 at the address(es) listed below:

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