

JOHN KLEEFELD

Boilerplate

This Agreement dated the ____ day of
by and between ____ and ____
(jointly, We and Us).

Know all persons by these presents:
time, we agree, is of the essence.
We're much obliged.

Our heirs and successors
administrators and executors
and permitted assigns—jointly and severally, we bind (perhaps to their
surprise).

Whereas, hereinafter,
heretofore, whereafter.
Whatever.

Do this, promise that,
quid pro quo, tit for tat.
Good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which is
hereby acknowledged).

This is our entire Agreement: no warranties, guarantees, sureties or
security,
except as in Schedule A. It's not a question of misanthropy,
just certainty, finality.

Notice by mail and/or facsimile transmission;
a contract's no place for preterition,
Let's cover all our bases.

Disagreements? mediation, arbitration,
some provision to avoid litigation,
but just in case—invalidity of any part of this Agreement shall not affect
validity of the whole.

Choice of laws and choice of forum,
damages clause, fixed or *ad valorem*,
We're almost there now.

Execution's alright in counterpart,
residing as we do miles apart
yet—*ad idem*.

Lo! A work of beauty, our joint travail,
this Agreement, ironclad, none can assail,
until we part.

See you in court: _____ v. _____.