IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION MAR 1.8 20 Time EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Date CLERK, US. DISTRICT COURT COMMISSION, MIUDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA, FLORIDA Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-1371-CIV-T-17A and SHERI CALVO, VERONICA FEREK AND MELISSA SCARBOROUGH, Plaintiff Intervenors, COMPLAINT v. RIO BRAVO INTERNATIONAL, INC. and JURY TRIAL DEMANDED INNOVATIVE RESTAURANT CONCEPTS. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF SOUGHT INC. and APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC. d/b/a RIO BRAVO CANTINA, and CHEVYS, INC. Defendants.

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is an action under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 to correct unlawful employment practices on the basis of sex and retaliation, and to provide appropriate relief to Sheri Calvo, Veronica Ferek, Melissa Scarborough and similarly situated individuals who were adversely affected by such practices. As stated with greater particularity in paragraph 11, the Commission alleges that Ms. Calvo, Ms. Ferek, Ms. Scarborough and similarly situated individuals were subjected to sexual harassment by Robert Evans, a management official of the Defendant corporations. The Commission further alleges that Defendants subsequently retaliated against Ms. Calvo, Ms. Ferek and Ms. Scarborough for

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complaining of the unlawful sexual harassment by subjecting them to adverse terms and conditions of employment, discharge and/or constructive discharge.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 451, 1331, 1337, 1343 and 1345. This action is authorized and instituted pursuant to Section 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3) ("Title VII"), and Section 102 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 1981A.
- 2. The employment practices alleged to be unlawful were committed within the jurisdiction of the Untied States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.

### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (the "Commission"), 3. is the agency of the United States of America charged with the administration, interpretation and enforcement of Title VII, and is expressly authorized to bring this action by Section 706(f)(1) and (3) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-5(f)(1) and (3).
- At all relevant times, Rio Bravo International, Inc. has continuously been doing 4. business in the State of Florida and the City of Clearwater, and has continuously had at least 15 employees.
- At all relevant times, Innovative Restaurant Concepts, Inc. has continuously been 5. doing business in the State of Florida and the City of Clearwater, and has continuously had at least 15 employees
  - At all relevant times, Applebee's International, Inc. has continuously been doing 6.

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business in the State of Florida and the City of Clearwater, and has continuously had at least 15 employees.

- At all relevant times, Defendant Chevys, Inc., (the "Successor Employer") has been 7. a California-based corporation doing business in the State of Florida and the City of Clearwater and has continuously had at least 15 employees.
- At all relevant times, Defendant Chevys, Inc. has been a "successor employer" within 8. the meaning of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. EEOC v. MacMillan Bloedel Containers, Inc., 503 F.2d 1086 (6th Cir. 1974).
- 9. At all relevant times Rio Bravo International, Inc. has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§2000e(b), (g) and (h).
- 10. At all relevant times Innovative Restaurant Concepts, Inc. has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§2000e(b), (g) and (h).
- 11. At all relevant times, Applebee's International, Inc. has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e(b), (g) and (h).
- 12. At all relevant times, Chevys, Inc. has continuously been an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Sections 701(b), (g) and (h) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e(b), (g) and (h).

### STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

More than thirty days prior to the institution of this lawsuit, Sheri Calvo, Veronica 13.

Ferek and Melissa Scarborough each filed a charge with the Commission alleging violations of Title VII by Defendants. All conditions precedent to the institution of this lawsuit have been fulfilled.

- 14. Since at least February of 1996, Defendant Employer engaged in unlawful employment practices at its Clearwater, Florida location in violation of Section 703(a) and Section 704(a) of Title VII, 42 U.S.C. §2000e-2(a) and §2000e-3(a).
  - a. Sheri Calvo was subjected to sexual harassment by Assistant Manager Robert

    Evans in the form of unwelcome physical and verbal conduct of a sexual

    nature which was sufficiently severe and pervasive to constitute an

    intimidating, hostile and offensive work environment. Defendants failed to

    take prompt corrective action when they knew or should have known of the

    sexual harassment.
  - b. Defendants retaliated against Sheri Calvo for complaining of the unlawful sexual harassment by subjecting her to adverse terms and conditions of employment, including unfavorable work schedules and job assignments, and subsequently discharging her from her position.
  - c. Veronica Ferek was subjected to sexual harassment by Assistant Manager Robert Evans in the form of unwelcome physical and verbal conduct of a sexual nature which was sufficiently severe and pervasive to constitute an intimidating, hostile and offensive work environment. Defendants failed to take prompt corrective action when they knew or should have known of the sexual harassment.
  - d. Defendants retaliated against Veronica Ferek for complaining of the unlawful

sexual harassment by forcing her to resign her position.

