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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

10 RUSSELL ROPE,	}	Case No.: <u>25STCV16692</u>
11 Plaintiff,		
12 v.		NOTICE OF RULING
13 COINBASE, INC. & DOES 1-20,		Hearing Date: <u>June 27, 2025; 1:30 PM</u> Dept: <u>85</u>
14 Defendant(s)		Judge: <u>Hon. James C. Chalfant</u>

16 TO ALL PARTIES & ATTORNEYS OF RECORD: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 27, 2025,
17 the Court held a hearing on Plaintiff's Ex Parte App for TRO in Dept. 85 before Hon. James C Chalfant.
18 After considering written and oral arguments, the Court issued the following ruling: **1) Defendant**
19 **Coinbase, Inc. is ordered to preserve access to Plaintiff's Web3 Wallet pending further order of**
20 **Court or Arbitrator. 2) Parties are ordered to meet and confer regarding return of Plaintiff's**
21 **artwork and to explore resolution. 3) Plaintiff is directed to properly serve Defendant with summons**
22 **and complaint. A true and correct copy of the order dated June 27, 2025, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.**
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25 Dated this 27th day of June, 2025

26 /s/ Russel Rope

27 *Russell Rope, Plaintiff In Pro Per*
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EXHIBIT A

Minute Order – June 27, 2025

Order Preserving Access to Web3 Wallet

Case No. **25STCV16692**

Los Angeles Superior Court
Hon. James C. Chalfant, Dept. 85

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Department 85

25STCV16692

RUSSELL ROPE vs COINBASE, INC.

June 27, 2025

8:30 AM

Judge: Honorable James C. Chalfant
Judicial Assistant: Jennifer De Luna
Courtroom Assistant: Rosa Monterroso

CSR: None
ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiff(s): Russell Rope (X)

For Defendant(s): Coinbase, Inc. by: Jacqueline Feick (Specially Appearing by Telephone)

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Hearing on Ex Parte Application of Plaintiff for Temporary Restraining order

The matter is called for hearing.

Attorney Jacqueline Feick specially appears on behalf of Defendant Coinbase, Inc.

The Court notes that on June 11, 2025, Plaintiff filed an ex parte application seeking access to his account without the use of facial recognition. That request was denied by this Court in chambers. Plaintiff renewed the application on June 18, 2025, before Judge Goorvitch, who also denied it in chambers. Plaintiff subsequently filed a petition for writ of mandate in the appellate court, which was likewise denied. Plaintiff now no longer seeks access to the account but instead seeks to preserve the assets.

Defendant states that notice of the ex parte application is improper. Defendant further indicates an intention to file either a motion to compel arbitration or a motion to quash service. Defendant also argues that jurisdiction is not proper before this Court.

Russell Rope is sworn and testifies that, prior to 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2025, he sent an email to Ms. Feik notifying Coinbase of the ex parte application scheduled for today.

The Court, having fully considered the arguments of all parties, both written and oral, as well as the evidence presented, now rules as follows:

Defendant is ordered to preserve access to Plaintiff's Web3 Wallet assets pending further order of the Court or Arbitrator. Additionally, the parties are ordered to meet and confer regarding the return of Mr. Rope's artwork and to explore resolution of the case.

Plaintiff is directed to properly serve Defendant with summons and complaint by personal

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service forthwith.

Plaintiff shall give notice.