1	EX-10.7 14 d287954dex107.htm
2	Facebook / Sheryl K. Sandberg
3	Amended & Restated Employment Agreement
4	EXHIBIT 10.7
5	EXECUTION COPY
6 7 8 9 10 11	Sheryl Sandberg Facebook, Inc. 1601 Willow Road Menlo Park, CA 94025  Re: EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
13	Dear Sheryl:
14	This letter agreement amends and restates that certain
15	offer letter entered into between you and Facebook, Inc. (the
16	"Company") on February 20, 2008.
17	You began your employment with the Company on
18	March 24, 2008 (your "Start Date").
19	Your continued employment by the Company shall be
20	governed by the following terms and conditions (this "Agree-
21	ment").
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23	1. Duties and Scope of Employment.
24	(a) <b><u>Position</u></b> . For the term of your employment
25	(your "Employment"), the Company agrees to employ you in
26	the position of Chief Operating Officer ("COO").
27	You will report to Mark Zuckerberg
28	and you will be working out of the Company's of-
29	fice in Menlo Park.
30	You will be responsible for managing sales, busi-
31	ness development, marketing, communications and policy,
32	human resources, and user operations.

**Commented [DT1]:** The original, unannotated agreement is available at the SEC's Web site at

http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1326801/000119312512046715 /d287954dex107.htm

**Commented [DT2]:** Date of agreement: The Facebook IPO was in May 2012; Sandberg's employment agreement was probably amended in anticipation of that event.

Commented [DT3]: Amended and restated: Amending and restating an agreement is a conventional (and convenient) way of making a lot of changes — without indicating what the original provisions were. (The latter could be a consideration if the company knew it would have to file the amended version with the SEC but could keep the original provisions confidential.)

**Commented [DT4]: Offer letter:** Some companies do their employment agreements in the form of an offer letter, which the prospective employee accepts by countersigning it.

**Commented [DT5]: You and Facebook:** Some drafters like to use the third person instead of the second person, e.g., *the Executive* or *Sandberg*, instead of *you*. (Po-TAY-toh, po-TAH-toh ....)

**Commented [DT6]: Start Date:** This is a convenient way of documenting Sandberg's start date, which could come into play in various ways such as vesting for stock incentive awards. ¶ NOTE: If Sandberg signs the agreement (which presumably she did), arguably she gives up the right to claim that she actually started on a different date.

**Commented [DT7]: Reporting:** Nailing down the fact that Sandberg reports directly to Facebook's founder and CEO can be important in establishing Sandberg's authority inside the company. (It's also a potential boost for her professional reputation.)

Commented [DT8]: Office location: Senior executives sometimes want to move to more congenial locations (CEOs have been known to move corporate headquarters to other cities). This clause can carve it in stone that Sandberg will work in Menlo Park, or within 50 miles of it (see <a href="Involuntary Termination">Involuntary Termination</a>, below) unless the company agrees otherwise. (In some contracts, relocation expenses for the executive might have to be addressed.)

**Commented [DT9]:** Responsibilities: This recital of Sandberg's responsibilities is a double-edged sword: It helps establish the scope of her authority, but it also establishes what she'll be held accountable for.

33	You understand and agree that the Company is a
34	rapidly growing and changing organization and the precise na-
35	ture of the work you do for the Company as COO may be ad-
36	justed from time to time
37	but, in any event, your duties and responsibilities
38	always will be at least commensurate with those duties and re-
39	sponsibilities normally associated with and appropriate for
40	someone in the position of COO.
41	(b) Obligations to the Company. While you ren-
42	der services to the Company,
43	(1) you may deliver lectures, fulfill speaking en-
44	gagements and teach at educational institutions provided that
45	such activities do not materially interfere with the perfor-
46	mance of your duties to the Company, and
47	(2) you agree that you will not engage in any other
48	employment, consulting, or other business activity except as
49	authorized by the Conflicts Committee or other written con-
50	sent of the Company.
51	The Company has reviewed the activities that you
52	are conducting at the time of this Agreement and agrees that
53	they, and any substitute activities that are similar in nature and
54	scope, will not significantly interfere with your performance
55	of the responsibilities of your Employment under this Agree-
56	ment.
57	In addition, while you render services to the Com-
58	pany, you will not assist any person or entity in competing
59	with the Company, in preparing to compete with the Company
60	or in hiring any employees or consultants of the Company.

**Commented [DT10]:** Adjusted duties: As time goes on, internal corporate politics can often lead to an executive's duties and authority being increased – or decreased.

**Commented [DT11]:** At least as commensurate: This is typical for an executive's employment agreement – Sandberg doesn't want the duties of his or her office to be stripped away and given to someone else, and to be assigned to sweep the floors, without being able to "resign for good reason" (in this contract it's called Involuntary Termination) and collect a severance package.

**Commented [DT12]: While you render services:** This language might be phrased this way so that it can be plugged into a consulting contract as well as an employment agreement.

**Commented [DT13]: Lectures, etc.:** It's usually considered a good thing for a company to have its senior executives doing these things (and senior execs usually like the beneficial effect on their own careers).

**Commented [DT14]: Materially interfere:** The materiality qualifier is vague but it's the standard way of phrasing this concept.

**Commented [DT15]:** No other employment, etc.: This is a no-moonlighting clause. **QUESTION:** Would this clause prohibit Sandberg from writing *Lean In*, the best-selling book she just published, without permission?

Commented [DCT16]: "Or other written consent of the Company": In theory, Sandberg could get one of her fellow Facebook officers to sign off on her outside employment. As a practical matter, though, she's likely to go either to the CEO (Mark Zuckerberg) or perhaps to the company's general counsel.

**Commented [DT17]: Similar in nature:** There might be a proof problem down the road – what exactly were Sandberg's existing activities that Facebook reviewed at the time the Agreement was signed? For that reason, in some cases a drafter might want to include an exhibit containing a brief summary of those existing activities.

**Commented [DT18]: In-term non-competition clause:** Under longstanding California law, *post-employment* non-competition clauses are essentially per se illegal.

Commented [DT19]: Hiring employees, etc.: Under California law, Facebook can't prevent its employees from moving to a competitor except in extremely limited circumstances. Here, Facebook seems to be trying to prevent Sandberg from taking any of her colleagues with her, which could make her less appealing to a Facebook competitor wanting to hire her. Whether this type of provision is enforceable under California law is unclear; see generally <a href="this article">this article</a> by lawyers from Silicon Valley law firm Wilson Sonsini (August 2012).

comply with the Company's policies and procedures.

As an employee, you will also be expected to

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(c) No Conflicting Obligations. You represent and warrant to the Company that you are under no obligations or commitments, whether contractual or otherwise, that are materially inconsistent with your obligations under this Agreement.

In connection with your Employment, you shall not use or disclose any trade secrets or other proprietary information or intellectual property in which you or any other person has any right, title or interest

and your Employment will not infringe or violate the rights of any other person.

You represent and warrant to the Company that you have returned all property and confidential information belonging to any prior employer, other than confidential information that has become generally known to the public or within the relevant trade industry.

80 2. Cash and Incentive Compensation.

(a) <u>Salary</u>. The Company shall pay you as compensation for your services a base salary at a gross annual rate of \$300,000. Such salary shall be payable in accordance with the Company's standard payroll procedures.

(b) **Bonus**. You are eligible to receive a semi-annual discretionary bonus of up to a target of 45 % of your Base Eligible Earnings as defined in the Company's bonus plan. Based on your performance, you can over-achieve your bonus target pursuant to the Company's bonus plan.

(c) <u>Restricted Stock Units</u>. The Company has granted you certain restricted stock units ("<u>RSUs</u>") under its 2005 Stock Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"), pursuant to that Notice of RSU

Commented [DT20]: No conflicting obligations: Facebook doesn't want to be sued by one of Sandberg's former employers, claiming that she stole trade secrets and brought them with her to Facebook. (Facebook also presumably hopes that this provision will give them some political cover in case they ever do get so sued by a former employer.) As a practical matter, though, if a former employer were going to sue Sandberg and/or Facebook, in all likelihood it would have happened by now, given how long Sandberg has been at Facebook.

Commented [DT21]: No use of others' trade secrets, etc.: What might Facebook's practical remedies be if Sandberg were to breach this obligation? (Hint: Consider whether such a breach might constitute "Cause.")

**Commented [DT22]: Your Employment will not infringe:** Who has what obligation? How could this phrase be improved? (Consider what the drafter might be trying to say in the context of this entire section.)

**Commented [DT23]:** All property of prior employers returned: This representation pins down Sandberg – if later it turns out that she brought confidential documents with her from a former employer, then Facebook will have reason to terminate her for Cause – see Section 6(d)(iii) on page 7 below.