- Melissa Scarborough was subjected to sexual harassment by Assistant e. Manager Robert Evans in the form of unwelcome physical and verbal conduct of a sexual nature which was sufficiently severe and pervasive to constitute an intimidating, hostile and offensive work environment. Defendants failed to take prompt corrective action when they knew or should have known of the sexual harassment.
- Defendants retaliated against Melissa Scarborough for complaining of the f. unlawful sexual harassment by discharging her from her position.
- Other similarly situated female employees of the Defendants were subjected g. to sexual harassment by Assistant Manager Robert Evans in the form of unwelcome physical and verbal conduct of a sexual nature which was sufficiently severe and pervasive to constitute an intimidating, hostile and offensive work environment. Defendants failed to take prompt corrective action when they knew or should have known of the sexual harassment.
- 15. The effect of the conduct complained of in paragraph 11 above has been to deprive Sheri Calvo, Veronica Ferek, Melissa Scarborough and other similarly situated females of equal employment opportunities and otherwise adversely affect their status as employees because of their sex and/or in retaliation for their opposition to unlawful employment practices...
- 16. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 11 above were intentional.
  - 17. The unlawful employment practices complained of in paragraph 11 above were

done with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Sheri Calvo, Veronica Ferek, Melissa Scarborough and other similarly situated individuals.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Grant a permanent injunction enjoining Defendants, their officers, successors, assigns, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, from engaging in sexual harassment and any other employment practice which discriminates on the basis of sex and/or opposition to an unlawful employment practice.
- Order Defendants, to institute and carry out policies, practices, and programs which В. provide equal employment opportunities for females, and which eradicate the effects of its past unlawful employment practices.
- C. Order Defendants to make whole Sheri Calvo, Veronica Ferek, Melissa Scarborough and other similarly situated individuals by providing appropriate back pay with prejudgment interest, in amounts to be determined at trial, and other affirmative relief necessary to eradicate the effects of its unlawful employment practices, including but not limited to reinstatement and rightful place promotion or front pay.
- Order Defendants to make whole Sheri Calvo, Veronica Ferek, Melissa Scarborough D. and other similarly situated individuals by providing compensation for past and future pecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful employment practices described in paragraph 11 above, including out of pocket losses in amounts to be determined at trial.
  - E. Order Defendants to make whole Sheri Calvo, Veronica Ferek, Melissa Scarborough

and other similarly situated individuals by providing compensation for past and future nonpecuniary losses resulting from the unlawful practices complained of in paragraph 11 above, including emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life, in amounts to be determined at trial.

- F. Order Defendants to pay Sheri Calvo, Veronica Ferek, Melissa Scarborough and other similarly situated individuals punitive damages for its malicious and reckless conduct described in paragraph 11 above, in amounts to be determined at trial.
- G. Grant such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper in the public interest.
  - H. Award the Commission its costs of this action.

#### JURY TRIAL DEMAND

The Commission requests a jury trial on all questions of fact raised by its complaint.

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	and INNOVATIVE RESTA	APPLEBEE'S :
	INTERNATIONAL, INC. RIO BRAVO CANTINA,	, d/b/a : :
	Defendants.	:
14	Defendants.	x
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16	DEPOSITION OF:	PENE BROWN
17		
18	TAKEN:	By Counsel for Defendants
19	DATE:	June 13, 2000
20	PLACE:	Zinober & McCrea Suite 800
21		201 East Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, Florida
. 22	TIME:	Beginning at 1:40 p.m.
23	REPORTED BY:	Terri Dukes
24		Registered Professiona De ter
25	COPY	State of Florida at Large



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- 1 The deposition of RENE BROWN was taken
- 2 pursuant to notice by counsel for the Defendants
- 3 on the 13th day of June, 2000, commencing at
- 4 1:40 p.m., at the offices of Zinober & McCrea,
- 5 Suite 800, 201 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa,
- 6 Florida. Said deposition was reported by Terri
- 7 Dukes, Registered Professional Reporter, Notary
- 8 Public, State of Florida at Large.
- 9 - -
- 10 RENE BROWN,
- 11 a witness, having been duly sworn to tell the
- 12 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth,
- 13 was examined and testified as follows:
- 14 EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. SCHULTZ:
- 16 Q Could you please state your name for the
- 17 record?
- 18 A Rene Brown.
- 19 Q Rene, my name is Erich Schultz, and I
- 20 represent Rio Bravo and the defendants in this
- 21 matter. Have you ever had your deposition taken
- 22 before?
- 23 A No.
- Q Basically it's a series of questions
- 25 that I will ask you and you respond. If you need

