IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELEWARE

JUANA DOE I individually and as representative of her deceased husband, JUAN DOE I; JUANA DOE II individually and as representative of her deceased husband, JUAN DOE II; JUANA DOE III individually and as representative of her deceased husband, JUAN DOE III; JUANA DOE IV individually and as representative of her deceased husband, JUAN DOE IV; JUANA DOE V individually and as representative of her deceased husband, JUAN DOE V; JUAN DOE VI; JUANA DOE VI in her individual capacity; JUAN DOE VII individually and as representative of his deceased father, JUAN DOE XVIII; JUAN DOE VIII; JUAN DOE IX in his individual capacity and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and on behalf of his minor daughter, JUANA DOE VIII; JUAN DOE X; JUAN DOE XII; JUAN DOE XIII individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated; JUAN DOE XIV; JUAN DOE XVI individually and as representative of his deceased father, JUAN DOE XV; JUAN DOE XVII and on behalf of all others similarly situated, **Plaintiffs**

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v.

IFC ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC 2121 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, D.C., 20433 Defendant Civil Action No. _____.

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN PSEUDONYM

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Plaintiffs, Juana Doe *et al*, by and through their counsel, hereby apply for leave to file their complaint under Doe pseudonyms. Plaintiffs request to use a pseudonym in the caption of the complaint, and to list Plaintiffs' counsel's address as the address for the Plaintiffs in the Court's records. As set forth in greater detail in the accompanying memorandum, this matter involves highly sensitive allegations of murder and other physical abuse of Plaintiffs and their decedents in one of the most dangerous regions of one of the most dangerous countries in the world – the Bajo Aguán, Honduras. Plaintiff have reasonable and credible fears that, if their identities were used in connection with this lawsuit, Plaintiffs as well as their family members would face violent and life-threatening acts of retaliation.¹ In support of this motion, plaintiffs rely on the accompanying memorandum and the Declaration of Juliana Bird and Exhibits, filed herewith.

For these reasons and such other reasons as may appear just to the Court, Plaintiffs request that their motion for leave to file the Complaint under pseudonyms be granted.

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Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Should the Court so desire, Plaintiffs are prepared to file under seal an affidavit containing the true identities of all named plaintiffs and plaintiff decedents.

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