**Commented [DT24]:** *Annual* salary: The drafter wants to be clear that Sandberg's salary is \$300K *per year*, not per month. The latter isn't unheard of in some industries, although it'd certainly be unusual in the tech industry.

**Commented [DT25]: Payroll procedures:** Facebook doesn't want to have to separately manage special payroll procedures for particular employees.

**Commented [DT26]:** Bonus plans are typically set by the compensation committee of a company's board of directors. (For public companies this may be a requirement.) Bonuses are often a big deal for senior executives because they can represent a major portion of the executives' compensation. (Try Google-searching "executive bonus plan.")

Commented [DT27]: Stock incentive plans, under which employees can be awarded stock options, restricted stock, restricted-stock units, etc., can be complicated, or straightforward, or somewhere in between. ¶ Interestingly, Sandberg seems to have been granted only RSUs, not stock options (which are available under the Facebook 2005 Stock Plan).

93	Award (Grant Number RS000300) dated August 1, 2008 (your
94	"RSU Award").
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96	3. Vacation/PTO, Employee Benefits and other In-
97	centive Compensation. During your Employment you shall
98	be eligible to accrue paid vacation / paid time off in accord-
99	ance with the Company's vacation / paid time off policy, as it
100	may be amended from time to time, and at the rate equal to
101	other similarly situated executives.
102	During your Employment, you shall be eligible to par-
103	ticipate in the employee benefit and incentive compensation
104	plans maintained by the Company and generally available to
105	similarly situated employees of the Company,
106	subject in each case to the generally applicable terms
107	and conditions of the plan in question and to the determina-
108	tions of any person or committee administering such plan.
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110	4. <b>Business Expenses</b> . The Company will reimburse
111	you for your necessary and reasonable business expenses in-
112	curred in connection with your duties hereunder
113	upon presentation of an itemized account and appropri-
114	ate supporting documentation,
115	all in accordance with the Company's generally applica-
116	ble policies.
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118	5. <u>Termination</u> .
119	(a) <b>Employment at Will.</b> Your Employment shall
120	be "at will," meaning that either you or the Company shall be

**Commented [DT28]: PTO** stands for paid time off (also for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office).

Commented [DT29]: Vacation policy: Just as with payroll procedures, Facebook won't want to separately manage a special vacation policy just for Sandberg.

**Commented [DT30]: "Similarly situated executives"** is arguably ambiguous but it's a widely-used drafting approach.

**Commented [DT31]: Benefit plans** typically refers to things such as health insurance.

Commented [DT32]: Subject in each case: Facebook presumably wants it to be clear that this agreement doesn't create any special rights for Sandberg under Facebook's benefit plans, for example any sort of right to "Cadillac" health-insurance coverage. As another example, suppose that Facebook had a health-insurance plan that required employees to pay part of the monthly premium. Facebook wouldn't want Sandberg to try to claim that her employment agreement implicitly required the company to pay all of the premium for her coverage, so that she paid nothing for her health insurance.

**Commented [DT33]: Business expense reimbursement:** This is a very compactly-worded provision; it bears study.

Commented [DT34]: Generally applicable policies: Note that this clause does not use the phrase "as amended from time to time," unlike the Vacation policy paragraph immediately above, which does use that phrase. An aggressive trial counsel might try to argue that this means the only Business Expenses policies that count are those that were in effect when the agreement was signed, under the doctrine of expressio unius est exclusio alterius ("the mention of one thing excludes others"). I don't think the argument should work, but that might not prevent the parties from having to litigate it.

**Commented [DT35]: At-will employment** is the norm in most U.S. jurisdictions (subject to various public-policy and statutory exceptions), but not so in many non-U.S. jurisdictions.

entitled to terminate your Employment at any time and for any

reason, with or without Cause (as defined below).

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Any contrary representations that may have been made to you shall be superseded by this Agreement.

This Agreement shall constitute the full and complete agreement between you and the Company on the "atwill" nature of your Employment, which may only be changed in an express written agreement signed by you and a duly authorized officer of the Company.

(b) <u>Rights Upon Termination</u>. Except as expressly provided in Sections 6 and 9(b), (c) and (d), upon the termination of your Employment, you shall only be entitled to the compensation and benefits earned and the reimbursements described in this Agreement for the period preceding the effective date of the termination.

137 6. Termination Benefits.

(a) General Release. Any other provision of this
Agreement notwithstanding, subsections (b) and (c) below
shall not apply unless and until

(i) you have executed a full and complete general release of all claims substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A within twenty-one (21) days of your termination (and you do not revoke such general release in accordance with its terms) and

(ii) you have returned all Company property (other than property of inconsequential value, but the parties agree that among other things, any property capable of containing the Company's confidential trade secret or proprietary information is material and must be returned) within twenty-one (21) days of your termination.

Commented [DT36]: Contrary representation disclaimer: Former employees sometimes claim that they were *orally* promised continued employment by an interviewer, by HR, etc. In some jurisdictions, such a claim, if supported by the employee's sworn testimony, might create a genuine issue of material fact, precluding summary judgment and requiring a burdensome and expensive trial. This clause is an attempt to nip any such claim in the bud, to help Facebook get a such claim by Sandberg thrown out on summary judgment.

**Commented [DT37]: Entire agreement:** This is a separate and very-specific "entire agreement" clause, distinct from the one found in most general-provisions sections. **Which may only be changed...:** Courts sometimes don't enforce provisions like this.

**Commented [DT38]: Only entitled to compensation and benefits earned:** This is a sound-bite clause, designed to put Facebook in a better position to move for a quick summary judgment without the need for a trial (or even judgment on the pleadings) if Sandberg were to sue for additional compensation.

**Commented [DT39]: Termination benefits:** Interestingly, there's no provision for Sandberg to get a cash severance payment.

**Commented [DT40]:** General release: It's a widespread practice for companies to require a departing employee to sign a release of any claims the employee might have against the company before getting any severance benefits. (Note that it would probably be illegal for a company to require the employee to sign a release before paying wages and benefits that the employee had already earned.)

Commented [DT41]: Substantially in the form attached hereto: Any time a party to a contract might later have to sign a type of document (such as a release), it's always helpful to include the exact language of the document as an exhibit to the contract. ¶ Another possibility is to say in the contract that the document must be reasonably acceptable to each party's counsel. That, though, could invite future disputes — especially if at the time in question the parties are no longer on friendly terms.

**Commented [DT42]:** Revocation of general release: Under federal law, a release of certain claims (for example, claims of age discrimination or racial discrimination) must be able to be revoked for a certain period of time, so that the employee can mull over whether she really wants to give up her right to assert the claim.

**Commented [DT43]: Returned all Company property:** If Facebook found out that Sandberg hadn't returned (say) company papers, electronic files, etc., that could give Facebook a putative reason for withholding severance, or for trying to claw back severance compensation already paid.

(b) <b>Vesting Acceleration.</b> If the Company termi-
nates your Employment for any reason other than Cause, death
or Disability, then you shall be eligible to vest in the number
of RSUs you would have vested in had your Continuous Ser-
vice Status (as defined in the Plan) continued for the first half
of the months remaining between the date of your termination
and the fifth (5th) anniversary of your Start Date.

If the Company terminates your Employment as a result of your death or Disability, you will be eligible to vest in the number of additional shares you would have vested in had your Continuous Service Status continued for an additional twelve (12) months from your death or Disability.

[Language omitted.]

Any RSUs that vest pursuant to this Section 6(b) shall be settled within (30) days following the date of vesting but in no event later than March 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the later of the Initial Vesting Event or your termination of Employment occurs.

Any vesting acceleration related to termination of your Employment in connection with a Change of Control will be governed by Section 6(c) of this Agreement and will not result in the vesting acceleration provided for in this subsection.

(c) Change of Control Vesting Acceleration. If
you are Involuntarily Terminated by the Company, other than
as a result of your death or Disability and within one
(1) month prior to or within six (6) months following a
Change of Control (as defined in the Plan), then you shall be
eligible to receive accelerated vesting of the RSUs so that you
will become vested in 100% of the RSUs.

**Commented [DT44]: Vesting acceleration:** Stock options and grants of restricted stock typically <u>vest over time</u>; executive employment agreements often provide (as does this one) for at least some acceleration of vesting in various circumstances such as death, disability, or a corporate takeover.

**Commented [DT45]:** No later than March 15: This likely is a <u>Section 409A</u> provision designed to reduce the chance of having a severe tax penalty imposed on "deferred compensation."