- 1 O You said he's Cuban?
- 2 A I believe he's Cuban. No. I'm sorry.
- 3 He's Venezuelan. But Glenn says that all Spanish
- 4 people are the same, no matter what country
- 5 they're from. So he asked him if he -- like Gian
- 6 Carlo will walk out of the kitchen, and he'll say
- 7 "How long did it take you to swim here?" just
- 8 comments like that. And Gian Carlo was a little
- 9 upset about it.
- MR. GRAY: I appreciate your time.
- 11 Thanks.
- 12 EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MS. VON GREIFF:
- 14 Q Rene, you testified earlier that you had
- 15 not retained the EEOC. Is it your intention to
- 16 have the EEOC represent your interests in this
- 17 lawsuit?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Okay. How old were you when you started
- 20 at Rio Bravo?
- 21 A Eighteen.
- Q Were you there when Chevy's bought Rio
- 23 Bravo?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Did the management change?

- 1 A No.
- 2 Q You also stated earlier that about 30
- 3 times you were locked in a linen closet and the
- 4 liquor room. Why did you have to go to Rob to go
- 5 to the linen closet or the liquor room?
- 6 A Because there was padlocks that you
- 7 needed a key for, and only the managers carried
- 8 them. So if you needed linen or a bottle of
- 9 liquor to replenish the bar, you had to go to the
- 10 manager and have them open the room for you.
- 11 Q On these occasions, was there anybody
- 12 else -- any other way that you could have gone
- 13 into those rooms to get the things that you needed
- 14 for work?
- 15 A A lot of times, like I said before, he's
- 16 the only manager in the restaurant. So there was
- 17 no other key at the restaurant at the time.
- 18 Q Okay. You also mentioned that you
- 19 complained to several managers, you know, first
- 20 when he was a bartender, then when he was a
- 21 manager. Did you think that they were going to
- 22 take care of the problem for you?
- 23 A I was under the impression that it was
- 24 being taken care of.
- Q Did the behavior ever stop?

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INC. and APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL, INC. d/b/a RIO BRAVO CANTINA	) ) )
Defendants.	) )

### **DECLARATION OF CARLA VON GREIFF**

- 1. I, Carla Von Greiff, am a trial attorney with the Tampa Area Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC").
  - 2. On June 14, 2000, I attended the deposition of Michelle Greene.
- 5. During the deposition, Ms. Greene testified that she was employed by Rio Bravo at the time Chevys took over. Additionally, Ms. Greene testified that after Chevys took over Rio

Bravo, the management stayed the same.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Carla Von Greiff

July 7, 2000

Executed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746.

### **EXHIBIT C**

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5.	EXAMINEL	O AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
6		EXAMINATION
7	BY MR. ROEBIC	G:
8	Q.	STATE YOUR NAME.
9	Α.	BENN IRWIN.
10	Q.	MR. IRWIN, WHERE DO YOU WORK, SIR?
11	A.	I WORK FOR CHEVYS, INCORPORATED.
12	Q.	WHAT DO YOU DO FOR CHEVYS?
13	Α.	I'M A FRANCHISE OPERATIONS MANAGER.
14	Q.	SIR, YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEAK LOUDER.
15	Α.	FRANCHISE OPERATIONS MANAGER.
16	Q.	WHERE?
17	Α.	I OPERATE ELEVEN DIFFERENT STATES.
18	Q.	WHEN DID YOU START WORKING FOR CHEVYS?
19	Α.	WHEN THE COMPANY WAS PURCHASED.
20	Q.	WHAT COMPANY WAS PURCHASED?
21	Α.	THE COMPANY I WORKED FOR PREVIOUSLY WAS
22	PURCHASED BY	CHEVYS.
23	Q.	WHAT COMPANY WAS THAT?
24	<b>A</b> .	I WORKED FOR RIO BRAVO.
25	Q.	WHEN WERE THEY PURCHASED? DO YOU KNOW?

