Paragraph No. 16.

In all suits arising out of this contract, the parties hereto agree that Louisiana Law shall govern, and that the state courts of Louisiana shall be the proper forum, unless such suit is required to be filed in or is removed to any federal court in this state.

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ARTICLE 24 - LAW AND FORUM

Lessee agrees that the terms and provisions of this Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and that the courts of this State shall be the proper forum for any litigation related to this Lease, unless such litigation is required to be filed in or is removed to a federal court of this State.

Lessee further agrees that the rule of construction requiring that the terms and provisions of an instrument be construed against the drafting party is not and shall not be applicable to this Lease.

**PROPOSED RE-WRITE (TRACK CHANGES)**

Lessee agrees that the terms and provisions of this Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and that the courts of this State shall be the proper forum for any litigation related to this Lease. Lessee further agrees that any litigation arising in connection with this Lease shall be instituted before the Nineteenth Judicial Court in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, unless such litigation is required to be filed in or is removed to a federal court of this State.

Lessee further agrees that the rule of construction requiring that the terms and provisions of an instrument be construed against the drafting party is not and shall not be applicable to this Lease.

**PROPOSED RE-WRITE (CLEAN VERSION)**

Lessee agrees that the terms and provisions of this Lease shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana. Lessee further agrees that any litigation arising in connection with this Lease shall be instituted before the Nineteenth Judicial Court in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, unless such litigation is required to be filed in or is removed to a federal court of this State.
Lessee further agrees that the rule of construction requiring that the terms and provisions of an instrument be construed against the drafting party is not and shall not be applicable to this Lease.