**Commented [DT46]: "Change of Control":** This term typically relates to a corporate merger, acquisition, leveraged buy-out, etc. The term usually is defined in great detail somewhere; in Facebook's case the definition is in section 2(g) of the 2005 Stock Plan.

**Commented [DT47]: Double trigger:** This is an example of a "double trigger" acceleration of vesting – for vesting to accelerate, both a Change of Control event and an Involuntary Termination must occur.

**Commented [DT48]: Within one month prior, etc.:** This gives Sandberg at least some protection if Facebook ever decided to do a corporate "housecleaning" prior to a Change of Control.

181 Any RSUs that vest pursuant to this Section 6(c) 182 shall vest upon the later of the date the release of claims speci-183 fied in subsection (a) becomes effective and the Initial Vesting 184 Event. 185 Any RSUs that are eligible to vest pursuant to this 186 Section 6(c) shall be settled within thirty (30) days following 187 the date of vesting but in no event later than March 15 of the 188 calendar year following the calendar year in which the later of 189 the Initial Vesting Event and your Involuntary Termination 190 occurs. 191 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement 192 to the contrary, 193 if you sign and do not revoke the release 194 mentioned herein 195 and thereafter file a lawsuit claiming you are 196 entitled to additional RSUs or additional shares of the Company's common stock, 197 198 the Company, at its option, may unilaterally 199 cancel any shares of the Company's common stock that you 200 obtained in connection with the vesting acceleration provided 201 for in this Section 6(c). 202 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if in connection with a 203 Change of Control, the RSUs are not assumed or substituted 204 for an equivalent award (within the meaning of Section 15(c) 205 of the Plan), then you shall be eligible to receive accelerated 206 vesting of the RSUs effective immediately prior to the Change 207 of Control in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

Commented [DT49]: Vest upon the later of the date: Sandberg would not be entitled to accelerated vesting unless and until (A) she signed the release and (B) she'd been at Facebook long enough for her stock options or RSUs have their initial vesting (often a one-year "cliff" vesting, as is the case with <a href="the 2005 Facebook stock plan">the 2005 Facebook stock plan</a> mentioned in this agreement. Sandberg started at Facebook in 2008, so she presumably already satisfied requirement B.

**Commented [DT50]:** No later than March 15: This likely is a <u>Section 409A</u> provision designed to reduce the chance of having a severe tax penalty imposed on "deferred compensation."

**Commented [DT51]: Cancellation of shares:** This creates a disincentive for Sandberg to sue claiming that she's entitled to more shares or RSUs. It's sort of like a provision in a will saying that anyone who challenges the will in court is automatically disinherited.

**Commented [DT52]:** Assumed or substituted: A merger or acquisition transaction will sometimes include arrangements for employees of the target company to swap out their existing stock options (and/or restricted stock) for equivalent options in the acquiring company.

**Commented [DT53]: Not later than March 15:** This is probably another clause designed to avoid problems with <u>Section 409A</u>.

Any such RSUs shall be settled within thirty (30) days

following the date of the Change of Control but in no event

later than March 15 of the calendar year following the calen-

dar year in which the Change of Control occurs.

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212	(d) <b><u>Definition of "Cause"</u></b> . For all purposes under
213	this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean a determination by the
214	CEO that any of the following have occurred:
215	(i) you committed an act of material dishon-
216	esty in connection with your responsibilities as an employee;
217	(ii) you failed to comply with the material
218	terms of any written Company policy or rule as they may be in
219	effect from time to time during your employment and such
220	failure is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Compa-
221	ny;
222	(iii) you breached any material term of this
223	Agreement, of the Confidential Information and Invention As-
224	signment Agreement between you and the Company, or any of
225	other written agreement between you and the Company and
226	such breach is materially and demonstrably injurious to the
227	Company;
228	(iv) you were convicted of, or entered a plea
229	of guilty or nolo contendere to, a felony or crime of moral tur-
230	pitude; or
231	(v) you engaged in gross misconduct or
232	gross neglect of your duties and such misconduct or neglect is
233	materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company.
234	The cessation of your Employment shall not be deemed
235	to be for Cause unless and until you are sent a written notice
236	of the ground for the termination for "Cause" by the CEO
237	finding that, in the good faith opinion of the CEO, you are
238	guilty of the conduct described above, and specifying the par-
239	ticulars thereof in detail.
240	If the CEO does not deliver to you a notice of termina-
241	tion within ninety (90) days after the later of the date the CEO
242	has knowledge that an event constituting Cause has occurred
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Commented [DT54]: Definition of "Cause": The term "Cause" could have significant economic implications for Sandberg in case of an unfriendly termination. The term is usually defined in some detail in executive employment agreements, and sometimes is carefully negotiated by the company and the executive.

**Commented [DT55]: Determination by CEO:** There's no provision here for Sandberg to appeal, for example to Facebook's board of directors.

¶ As a practical matter, though, Facebook's CEO isn't likely to fire a senior executive like Sandberg for Cause without first lining up the support of the board. Not least, this is because the termination would have to be promptly disclosed in a Form 8-K filed with the SEC (because Facebook's stock is publicly traded), and that could affect the company's stock price.

**Commented [DT56]: "Material dishonesty":** Note that the dishonesty must be in connection with Sandberg's responsibilities as an employee," and also that there's a materiality qualifier. ¶ In a senior executive, even minor examples of workplace dishonesty could arguably be characterized as material in that they had the potential to do bad things to the [ethical] "tone at the top."

**Commented [DT57]: "Materially and demonstrably injurious":** This requirement is seen in several of the subparagraphs of this definition. It puts fences around Facebook's ability to fire Sandberg for Cause.

**Commented [DT58]: Felony:** This excludes misdemeanors, but a given misdemeanor might come under the alternate category of "crime of moral turpitude."

**Commented [DT59]:** Gross misconduct: Facebook could use this as a kind of morals clause, terminating Sandberg for Cause if her actions resulted in bad PR for Facebook. Note that there's no specific requirement that the gross misconduct relate to Sandberg's duties.

**Commented [DT60]:** Good faith opinion: This phrase could give Sandberg's counsel an opening to explore possible *bad*-faith reasons for the CEO to terminate her. That might lead to expensive depositions, document production, etc.; it also could complicate the process for Facebook to try to get a claim by Sandberg dismissed on summary judgment.

243 and, where applicable, the date the CEO has knowledge of the 244 materiality of the injury to the Company, the event will no 245 longer constitute Cause. 246 You will have fifteen (15) days to cure from the date the 247 notice is received by you. (e) **Definition of "Involuntary Termina-**248 249 tion". For purposes of this Agreement, "Involuntary Termina-250 tion" shall mean the termination of your Employment with the 251 Company by reason of: 252 (i) Your involuntary dismissal or discharge by 253 the Company, or by any acquiring or successor entity (or par-254 ent or any subsidiary thereof employing you) for reasons other 255 than Cause, or 256 (ii) Your voluntary resignation after the occur-257 rence of one of the following conditions without your prior 258 written consent: 259 (A) a material diminution in your base 260 salary; 261 (B) a material change in geographic loca-262 tion at which you must perform services 263 (a change in location of your office will 264 be considered material only if it increases your current one-265 way commute by more than fifty (50) miles); 266 (C) any material failure of the successors 267 to the Company after a Change of Control to perform or cause 268 the Company to perform the obligations of the Company un-269 der this Agreement; 270 (D) any action or inaction of the Company 271 that constitutes a material breach of the terms of this Agree-272 ment; or

**Commented [DT61]: Involuntary Termination:** This definition comes into play in the severance provisions below.

**Commented [DT62]: Voluntary resignation:** This provision entitles Sandberg to "pull the plug" herself in certain events, yet still get the agreed severance benefits as though she had been terminated without Cause.

**Commented [DT63]: Material:** The materiality qualifiers in this and succeeding subdivisions can easily give rise to arguments, and possibly litigation, over whether Sandberg is entitled to the agreed severance benefits if she resigns.

**Commented [DT64]:** Material failure of successor: One such failure might be for a successor company to fail to give Sandberg a written assumption of Facebook's obligations, as required by Section 8(a) below. That could allow Sandberg to resign voluntarily yet still be entitled to severance benefits.