1	À	I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DATE, BUT I KNOW
2	AN APPROXIMA	ATE DATE.
3	Q.	OKAY, THAT'S FINE.
4	A.	APRIL OF 1999.
5	Q.	I'M SORRY?
6	Α.	APRIL OF 1999?
7	Q.	WHEN YOU WERE WORKING FOR RIO BRAVO, DO
8	YOU KNOW TH	E CORPORATE NAME OF THE ENTITY THAT
9	EMPLOYED YO	U?
10	Α.	RIO BRAVO INTERNATIONAL, I BELIEVE.
11	Q.	WHEN RIO BRAVO INTERNATIONAL WAS
12	PURCHASED B	Y CHEVYS, WHAT WAS YOUR POSITION AT RIO
13	BRAVO?	
14	Α.	FRANCHISE CONSULTANT.
15	Q.	AND WHERE DID YOU WORK AT THAT TIME?
16	Α.	I WAS CONSIDERED A HOME OFFICE EMPLOYEE
17	OUT OF THE	ATLANTA OFFICE.
18.	Q.	WHERE DOES JOHN MOORE WORK?
19	A.	OUT OF THE ATLANTA OFFICE.
20	Q.	IS THE CURRENT POSITION THAT YOU HOLD
21	WITH CHEVYS	A PROMOTION FROM WHERE YOU HAD PREVIOUSLY
22	BEEN WORKIN	G?
23	Α.	NO. JUST A DIFFERENT NAME. SAME JOB.
24.	Q.	SAME PAY?
25	A.	I'VE RECEIVED A RAISE.

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2		COTE TURNER,
3	BEING F	CIRST DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE
4	WHOLE T	RUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, WAS
5	EXAMINE	ED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
6		EXAMINATION
7	BY MR. ROEBI	IG:
8	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.
9	Α.	COTE TURNER.
10	Q.	HOW OLD ARE YOU, MR. TURNER?
11	Α.	33.
12	Q.	SAY IT AGAIN?
13	A.	33.
14	Q.	SORRY. THIS ROOM HAS A TENDENCY TO PULL
15	YOUR VOICE (	UP, SO IF YOU COULD
16	Α.	I'M SORRY. I'M 34. I JUST TURNED 34.
17	Q.	WHAT'S YOUR RESIDENCE ADDRESS?
18	Α.	2684 EGRETS LANDING DRIVE, LAKE MARY,
19	FLORIDA.	
20	Q.	LAKE MARY?
21	Α.	YES.
22	Q.	WHERE IS THAT?
23	Α.	NEAR ORLANDO.
24	Q.	WHAT'S YOUR ZIP CODE?
25 —	Α.	32746.

1	Q. HAVE YOU GIVEN A DEPOSITION BEFORE?
2	A. NO.
3	Q. OBVIOUSLY, YOU'RE UNDER OATH. WE'LL
4	START WITH THAT.
5	SECOND, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU A SERIES OF
6	QUESTIONS. SOME OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE ABOUT
7	YOURSELF, SOME OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE ABOUT YOUR
8	EMPLOYMENT, YOUR EMPLOYER, THE POLICIES OF YOUR
9	EMPLOYER, WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT CONDUCT THAT MAY HAVE
10	OCCURRED AT STORE 316 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. ALL
11	RIGHT?
12:	A. (WITNESS SHAKES HEAD.)
13	Q. DO YOUR BEST TO GIVE ME FULL AND TRUTHFUL
14	ANSWERS.
15	IF YOU DON'T HEAR ONE OF THE QUESTIONS
16	THAT I ASK YOU FULLY, TELL ME THAT AND I'LL REPEAT IT
17	UNTIL YOU HEAR IT. OKAY?
18:	A. OKAY.
19	Q. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE
20	QUESTIONS THAT I ASK YOU TODAY, MR. TURNER, TELL ME
21	THAT, AS WELL, OR ONE OF THE WORDS THAT I USE, JUST
22,	TELL ME THAT BEFORE YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION. OKAY?
23	A. (WITNESS SHAKES HEAD.) OKAY.
24	Q. BECAUSE IF YOU ANSWER ME, I'M GOING TO
25	PRESUME THAT YOU HEARD ME AND YOU FULLY UNDERSTOOD ME.

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1	WOULD THAT E	BE FAIR?
2	Α.	SURE.
3	Q.	WHO DO YOU WORK FOR?
4	A.	I WORK FOR RIO BRAVO.
5	Q.	WHAT'S THE CORPORATION THAT YOU WORK FOR?
6	Α.	CHEVYS, INCORPORATED.
7	Q.	SPELL THAT.
8	Α.	C-H-E-V-Y-S.
9	Q.	HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR CHEVYS,
10	INCORPORATE	D?
11	A.	SINCE APRIL OF 1999.
12	Q.	OKAY. WHEN I ASKED YOU BEFORE WHO YOU
13	WORKED FOR	ORIGINALLY AND YOU SAID RIO BRAVO, WHY DID
14	YOU SAY THA	Γ?
15	Α.	THAT'S THE NAME OF THE RESTAURANT COMPANY
16	THAT IS OWN.	ED BY CHEVYS.
17	Q.	WHAT'S THE CORPORATE NAME OF RIO BRAVO?
18	Α.	CHEVYS, INCORPORATED.
19	Q.	SAY THAT AGAIN.
20	Α.	CHEVYS, INCORPORATED. THAT'S THE PARENT
21	COMPANY THA	T OWNS RIO BRAVO.
22	Q.	IS RIO BRAVO A CORPORATION?
23	Α.	NO.
24	Q.	I MEAN, IS IT RIO BRAVO INTERNATIONAL,
25	INC.?	

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1	A.	NOT ANYMORE.
2	Q.	WHY DON'T WE DO THIS: WHY DON'T YOU TELL
3	ME WHAT YOUR	WORK HISTORY HAS BEEN SINCE, SAY, YOU
4	STOPPED YOUR	FORMAL EDUCATION.
5	А.	OKAY.
6	Q.	WHEN WOULD YOU HAVE STOPPED YOUR FORMAL
7	EDUCATION?	
8	Α.	1988.
9	Q.	AND WHAT'S THE EXTENT OF YOUR EDUCATION?
10	Α.	I HAVE A DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
11	GEORGIA.	
12	Q.	IN WHAT?
13	<b>A</b> .	ECONOMICS.
14	Q.	DID YOU SAY 1998 OR '88?
15	<b>A</b> .	'88.
16	Q.	OKAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?
17	<b>A</b> .	YES.
18	Q.	WHAT WAS YOUR DEGREE IN?
19		ECONOMICS.
20	Q.	OKAY. WHAT KIND OF A DEGREE WAS THAT?
21	IN OTHER WOR	DS, BA, MASTER'S DEGREE, DOCTORATE?
22	. А.	JUST A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE.
23	<b>Q.</b>	OKAY. FOR WHOM DID YOU WORK WHEN YOU
24	LEFT THE UNI	VERSITY OF GEORGIA?
25	A.	I WORKED FOR RIO BRAVO.

- 1 OKAY. WOULD IT BE FAIR TO SAY THAT WHEN
- 2 CHEVYS INTERNATIONAL CAME IN AND PURCHASED THE
- 3 CORPORATION FOR WHICH YOU WORKED, APPLEBEE'S,
- 4 BASICALLY ALL THE MANAGERS STAYED IN PLACE, THE
- 5 EMPLOYEES STAYED IN PLACE?
- 6 A. AT THE TIME OF WHEN WE --
- O. UH-HUH.
- 8 A. SOME -- NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE.
- 9 O. THE MAJORITY -- WOULD THE MAJORITY OF THE
- 10 MANAGEMENT TEAM HAVE STAYED IN PLACE AT THE STORE
- 11 LEVEL?
- 12 A. YES.
- 13 Q. PRETTY MUCH THE SAME MANAGERS IN THE
- 14 STORES AS BEFORE?
- 15 A. YES.
- 16 Q. OKAY. NOW, WITH REGARD TO RIO BRAVO,
- 17 DIRECTING YOUR ATTENTION TO THAT TIME FRAME, AND
- 18 SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT THE TRAINING REGARDING
- 19 SEXUAL HARASSMENT, CAN YOU RECALL BEING EDUCATED OR
- 20 TAUGHT THAT VERBAL COMMENTS OF A SEXUALLY-SUGGESTED
- 21 NATURE ARE SEXUAL HARASSMENT?
- 22 A. YES.
- Q. WERE YOU TAUGHT, SIMILARLY, THAT TOUCHING
- 24 IN UNWELCOMED AND SEXUALLY-SUGGESTING OR INTIMIDATING
- 25 MANNER WAS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?

### **EXHIBIT D**

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NOTARY - (When necessary for State and Local Requirements)

I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFO

I declare under penalty or perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE 5-12-98

CHARGING PARTY (Signature)

MY COMMISSION

DOWNER: July 18, 2000 and Thru Notary Public Underwriter: THIS DATE

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### **EXHIBIT E**

### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION.	)
Plaintiff,	) ) CIVIL ACTION NO.
and	) 99-1371-CIV-T-17Å
SHERI CALVO, VERONICA FEREK AND	)
MELISSA SCARBOROUGH,	)
Plaintiff Intervenors,	)
<b>v</b> .	, }
RIO BRAVO INTERNATIONAL, INC. and	)
INNOVATIVE RESTAURANT CONCEPTS,	)
INC. and APPLEBEE'S INTERNATIONAL,	)
INC. d/b/a RIO BRAVO CANTINA	)
Defendants.	)