273 (E) any other material adverse change in 274 your duties, authorities or responsibilities as specified in Sec-275 tion l(a), above, 276 in each case, only if you 277 provide notice to the Company of the ex-278 istence of the applicable condition described in Section 6(e)(ii) 279 within 90 days of the initial existence of the condition, 280 the Company fails to remedy the condi-281 tion within 30 days thereafter, and 282 within the 30 day period immediately fol-283 lowing such failure to remedy, you elect to terminate your 284 Employment. 285 The parties intend that this trigger qualify as 286 an involuntary separation from service trigger under Treasury 287 Regulation Section 1.409A-l(n)(2). 288 (f) **Definition of "Disability".** For all purposes 289 under this Agreement, "Disability" shall mean your inability 290 to perform the essential functions of your position with or 291 without reasonable accommodation for a period of 120 con-292 secutive days because of your physical or mental impairment. 293 294 7. **Confidentiality Agreement.** You hereby reaffirm 295 your obligations under the Confidential Information and In-296 vention Assignment Agreement between you and the Compa-297 ny, dated February 20, 2008, a copy of which is attached here-298 to as Exhibit B (the "Confidentiality Agreement"). 299 300 8. Successors. 301 (a) Company's Successors. This Agreement shall 302 be binding upon any successor (whether direct or indirect and 303 whether by purchase, lease, merger, consolidation, liquidation

**Commented [DT65]: Notice and cure provision:** Facebook doesn't want Sandberg to be able to resign voluntarily and collect severance benefits without first giving Facebook a chance to fix whatever the problem was that led to Sandberg's claim that she was entitled to do so.

**Commented [DT66]:** Section 409A is an IRS regulation that imposes severe tax penalties on certain forms of deferred compensation regarded by the government as tax dodges.

**Commented [DT67]: Definition of Disability:** This is another provision that is sometimes carefully negotiated.

**Commented [DT68]: Physical or mental impairment:** It's not unthinkable that an executive might claim that (let's say) alcoholism or cocaine use was a "mental impairment" that qualified as a Disability.

304 or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the Company's busi-305 ness and/or assets. 306 Any such successor will within a reasonable peri-307 od of becoming the successor assume in writing and be bound 308 by all of the Company's obligations under this Agreement. 309 For all purposes under this Agreement, the term 310 "Company" shall include any successor to the Company's 311 business or assets that becomes bound by this Agreement. 312 (b) **Your Successors.** This Agreement and all of 313 your rights hereunder shall inure to the benefit of, and be en-314 forceable by, your personal or legal representatives, executors, 315 administrators, successors, heirs, distributees, devisees and 316 legatees. 9. Miscellaneous Provisions. 317 318 (a) **Indemnification.** The Company agrees that 319 if you are made a party or threatened to be made a 320 party to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, 321 administrative or investigative (other than an action brought 322 against you by the Company) 323 by reason of the fact that you are or were 324 an employee of the Company 325 or are or were serving at the request of 326 the Company, as a director, officer, member, employee or 327 agent of another corporation or a partnership, joint venture, 328 trust or other enterprise, 329 you shall be indemnified by the Company 330 to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law

**Commented [DT69]:** All or substantially all of the Company's business assets: In some cases Sandberg or Facebook or both might want this to apply to a sale, etc., of all or substantially all of Facebook's assets *associated with a particular line of business*, e.g., a particular corporate division.

**Commented [DT70]:** Assume in writing: A successor company's failure to provide Sandberg with a written assumption of Facebook's obligations could lead to her being able to resign for good reason and collect severance benefits, as discussed above.

**Commented [DT71]: Indemnification:** Senior executives often insist on getting the broadest possible indemnification from their companies. Securities plaintiffs' lawyers typically sue everyone in sight when they bring a claim against a company; executives don't relish the prospect of having their personal net worth take a serious hit (from the legal fees alone).

**Commented [DT72]: Another corporation, etc.:** A company might ask one of its executives to serve as an officer or board member of an affiliate company or of a joint venture in which the company is participating.

**Commented [DT73]: To the fullest extent:** This is fairly typical language for a corporate indemnification provision.

and the Company's certificate of incorporation and by-laws, as

the same exists or may hereafter be amended,

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333 against all reasonably and actually incurred legal 334 expenses and related costs incurred or suffered by you in con-335 nection therewith 336 provided that you cooperate with the Company in 337 connection with such actual or threatened action, suit, pro-338 ceeding or investigation, 339 and such indemnification shall continue even if 340 you have ceased to be an officer or are no longer employed by 341 the Company 342 and shall inure to the benefit of your heirs, execu-343 tors and administrators. 344 The Company shall provide you with 345 directors' and officers' liability insurance at least as favorable as the insurance coverage provided to 346 347 other senior executive officers and directors of the Company 348 respecting liabilities, and 349 reasonable legal fees and costs, charges 350 and expenses incurred or sustained by you (or your legal rep-351 resentative or other successors) in connection with any such 352 proceeding. 353 Unless otherwise provided in an indemnification 354 agreement with the Company, no indemnity shall be paid by 355 the Company 356 (i) if it shall be determined by a final judgment 357 or other final adjudication that such remuneration was in vio-358 lation of law; 359 (ii) if it is finally determined that, in connection 360 with the above action, suit or proceeding, that your conduct 361 was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, de-362 liberately dishonest or willful; or

**Commented [DT74]: Indemnification shall continue:** If an officer is terminated or resigns, for example after losing a corporate power struggle, the officer won't want to be thrown under the bus in a lawsuit and risk being financially ruined.

**Commented [DT75]: D&O insurance** is often a *sine qua non* for corporate officers, that is, they won't serve without it.

**Commented [DT76]:** At least as favorable: This tells Sandberg that she will get the same level of D&O insurance as Facebook's board of directors does — and it's *extremely* unlikely that the board members will allow the company to skimp on *their* insurance coverage.

**Commented [DT77]: No indemnity in certain circumstances:** This might be required by corporate law and/or by a company's articles of incorporation.

363	(iii) if a final decision by a Court having juris-
364	diction in the matter shall determine that such indemnification
865	is not lawful.
366	Unless otherwise provided in an indemnification
867	agreement with the Company, you agree to reimburse the
868	Company for all reasonable expenses paid by the Company in
369	defending any civil or criminal action suit or proceeding
370	against you
371	in the event and only to the extent that it
372	shall be ultimately determined that you are not entitled to be
373	indemnified by the Company for such expenses under the pro-
374	visions of applicable law, the Company's bylaws, this Agree-
375	ment or otherwise.
376	(b) <u>Legal Fees</u> . Following a Change of Control
377	only, the Company shall pay the legal fees incurred by you to
378	enforce the terms of this Agreement
379	or to dispute the legality of your termination.
880	(c) Parachute Payments. If any payment or bene-
881	fit you would receive pursuant to a Change of Control from
882	the Company or otherwise ("Payment") would
883	(i) constitute a "parachute payment" within
884	the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of
885	1986, as amended (the "Code"), and
886	(ii) but for this sentence, be subject to the
887	excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code (the "Excise
888	<u>Tax</u> "),
889	then such Payment shall be reduced to the Re-
390	duced Amount. [Definition of "Reduced Amount" omitted.]

**Commented [DT78]:** Agree to reimburse the Company: This agreement allows a company to front the money for an executive's litigation defense, even if it were to turn out later that the executive wasn't entitled to it

**Commented [DT79]: Parachute payments:** The U.S. tax code imposes what amount to penalties on certain executive "golden parachutes."

391 Reduction in either cash payments or equity com-392 pensation benefits shall be made pro rata between and among 393 benefits which are subject to Section 409A 394 of the Code 395 and benefits which are exempt from Sec-396 tion 409A of the Code. 397 The accounting firm engaged by the Company for 398 general audit purposes as of the day prior to the effective date 399 of the Change of Control shall perform the foregoing calcula-400 tions. 401 The Company shall bear all expenses with respect 402 to the determinations by such accounting firm required to be 403 made hereunder. 404 Any good faith determination of the accounting 405 firm made hereunder shall be final, binding and conclusive 406 upon the Company and you. (d) Compliance with Section 409A. You and the 407 408 Company intend to structure and operate 409 the payments and benefits described in this 410 Agreement, 411 and your other compensation, 412 to be exempt from or to comply with the require-413 ments of Section 409A of the Code to the extent applicable. 414 The Company and you intend that your RSUs and 415 RSU Award have been structured to be exempt from or to 416 comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code to 417 the extent applicable. 418 The Company agrees not to take any action (or 419 omit to take any action that is required to be taken) in respect 420 of the RSUs (or any other similar award) that is materially in-

Commented [DT80]: Determination by Company's accounting firm:

Sometimes an executive might negotiation to require a different accounting firm to make the determination, but usually the company will hold out for having its regular accounting firm do so (because the cost of bringing in another accounting firm could be significant compared to the amount likely to be at stake).