### DEFENDANTS RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF EEOC'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANT

Defendants, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby respond to Plaintiff, EEOC's First
Set of Interrogatories to Defendants as follows:

### GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. Defendants object to any interrogatory to the extent that it seeks disclosure of the thoughts, mental impressions, legal theories or investigation of counsel for defendants which relates to or was prepared for this litigation.
  - 2. Defendants object to any interrogatory to the extent that it seeks disclosure of

## INTERROGATORIES

1-1. Please provide the name, address, telephone number, social security number, place of employment and job title of any person who has, claims to have or whom you believe may have knowledge or information pertaining to any fact alleged in the pleadings filed in this action (including denials and affirmative defenses raised in the Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, or any fact underlying the subject matter of this action.

## Melissa Scarborough

This individual can be contacted through plaintiffs' counsel. Former Crewmember. Currently is an intervenor in this action.

#### Veronica Ferek

This individual can be contacted through plaintiffs' counsel. Former Crewmember. Currently is an intervenor in this action.

# Sheri Calvo

This individual can be contacted through plaintiffs' counsel. Former Crewmember. Currently is an intervenor in this action.

## Phil Crenshaw

Owner Phishheads P.O. Box 959 Ft. White, FL 32038 (904) 755-0490

Mr. Crenshaw was a general manager of the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has knowledge of the intervenors' employment at the restaurant during some of the time period of the events alleged in the Complaints.

#### Benn Irwin

Mr. Irwin is currently employed with one of the defendants in a managerial capacity and can be contacted through counsel.

Mr. Irwin was a general manager of the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has knowledge of the intervenors' employment at the restaurant during some of the time period of the events alleged in the Complaints.

## Chris Hemmings

4827 Long Water Way Tampa, FL 33615 (813) 818-4503 Employer unknown

Mr. Hemmings was an Area Director for the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has general knowledge of the operations and the employees of the restaurant during some of the time period of the events alleged in the Complaints.

## Brian Lyman

Mr. Lyman is currently employed with one of the defendants in a managerial capacity and can be contacted through counsel.

Mr. Lyman was an Area Director for the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has general knowledge of the operations and of the employees of the restaurant during some of the time period of the events alleged in the Complaints.

## Cote Turner

Mr. Turner is currently employed with one of the defendants in a managerial capacity and can be contacted through counsel.

Mr. Turner was an Area Director for the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has general knowledge of the operations and the employees of the restaurant during some of the time period of the events alleged in the Complaints.

#### Shawn Corway

12559 Shady Creek Drive Jacksonville, FL 32223 Telephone number unknown

Mr. Corway was an Assistant Manager at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has knowledge of the operations of the operations and the employees of the restaurant during some of the time period of the events alleged in the Complaints.

# Robert Evans

336 Countryside Key Oldsmar, FL 34677 (727) 786-9785 Place of employment unknown

Mr. Evans is the accused harasser in this action and was a former Assistant Manager at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina.

#### James McDonaid

5404 Locklear Drive
Riverview, FL 33569
Telephone number and place of employment unknown

Mr. McDonald was an Assistant Manager at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has knowledge of the operations of the operations and the employees of the restaurant during much of the time period of the events alleged in the Complaints.

## Marion Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe is currently employed with one of the defendants in a managerial capacity and can be contacted through counsel.

Mr. Wolfe has been the Kitchen Manager, an Assistant Manager and the Front of House Manager at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has knowledge of the operations and employees of the restaurant.

#### Renee Brown

65 Lifestyle Blvd. No. 1116 Palm Harbor, FL 34684 Telephone number unknown

Ms. Brown is currently a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors.

#### Sharlee Carter

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Carter was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors.

#### Summer Blair

Address unknown, currently a student.

(727) 723-0264

Ms. Blair was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors.

## Nicole Simpson

1223 Union Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Telephone number unknown

Ms. Simpson is a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors.

## **Brian Harting**

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Mr. Harting was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors.

# Mike Losey

Mr. Losey is currently employed with one of the defendants in a managerial capacity and can be contacted through counsel.

Mr. Losey was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina during some of the time period of events alleged in the Complaint and may have knowledge of Sheri Calvo and Veronica Ferek's employment at the restaurant.

#### John Moore

Mr. Moore is currently employed with one of the defendants in a managerial capacity and can be contacted through counsel.

Mr. Moore is a Human Resources Manager and he conducted the original investigation into the sexual harassment allegations.

#### Laura Rush

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Rush was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors.

## Brandon Heinsohn

Mr. Heinsohn is currently employed with one of the defendants in a managerial capacity and can be contacted through counsel.

Mr. Heinsohn was a general manager at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and has knowledge concerning the employment of Sheri Calvo.

#### Gary Wein

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Mr. Wein was a general manager at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Cantina and may have knowledge about the employment of Sheri Calvo.

## Peter Hanson

9218 Anderson Road Logan's Roadhouse (813) 884-5229

Mr. Hanson was a manager at the Carrollwood, Florida, Rio Bravo Cantina where Melissa Scarborough transferred after working at the Clearwater restaurant.

#### Carrie Dehetric

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Dehetric was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors and may have knowledge of the alleged harassment by Evans.

## **Debbie Howells**

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Howells was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors and may have knowledge of the alleged harassment by Evans.

#### Nicole Marchesiello

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Marchesiello was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors and may have knowledge of the alleged harassment by Evans.

#### Leslie Cuccinotta

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Cuccinotta was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors and may have knowledge of the alleged harassment by Evans.

## Nancy Goodworth

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Goodworth was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors and may have knowledge of the alleged harassment by Evans.

#### Danielle Barba

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Barba was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three intervenors and may have knowledge of the alleged harassment by Evans.

## Nicole Gracey

Address, telephone number and place of employment unknown.

Ms. Gracey was a crewmember at the Clearwater Rio Bravo and worked with Rob Evans and the three interveners and may have knowledge of the alleged harassment by Evans.

#### Rebecca Rhoden

1731 Nantucket Ct.
Building #22
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
(727) 738-8079
Employment unknown

Ms. Rhoden is a friend of Sheri Calvo. She may have information regarding alleged comments made by Rob Evans.

## Dave Welch

2665 Favor Road

Apt. A8

Marietta, GA 30066

Telephone number and place of employment unknown

Mr. Welch was an assistant manager at the Clearwater Rio Bravo Captina and may have knowledge of the intervenors' employment.

## Robert T. Steinkamp

Mr. Steinkamp is the Vice President and General Counsel of Applebee's International, Inc. and is familiar with the facts of this case.

## Thomas J. McGrath

Mr. McGrath is the Associate General Counsel of Applebee's International, Inc. and is familiar with the facts of this case.

## Peter W. Zinober

## Erich Y. Schultz

Mr. Zinober and Mr. Schultz are the defense attorneys of this case and are familiar with the facts of the case.

1-2. Please state the specific nature and substance of the knowledge that you believe the persons(s) identified in your response to Interrogatory 1-1 may have.

Defendants have responded to this Interrogatory in their response to Interrogatory No. 1-1.

1-3. Please state all dates of employment, locations of employment and positions held by Robert

Evans with the Defendant Corporations.

Store 316 = 26200 U.S. Highway 19 North Clearwater, FL 34621

Store 307 = 1102 N. Dale Mabry Highway Tampa, FL 33607

Approximately July 7, 1994, to October 6, 1996.

Clearwater, FL - Store 316.

Evans was an hourly employee. He was primarily a server and bartender during this entire time period. In approximately 1996, he also had duties as a key employee and front of house trainer.

Approximately October 7, 1996, to January 22, 1997 Tampa, FL – Store 307 Evans was an assistant manager.

Approximately January 23, 1997, to March 7, 1998. Clearwater, FL - Store 316
Evans was an assistant manager.

March 7, 1998, to March 13, 1998 Clearwater, FL – Store 316 Evans was suspended on March 7, 1998, and then terminated on March 13, 1998. 1-4. Please provide me name, last known address and telephone number, and social security number of all individuals employed by you at Rio Bravo Cantina, 26200 U.S. Highway 19 North, Clearwater, Florida, during Robert Evans' employment at that location. State whether or not each individual is currently employed by you.

Defendants object to this interrogatory because it is overbroad, unduly burdensome, and irrelevant. Despite these objections, and without waiving them, after a reasonably diligent inquiry, defendants will produce documents responsive to this request to the extent that they exist.

Please list the name, last known address and telephone number and social security number of each individual who has ever complained of sexual harassment by Robert Evans while he was employed by you. For each individual listed state whether that individual's complaint(s) was (were) made verbally or in writing, the nature of the complaint(s) and the individual(s) to whom the complaint(s) was (were) made.

## Sheri Calvo

#### Veronica Ferek

## Melissa Scarborough

These individuals can be contacted through plaintiffs' counsel. Defendants are aware of verbal complaints by Calvo to Philip Crenshaw and Cote Turner and a written complaint to Cote Turner. Defendants became aware of alleged harassment against Veronica Ferek and Melissa Scarborough upon their filing of EEOC charges.