**Commented [DT81]:** Section 409A: As noted above, this is a provision of the U.S. tax regulations that

421 consistent with, contrary to or in material breach of the terms 422 of the RSUs (or any similar award), 423 other than as required by applicable law, 424 that causes you to incur tax in respect of a viola-425 tion of Section 409A of the Code with respect to such RSUs 426 unless you request the action (or omission). 427 For the avoidance of doubt, the Company agrees 428 that any failure to follow the payment terms under the RSUs 429 (or any other similar award granted to you) will be considered 430 a material breach. 431 If you or the Company believes, at any time, that 432 any feature of your compensation or benefits (including your 433 RSUs) does not comply with (or is not exempt from) Sec-434 tion 409A of the Code 435 or that any action taken or contemplated to 436 be taken (including any failure to take action) in regards to 437 your compensation or benefits caused or might cause a viola-438 tion of Section 409A of the Code, 439 you or the Company will promptly advise the 440 other 441 and will reasonably negotiate in good faith to 442 amend the terms of the payments or benefits or alter the action 443 or contemplated action 444 in order that your payments or benefit ar-445 rangements comply with (or are exempt from) the require-446 ments of Section 409A of the Code 447 or in order to mitigate any additional taxes that 448 may apply under Section 409A of the Code if compliance or 449 exemption is not practicable. 450 For the avoidance of doubt, the Company is not re-451 sponsible for the payment of any taxes, including income and

**Commented [DT82]:** Material breach: This means that a failure by Facebook under this section would allow Sandberg to resign voluntarily yet still collect severance benefits, as provided in Section 6.

452 excise taxes, that you may incur under Section 409A of the 453 Code, 454 nor will the Company indemnify you for any 455 such liability, 456 unless the Company breaches a material term of this 457 Agreement or of any compensatory program in which you par-458 ticipate 459 and that breach is the cause of the 409A taxa-460 tion/penalties. 461 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company will in-462 demnify you to the greatest extent that it has indemnified or 463 agrees to indemnify any current or former employee who has 464 incurred or incurs the additional taxes under Section 409A in connection with an RSU or similar type of award due to the 465 466 same or similar circumstances. 467 (e) **Notice.** Notices and all other communications 468 contemplated by this Agreement shall be in writing 469 and shall be deemed to have been duly given 470 when personally delivered 471 or when mailed by U.S. registered or certi-472 fied mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid. 473 In your case, mailed notices shall be addressed to you 474 at the home address that you most recently communicated to 475 the Company in writing. 476 In the case of the Company, mailed notices shall be 477 addressed to its corporate headquarters, and all notices shall be 478 directed to the attention of its Secretary. 479 (f) **Modifications and Waivers.** No provision of 480 this Agreement shall be modified, waived or discharged unless 481 the modification, waiver or discharge is agreed to in writing

**Commented [DT83]: Greatest extent:** This expressly forces Facebook to avoid disparate treatment (which can be a source of claims in employee lawsuits). The provision is diluted somewhat, though, by the end of the sentence.

**Commented [DT84]: Similar, etc.:** This qualifier leaves considerable room for dispute, but it's a widely-used way of doing things.

**Commented [DT85]: Notice by mail:** Companies generally like to be able to give notice to their employees by doing a mass mailing.

**Commented [DT86]:** Certified mail provides proof of receipt of the notice. (Many notice provisions also allow notice by established overnight delivery service [e.g., FedEx] with trackable delivery.)

**Commented [DT87]: Employee's address for notice:** Some provisions like this say that Facebook can send notice to the employee's address as stated in Facebook's then-current payroll records.

**Commented [DT88]: Waivers must be in writing:** Courts don't always give effect to this kind of clause.

and signed by you and by an authorized officer of the Company (other than you).

No waiver by either party of any breach of, or of compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement by the other party shall be considered a waiver of any other condition or provision or of the same condition or provision at another time.

(g) Whole Agreement. No other agreements, representations or understandings (whether oral or written and whether express or implied) which are not expressly set forth in this Agreement have been made or entered into by either party with respect to the subject matter hereof.

This Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, its Exhibits) and the Confidentiality Agreement contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(h) <u>Withholding Taxes</u>. All payments made under this Agreement shall be subject to reduction to reflect taxes or other charges required to be withheld by law.

(i) <u>Choice of Law and Severability</u>. This

Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of
the State of California without giving effect to provisions governing the choice of law.

If any provision of this Agreement becomes or is deemed invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any applicable jurisdiction by reason of the scope, extent or duration of its coverage, then such provision shall be deemed amended to the minimum extent necessary to conform to applicable law so as to be valid and enforceable

or, if such provision cannot be so amended without materially altering the intention of the parties, then such **Commented [DT89]: Whole agreement:** The conventional heading for this clause is *entire* agreement.

**Commented [DT90]: Choice of law exclusion:** Without this proviso, conceivably choosing California law might trigger a separate choice-of-law rule requiring the application of another state's law.

Commented [DT91]: Without materially altering the parties' intention: Of course this proviso is ripe for dispute.

provision shall be stricken and the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

If any provision of this Agreement is rendered il-

If any provision of this Agreement is rendered illegal by any present or future statute, law, ordinance or regulation (collectively, the "Law") then that provision shall be curtailed or limited only to the minimum extent necessary to bring the provision into compliance with the Law. All the other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect without impairment or limitation.

(j) **No Assignment.** This Agreement and all of your rights and obligations hereunder are personal to you and may not be transferred or assigned by you at any time.

The Company may assign its rights under this

Agreement to any entity that assumes the Company's obligations hereunder in connection with any sale or transfer of all or
a substantial portion of the Company's assets to such entity.

- $\label{eq:company represents and warrants that} \textbf{(k)} \ \underline{\textbf{Authority}}. \ \textbf{The Company represents and warrants that}$
- (i) the execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by the Company, including action of the Board,
- (ii) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Company does not and will not violate any law, regulation, order, judgment or decree or any agreement, plan or corporate governance document of the Company and
- (iii) upon the execution and delivery of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be the valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent enforceability may be limited by

Commented [DT92]: No assignment by employee: Under the general law, an employee probably wouldn't be able to assign an employment agreement anyway, but including this provision should remove any doubt.

543	bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws af-
544	fecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally
545	and by the effect of general principles of eq-
546	uity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a
547	proceeding in equity or at law).
548	(1) <b>Counterparts.</b> This Agreement may be exe-
549	cuted in two or more counterparts; each of which shall be
550	deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute
551	one and the same instrument.
552	To indicate your acceptance of the mutual promises con
553	tained in this letter agreement, please sign and date this letter
554	in the space provided below and return it to me.
555	[Signature block omitted]

1	EXHIBIT A
2	FORM OF GENERAL RELEASE
3	<b>General Release of Claims</b>
4	This General Release of Claims (this "Release"), dated
5	as of, 20, confirms the following understandings
6	and agreements between Facebook, Inc., a Delaware corpora-
7	tion (the "Company") and Sheryl Sandberg (hereinafter re-
8	ferred to as "you" or "your").
9	In consideration of the promises set forth in that certain
10	employment agreement between you and the Company dated
11	February 20, 2008[, as amended] (the "Employment Agree-
12	ment") as well as any promises set forth in this Release, you
13	agree as follows:
14	(1) Opportunity for Review and Revocation. [to be in-
15	cluded if employee is age 40 or older].
16	You have twenty-one (21) days to review and consider
17	this Release.
18	Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the con-
19	trary, this Release will not become effective or enforceable for
20	a period of seven (7) calendar days following the date of its
21	execution, during which time you may revoke your acceptance
22	of this Release by notifying the General Counsel of the Com-
23	pany, in writing.
24	To be effective, such revocation must be received by the
25	Company no later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh ( $7^{\text{th}}$ ) calendar
26	day following its execution.
27	Provided that the Release is executed and you do not re-
28	voke it, the eighth (8th) day following the date on which this
29	Release is executed shall be its effective date (the "Effective
30	<u>Date</u> '').