#### Sharlee Carter

Address and telephone number unknown.

Complained verbally of physical harassment by Rob Evans. She complained to John Moore during his investigation of Sheri Calvo's allegations of sex harassment.

## Laura Rush

Address and telephone number unknown.

Complained verbally of physical harassment by Rob Evans. Her complaints were made to John Moore during his investigation of Sheri Calvo's allegations of sex harassment.

#### Summer Blair

Address unknown.

(727) 723-0264

Complained verbally of verbal harassment by Rob Evans. Her complaints were made to Phil Crenshaw.

## Renee Brown

65 Lifestyle Blvd. No. 1116 Palm Harbor, FL 34684 Telephone number unknown.

Complained verbally of physical harassment by Rob Evans. Her complaints were made to John Moore during his investigation of Sheri Calvo's allegations of sex harassment.

Defendants object to providing the Social Security numbers of any individuals based on relevance and the privacy of the individuals.

.-6. Please identify each person whom you may use as an expert witness at trial.

No experts have been retained at this time.

1-7. Please state in detail the substance of the opinions to be provided by each person whom you may use as an expert witness at trial.

No experts have been retained at this time.

1-8. Please identify any and all documents pertaining to any fact alleged in any pleading filed in this action (including the denials and affirmative defenses raised in the Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint).

Defendants object to this interrogatory because it is vague, ambiguous, over broad, over burdensome, and possibly subject to the attorney client privilege and/or work product doctrine. Defendants will provide all relevant, non-privileged documents in response to any appropriate document request.

1-9. Please describe in detail each fact upon which Defendant relies to assert its denial of Paragraphs 4 and 6 of Plaintiff EEOC's Complaint in this action.

Applebee's International, Inc. is a Delaware Corporation that owned Rio Bravo International, Inc. as a wholly owned subsidiary during the time period at issue. Applebee's International, Inc., has not been doing business in the State of Florida and the City of Clearwater, thus it has not had at least 15 employees for the purposes of jurisdiction in this lawsuit.

Rio Bravo International, Inc. is a Kansas corporation that owned Innovative Restaurant Concepts, Inc. as a wholly owned subsidiary during the time period at issue.

Rio Bravo International, Inc. has not continuously been doing business in the State of Florida and the City of Clearwater, thus it has not had at least 15 employees for the purpose of jurisdiction in this lawsuit.

Innovative Restaurant Concepts, Inc., d/b/a Rio Bravo Cantina of Georgia, Inc., is the only company that has been doing business continuously in Florida as contemplated by Title VII.

1-10. Please describe in detail each fact upon which Defendant relies to assert its denial with respect to Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff EEOC's Complaint in this action.

Many of the plaintiffs' allegations appear to have arisen more than three hundred days before the administrative charges were filed. Furthermore, the allegations of the Complaints also appear to go beyond the scope of the administrative charges.

1-11. Please state the rates of compensation, including any premium rates for working overtime, holidays, etc., for individuals employed by Defendants at Rio Bravo Cantina, 26200 U.S. Highway 19 North, Clearwater, Florida as food servers and host/hostesses from January 1996 to the present.

Servers at the Clearwater, Florida, Rio Bravo Restaurant typically received a wage of \$2.125 an hour, plus tips.

Hostesses at the Clearwater Florida Rio Bravo Restaurant received a starting wage of approximately \$4.25. This wage was increased depending upon the amount of service a particular hostess had with the company.

There was no holiday pay.

Overtime was paid as time and a half for hours worked over forty (40) hours.

1-12. Identify any and all employment benefits which have been included in the compensation for individuals employed by Defendants at Rio Bravo Cantina, 26200 U.S. Highway 19 North, Clearwater, Florida, as food servers and host/hostesses from January 1996 to the present, including, but not limited to, life insurance, health insurance coverage and pension benefits. For each employment benefit, state Defendant's contribution, if any.

Vacation Leave: Employees are eligible for vacation leave if they work an average of 30

bears a week.

Health Insurance: Employees are eligible for health insurance (including dental) if they

work an average of 27 hours a week. An employee contributes a nominal

amount if they elect to receive the coverage.

401K: Beginning in approximately April 1999, upon the purchase of Rio Bravo

International, Inc., by Chevy, Inc., employees could become eligible to

participate in the 401K program.

Credit Union: Membership in a credit union for all employees.

Meals: With certain menu exceptions, crewmembers are given a 50% meal credit

for on-duty meals.

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Defendants' Response to Plaintiff EEOC's First Set of Interrogatories to Defendant was served by U.S. Mail on this 31 day of January, 2000, to:

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