31	In the event of your revocation of this Release pursuant
32	to this Section 1, this Release will be null and void and of no
33	effect, and the Company will have no obligations hereunder.
34	(2) Employee Release and Waiver of Claims.
35	(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sec-
36	tion 1542 of the Civil Code of California, and in accordance
37	with Section 2(c) and Section 7(a) of the Employment Agree-
38	ment,
39	you and your representatives, agents, estate, heirs,
40	successors and assigns, absolutely and unconditionally hereby
41	release, remise, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless
42	the Company Releasees ("Company Re-
43	leasees" defined to include the Company and/or any of its par-
44	ents, subsidiaries or affiliates, predecessors, successors or as-
45	signs, and its and their respective current and/or former part-
46	ners, directors, shareholders/stockholders, officers, employees
47	attorneys and/or agents, all both individually and in their offi-
48	cial capacities),
49	from any and all legally waivable actions or caus-
50	es of action, suits, claims, complaints, contracts, liabilities,
51	agreements, promises, contracts, torts, debts, damages, con-
52	troversies, judgments, rights and demands,
53	whether existing or contingent, known or un-
54	known, suspected or unsuspected,
55	which arise out of your employment with, change
56	in employment status with, and/or separation of employment
57	from, the Company.
58	This release is intended by you to be all encom-
59	passing and to act as a full and total release of any legally
60	waivable claims, whether specifically enumerated herein or
61	not,

62	that you may have or have had against the Com-
63	pany Releasees
64	arising from conduct occurring up to and through
65	the date of this Release,
66	including, but not limited to, any legally waivable
67	claims arising from any federal, state or local law, regulation
68	or constitution dealing with either employment, employment
69	benefits or employment discrimination
70	such as those laws or regulations concerning dis-
71	crimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age,
72	sex, sex harassment, sexual orientation, national origin, ances-
73	try, genetic carrier status, handicap or disability, veteran sta-
74	tus, any military service or application for military service, or
75	any other category protected under federal or state law;
76	including any claims or causes of action you have
77	or may have relating to discrimination under federal, state or
78	locate statutes (whether before a court or an administrative
79	agency)
80	including, but not limited to,
81	the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of
82	1967,
83	Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
84	the Employee Retirement Income Security Act
85	of 1974 (excluding all claims for accrued, vested benefits un-
86	der any employee benefit or pension plan of the Company
87	subject to the terms and conditions of such plan and applicable
88	law),
89	the Americans with Disabilities Act,
90	the Family and Medical Leave Act,
91	the Fair Labor Standards Act,
92	the National Labor Relations Act,

93	the California Fair Employment and Housing
94	Act,
95	the California Constitution,
96	the California Labor Code,
97	and the California Civil Code,
98	all as amended from time to time;
99	any contract, whether oral or written, express or
100	implied; any tort;
101	any claim for equity or other benefits;
102	or any other statutory and/or common law claim.
103	(b) You acknowledge that your execution of this
104	Agreement shall be effective as a bar to each and every claim
105	specified in Sections 4(a) and 5 of this Agreement.
106	Accordingly, you hereby expressly waive any and
107	all rights and benefits conferred upon you by the provisions of
108	Section 1542 of the California Civil Code
109	and expressly consent that this Agreement
110	shall be given full force and effect with respect to each and all
111	of its express terms and provisions,
112	including those related to unknown and/or unsus-
113	pected claims, if any,
114	as well as those relating to any other claims speci-
115	fied in Sections 4(a) and 5 of this Agreement.
116	Section 1542 provides as follows:
117	"A general release does not extend to claims
118	which the creditor does not know or suspect
119	to exist in his or her favor at the time of ex-
120	ecuting the release, which if known by him
121	or her must have materially affected his or
122	her settlement with the debtor."

123	You further represent that you understand and
124	acknowledge the significance and consequence of such release
125	as well as the specific waiver of Section 1542.
126	(c) This Release does not include any claim
127	which, as a matter of law, cannot be released by private
128	agreement.
129	Nor does this Release prohibit or bar you from
130	providing truthful testimony in any legal proceeding or from
131	cooperating with, or making truthful disclosures to, any gov-
132	ernmental agency.
133	Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to
134	any claim that cannot be released by private agreement,
135	you agree to release and waive your right (if any)
136	to any monetary damages or other recovery as to such claims,
137	including any claims brought on your behalf,
138	either individually or as part of a collective action,
139	by any governmental agency or other third party.
140	(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this Release
141	to the contrary, by executing this Release, you are not releas-
142	ing any claims relating to
143	(i) your rights or any other benefits express-
144	ly provided under the Employment Agreement including, but
145	not limited to, those provided for in Sections 11(b), 11(c) and
146	11(d),
147	(ii) any rights relating to the restricted stock
148	units (the "RSUs") granted to you pursuant to the Employment
149	Agreement or otherwise or any rights relating to any other
150	outstanding equity awards or
151	(iii) any indemnification or similar rights
152	you may have as a current or former officer or director of the
153	Company

154	including, without limitation, any and all				
155	rights thereto referenced in the Employment Agreement, the				
156	Company's bylaws, plan of reorganization or liquidation, oth-				
157	er governance documents, or any rights with respect to the				
158	Company's directors' and officers' insurance policies.				
159	(3) Company Release and Waiver of Claims. The				
160	Company covenants that,				
161	except for any claim that could be asserted by the				
162	Company or its shareholders against you				
163	(1) for fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, embez-				
164	zlement, breach of trust, theft, violation of state or federal se-				
165	curities laws, conversion, misuse or unauthorized disclosure of				
166	the Company's confidential, proprietary or trade secret infor-				
167	mation;				
168	(2) brought to enforce the terms and provisions				
169	of this Release or the Employment Agreement (including the				
170	Exhibits thereto); or				
171	(3) based upon a claim that conduct in which you				
172	engaged constituted grounds for termination of your employ-				
173	ment for "Cause", as defined in the Employment Agreement,				
174	it hereby waives any non-excluded claims and				
175	releases you from such non-excluded claims.				
176	(4) No Suit. You represent that you have not filed any				
177	complaints or charges against the Company with any federal,				
178	state, or local administrative agency arising out of your em-				
179	ployment with the Company on or prior to the Effective Date.				
180	(5) Prior Agreement. You understand and agree that you				
181	have continuing obligations under the Confidential Infor-				
182	mation and Inventions Assignment Agreement between you				
183	and the Company dated as of February 20, 2008 (hereinafter,				

the "<u>CIIAA</u>"). A copy of the CIIAA is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

You reaffirm your commitment under the CIIAA in this Release, and agree that, as part of this Release, you will comply fully with the terms of the CIIAA.

You also confirm that you have not violated the CIIAA.

- (6) Restricted Stock Units. The Company previously granted you RSUs under the Company's 2005 Stock Plan (the "Stock Plan"). Pursuant to the Employment Agreement, as of the Effective Date you will be vested in [NUMBER] of the RSUs. All of your rights and obligations with respect to the RSUs are governed by the terms and conditions of the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.
- (7) <u>Confidentiality</u>. You agree that you will not disclose to others the fact or terms of this Release, except that you may disclose such information to your attorney or accountant in order for such individuals to render services to you.
- (8) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The provisions hereof shall inure to the benefit of your heirs, executors, administrators, legal personal representatives and assigns and shall be binding upon your heirs, executors, administrators, legal personal representatives and assigns.
- (9) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Release, or part thereof, is held invalid, void or voidable as against public policy or otherwise, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions, or parts thereof, which may be given effect without the invalid provision or part. To this extent, the provisions and parts thereof of this Release are declared to be severable.

Any waiver of any provision of this Release shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Release unless expressly so indicated otherwise.

215	The language of all parts of this Release shall in all cas-
216	es be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly
217	for or against either of the parties.
218	(10) Governing Law. Any claims arising out of this Re-
219	lease (or any other claims arising out of the relationship be-
220	tween the parties) shall be governed by and construed in ac-
221	cordance with the laws of the state of California
222	and shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced and
223	governed under the internal and domestic laws of California,
224	without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of
225	laws of such state.
226	Any claims or legal actions by one party against the oth-
227	er shall be commenced and maintained in a court of competent
228	jurisdiction in Santa Clara County, California,
229	and you hereby submit to the jurisdiction and venue of
230	any such court.
231	(11) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in
232	two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an
233	original, but all of which taken together will constitute one and
234	the same instrument.
235	(12) This Agreement shall not be construed as an admis-
236	sion by you or the Company of any wrongful act, unlawful
237	discrimination, or breach of contract.
238	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have exe-
239	cuted this Release as of the date first written above.
240	[Signature block for Mark Zuckerberg omitted]
241	
242	I REPRESENT THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING
243	RELEASE,
244	THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS
245	AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH RELEASE

**Commented [DT93]:** Language: This clause represents an attempt to negate the *contra proferentem* rule, under which (other things being equal) an ambiguity in contract language is construed against the party that drafted the language.

246	AND THAT I AM KNOWINGLY AND VOLUN-
247	TARILY EXECUTING THE SAME
248	WITHOUT DURESS OR COERCION FROM ANY
249	SOURCE.
250	IN ENTERING INTO THIS RELEASE, I DO NOT
251	RELY ON ANY REPRESENTATION, PROMISE OR IN-
252	DUCEMENT MADE BY THE COMPANY OR ITS REPRE
253	SENTATIVES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CON-
254	SIDERATION DESCRIBED IN THIS DOCUMENT.
255	[Sheryl Sandberg signature block omitted]

**Commented [DT94]: Non-reliance clauses** are typically included in contracts to try to preclude later claims that the other side induced the signing party to sign the document by fraud, e.g., by lying about facts or by making promises the inducing party had no intention of keeping.

1	EXHIBIT B			
2	CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND			
3	INVENTION ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT			
4				
5	EXECUTION COPY			
6				
7	FACEBOOK, INC.			
8	CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND			
9	INVENTION ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT			
10	FOR EMPLOYEES			
11	As a condition of my becoming employed (or my em-			
12	ployment being continued) by or retained as a consultant (or			
13	my consulting relationship being continued) by Facebook,			
14	Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Facebook") or any of its cur-			
15	rent or future subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns			
16	(collectively, the "Company"),			
17	and in consideration of my employment or consulting			
18	relationship with the Company and my receipt of the compen-			
19	sation now and hereafter paid to me by the Company,			
20	I agree to the following:			
21	1. Employment or Consulting Relationship. I under-			
22	stand and acknowledge that this Agreement does not alter,			
23	amend or expand upon any rights I may have to continue in			
24	the employ of, or in a consulting relationship with, or the dura-			
25	tion of my employment or consulting relationship with, the			
26	Company under any existing agreements between the Compa-			
27	ny and me or under applicable law.			
28	Any employment or consulting relationship between the			
29	Company and me, whether commenced prior to or upon or af-			
30	ter the date of this Agreement, shall be referred to herein as			
31	the "Relationship."			

32					
33	2. At-Will Relationship. I understand and acknowledge				
34	that my Relationship with the Company is and shall continue				
35	to be at-will, as defined under applicable law, meaning that ei-				
36	ther I or the Company may terminate the Relationship at any				
37	time for any reason or no reason,				
38	without further obligation or liability, except as set forth				
39	in the employment agreement between me and the Company,				
40	dated February 20, 2008.				
41					
42	3. Confidential Information.				
43	(a) <b>Company Information.</b> I agree at all times				
44	during the term of my Relationship with the Company and				
45	thereafter,				
46	to hold in strictest confidence,				
47	and not to use,				
48	except for the benefit of the Company to the ex-				
49	tent necessary to perform my obligations to the Company un-				
50	der the Relationship,				
51	or to disclose to any person, firm, corporation or				
52	other entity				
53	without written authorization of the Board of Di-				
54	rectors of the Company,				
55	any Confidential Information of the Company				
56	which I obtain or create.				
57	I further agree not to make copies of such Confi-				
58	dential Information except as authorized by the Company.				
59	I understand that "Confidential Information"				
60	means any Company proprietary information, technical data,				

**Commented [DT95]: Without written authorization of the Board:** Huh??? Company executives and employees routinely disclose confidential information to other companies without board approval.

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trade secrets or know-how,

62	including, but not limited to, research, product				
63	plans, products, services, suppliers, customer lists and customer				
64	ers (including, but not limited to, customers of the Company				
65	on whom I called or with whom I became acquainted during				
66	the Relationship), prices and costs, markets, software, devel-				
67	opments, inventions, laboratory notebooks, processes, formu-				
68	las, technology, designs, drawings, engineering, hardware con				
69	figuration information, marketing, licenses, finances, budgets				
70	or other business information disclosed to me by				
71	the Company				
72	either directly or indirectly				
73	in writing, orally or by drawings or observation of				
74	parts or equipment				
75	or created by me				
76	during the period of the Relationship,				
77	whether or not during working hours.				
78	I understand that Confidential Information in-				
79	cludes, but is not limited to, information pertaining to any as-				
80	pect of the Company's business,				
81	which is either information not known by actual				
82	or potential competitors of the Company or other third parties				
83	not under confidentiality obligations to the Company,				
84	or is otherwise proprietary information of the				
85	Company or its customers or suppliers,				
86	whether of a technical nature or otherwise.				
87	I further understand that Confidential Information				
88	does not include any of the foregoing items which has become				
89	publicly and widely known and made generally available				
90	through no wrongful act of mine or of others who were under				

Commented [DT96]: Publicly and widely known, etc.: This is a pretty limited carve-out.

confidentiality obligations as to the item or items involved.

(b) <b>Prior Obligations</b> . I represent that my per-
formance of all terms of this Agreement as an employee or
consultant of the Company has not breached and will not
breach any agreement to keep in confidence proprietary in-
formation, knowledge or data acquired by me prior or subse-
quent to the commencement of my Relationship with the
Company,

and I will not disclose to the Company or use any inventions, confidential or non-public proprietary information or material belonging to any current or former client or employer or any other party.

I will not induce the Company to use any inventions, confidential or non-public proprietary information, or material belonging to any current or former client or employer or any other party. I acknowledge and agree that I have listed on Exhibit A all agreements (e.g., non-competition agreements, non-solicitation of customers agreements, non-solicitation of employees agreements, confidentiality agreements, inventions agreements, etc.) with a current or former employer, or any other person or entity, that may restrict my ability to accept employment with the Company or my ability as an employee or consultant to recruit or engage customers or service providers on behalf of the Company, or otherwise relate to or restrict my ability to perform my duties as an employee of the Company or any obligation I may have to the Company.

(c) <u>Third Party Information</u>. I recognize that the Company has received and in the future will receive confidential or proprietary information from third parties subject to a duty on the Company's part to maintain the confidentiality of such information and to use it only for certain limited purpos-

Commented [DT97]: Prior confidentiality obligations: Companies don't want to be sued by former employers for misappropriation of trade secrets or other confidential information. (Some prior employers' executives might secretly relish the prospect of making mischief for a former employee's new company, especially if the new company is a competitor.)

es. I agree to hold all such confidential or proprietary information in the strictest confidence and not to disclose it to any person, firm or corporation or to use it except as necessary in carrying out my work for the Company consistent with the Company's agreement with such third party.

### 4. Inventions.

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(a) Inventions Retained and Licensed. I have attached hereto, as Exhibit A, a list describing with particularity all inventions, original works of authorship, developments, improvements, and trade secrets which were made by me prior to the commencement of the Relationship (collectively referred to as "Prior Inventions"), which belong solely to me or belong to me jointly with another, which relate in any way to any of the Company's proposed businesses, products or research and development, and which are not assigned to the Company hereunder; or, if no such list is attached, I represent that there are no such Prior Inventions. If, in the course of my Relationship with the Company, I incorporate into a Company product, process or machine a Prior Invention owned by me or in which I have an interest, the Company is hereby granted and shall have a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide license (with the right to sublicense) to make, have made, copy, modify, make derivative works of, use, sell and otherwise distribute such Prior Invention as part of or in connection with such product, process or machine.

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(b) <u>Assignment of Inventions</u>. I agree that I will promptly make full written disclosure to Facebook, will hold in trust for the sole right and benefit of Facebook, and hereby

assign to Facebook, or its designee, all my right, title and interest throughout the world in and to any and all inventions, original works of authorship, developments, concepts, knowhow, improvements or trade secrets, whether or not patentable or registrable under copyright or similar laws, which I may solely or jointly conceive or develop or reduce to practice, or cause to be conceived or developed or reduced to practice, during the period of my Relationship with the Company (collectively referred to as "Inventions"), except as provided in Section 4(e) below. I further acknowledge that all Inventions which are made by me (solely or jointly with others) within the scope of and during the period of my Relationship with the Company are "works made for hire" (to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law) and are compensated by my salary (if I am an employee) or by such amounts paid to me under any applicable consulting agreement or consulting arrangements (if I am a consultant), unless regulated otherwise by the mandatory law of the state of California.

maintain adequate and current written records of all Inventions made by me (solely or jointly with others) during the term of my Relationship with the Company. The records may be in the form of notes, sketches, drawings, flow charts, electronic data or recordings, laboratory notebooks, and any other format. The records will be available to and remain the sole property of the Company at all times. I agree not to remove such records from the Company's place of business except as expressly permitted by Company policy which may, from time to time, be revised at the sole election of the Company for the purpose of furthering the Company's business. I agree to return all such records (including all copies thereof) to Facebook at the time

of termination of my Relationship with the Company as provided for in Section 5.

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(d) Patent and Copyright Rights. I agree to assist Facebook, or its designee, at its expense, in every proper way to secure Facebook's, or its designee's, rights in the Inventions and any copyrights, patents, trademarks, mask work rights, moral rights, or other intellectual property rights relating thereto in any and all countries, including the disclosure to Facebook or its designee of all pertinent information and data with respect thereto, the execution of all applications, specifications, oaths, assignments, recordations, and all other instruments which Facebook or its designee shall deem necessary in order to apply for, obtain, maintain and transfer such rights, or if not transferable, waive such rights, and in order to assign and convey to Facebook or its designee, and any successors, assigns and nominees the sole and exclusive rights, title and interest in and to such Inventions, and any copyrights, patents, mask work rights or other intellectual property rights relating thereto. I further agree that my obligation to execute or cause to be executed, when it is in my power to do so, any such instrument or papers shall continue after the termination of this Agreement until the expiration of the last such intellectual property right to expire in any country of the world. If Facebook or its designee is unable because of my mental or physical incapacity or unavailability or for any other reason to secure my signature to apply for or to pursue any application for any United States or foreign patents, copyright, mask works or other registrations covering Inventions or original works of authorship assigned to Facebook or its designee as above, then I hereby irrevocably designate and appoint Facebook and its duly authorized officers and agents as my agent and attorney

in fact, to act for and in my behalf and stead to execute and file any such applications and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further the application for, prosecution, issuance, maintenance or transfer of

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letters patent, copyright or other registrations thereon with the same legal force and effect as if originally executed by me. I hereby waive and irrevocably quitclaim to Facebook or its designee any and all claims, of any nature whatsoever, which I now or hereafter have for infringement of any and all proprietary rights assigned to Facebook or such designee.

(e) Exception to Assignments. I understand that the provisions of this Agreement requiring assignment of Inventions to Facebook do not apply to any invention which qualifies fully under the provisions of California Labor Code Section 2870 (attached hereto as Exhibit B). I will advise the Company promptly in writing of any inventions that I believe meet such provisions and are not otherwise disclosed on Exhibit A.

# 5. <u>Company Property; Returning Company Docu-</u>

ments. I acknowledge and agree that I have no expectation of privacy with respect to the Company's telecommunications, networking or information processing systems (including, without limitation, stored company files, e-mail messages and voice messages) and that my activity and any files or messages on or using any of those systems may be monitored at any time without notice. I further agree that any property situated on the Company's premises and owned by the Company, including disks and other storage media, filing cabinets or other

work areas, is subject to inspection by Company personnel at any time with or without notice. I agree that, at the time of termination of my Relationship with the Company, I will deliver to the Company (and will not keep in my possession, recreate or deliver to anyone else) any and all devices, records, data, notes, reports, proposals, lists, correspondence, specifications, drawings, blueprints, sketches, laboratory notebooks, materials, flow charts, equipment, other documents or property, or reproductions of any of the aforementioned items developed by me pursuant to the Relationship or otherwise belonging to the Company, its successors or assigns. In the event of the termination of the Relationship, I agree to sign and deliver the "Termination Certification" attached hereto as Exhibit C; however, my failure to sign and deliver the Termination Certificate shall in no way diminish my continuing obligations under this Agreement.

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### 6. Notification to Other Parties.

- (a) **Employees.** In the event that I leave the employ of the Company, I hereby consent to notification by the Company to my new employer about my rights and obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Consultants</u>. I hereby grant consent to notification by the Company to any other parties besides the Company with whom I maintain a consulting relationship, including parties with whom such relationship commences after the effective date of this Agreement, about my rights and obligations under this Agreement.

# 7. Solicitation of Employees, Consultants and Other Parties. I agree that during the term of my Relationship with the Company, and for a period of twenty-four (24) months immediately following the termination of my Relationship

with the Company for any reason, whether with or without cause, I shall not either directly or indirectly solicit, induce, recruit or encourage any of the Company's employees or consultants to terminate their relationship with the Company, or attempt to solicit, induce, recruit, encourage or take away employees or consultants of the Company, either for myself or for any other person or entity. Further, during

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my Relationship with the Company and at any time following termination of my Relationship with the Company for any reason, with or without cause, I shall not use any Confidential Information of the Company to attempt to negatively influence any of the Company's clients or customers from purchasing Company products or services or to solicit or influence or attempt to influence any client, customer or other person either directly or indirectly, to direct his or its purchase of products and/or services to any person, firm, corporation, institution or other entity in competition with the business of the Company.

### 8. Representations and Covenants.

- (a) <u>Facilitation of Agreement</u>. I agree to execute promptly any proper oath or verify any proper document required to carry out the terms of this Agreement upon the Company's written request to do so.
- (b) <u>Conflicts</u>. I represent that my performance of all the terms of this Agreement does not and will not breach any agreement I have entered into, or will enter into with any third party, including without limitation any agreement to keep in confidence proprietary information acquired by me in confidence or in trust prior to commencement of my Relationship

with the Company. I agree not to enter into any written or oral agreement that conflicts with the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) **Voluntary Execution.** I certify and acknowledge that I have carefully read all of the provisions of this Agreement and that I understand and will fully and faithfully comply with such provisions.

## 9. General Provisions.

- (a) <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, interpretation, construction and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws.
- (b) Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement and understanding between the Company and me relating to the subject matter herein and merges all prior discussions between us. No modification or amendment to this Agreement, nor any waiver of any rights under this Agreement, will be effective unless in writing signed by both parties. Any subsequent change or changes in my duties, obligations, rights or compensation will not affect the validity or scope of this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Severability</u>. If one or more of the provisions in this Agreement are deemed void by law, then the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect.
- (d) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement will be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives, and my successors and assigns, and will be for the benefit of the Company, its successors, and its assigns.
- (e) <u>Survival</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall survive the termination of the Relationship and the as-

340	signment of this Agreement by the Company to any successor
341	in interest or other assignee.
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345	(f) Remedies. I acknowledge and agree that viola-
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347	rable harm, and therefore agree that the Company will be enti-
348	tled to seek extraordinary relief in court, including but not lim-
349	ited to temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions
350	and permanent injunctions without the necessity of posting a
351	bond or other security and in addition to and without prejudice
352	to any other rights or remedies that the Company may have for
353	a breach of this Agreement.
354	(g) <u>ADVICE OF COUNSEL</u> . I
355	ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, IN EXECUTING THIS AGREE-
356	MENT, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK THE
357	ADVICE OF INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL,
358	AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD
359	ALL OF THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS
360	AGREEMENT.
361	THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE CON-
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363	DRAFTING OR PREPARATION HEREOF.
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368	The parties have executed this Agreement on the respec-
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Name	: Mark Zuckerberg	/s/ S	/s/ Sheryl Sandberg			
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Section 2870 of the California Labor Code is as follows:

- (a) Any provision in an employment agreement which provides that an employee shall assign, or offer to assign, any of his or her rights in an invention to his or her employer shall not apply to an invention that the employee developed entirely on his or her own time without using the employer's equipment, supplies, facilities, or trade secret information except for those inventions that either:
- (1) Relate at the time of conception or reduction to practice of the invention to the employer's business, or actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development of the employer; or
- (2) Result from any work performed by the employee for the employer.
- (b) To the extent a provision in an employment agreement purports to require an employee to assign an invention otherwise excluded from being required to be assigned under subdivision (a), the provision is against the public policy of this state and is unenforceable.

### EXHIBIT C

### TERMINATION CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I do not have in my possession, nor have I failed to return, any devices, records, data, notes, reports, proposals, lists, correspondence, specifications, drawings, blueprints, sketches, laboratory notebooks, flow charts, materials, equipment, other documents or property, or copies or reproductions of any aforementioned items belonging to Facebook, Inc., its subsidiaries, affiliates, successors or assigns (together the "Company").

I further certify that I have complied with all the terms of the Company's Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement signed by me, including the reporting of any inventions and original works of authorship (as defined therein), conceived or made by me (solely or jointly with others) covered by that agreement.

I further agree that, in compliance with the Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement, I will preserve as confidential all trade secrets, confidential knowledge, data or other proprietary information relating to products, processes, know-how, designs, formulas, developmental or experimental work, computer programs, data bases, other original works of authorship, customer lists, business plans, financial information or other subject matter pertaining to any business of the Company or any of its employees, clients, consultants or licensees.

I further agree that for twenty-four (24) months from the date of this Certificate, I shall not either directly or indirectly solicit, induce, recruit or encourage any of the Company's employees or consultants to terminate their relationship with the Company, or attempt to solicit, induce, recruit, encourage

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33	for myself or for any other person or entity. Further, I shall not				
34	at any time use any Confidential Information of the Company				
35	to negatively influence any of the Company's clients or cus-				
36	tomers from purchasing Company products or services or to				
37	solicit or influence or attempt to influence any client, customer				
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