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15	public similarly situated,	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
16	Plaintiff,	(1) Violation of Unfair Competition Law (Cal. Business & Professions Code
17	v.	§§ 17200 et seq.); (2) Violation of Unfair Competition Law
18	HANSEN BEVERAGE COMPANY; and MONSTER BEVERAGE	(Cal. Business & Professions Code §§ 17500 et seq.);
19	CORPORATION; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,	(3) Violation of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act (Cal. Civil Code §§ 1750 et
20	Defendants.	seq.); (4) Negligent Misrepresentation; and
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Plaintiff alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to himself and his own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by his attorneys.

- 1. Plaintiff FRANK CUZAKIS (hereinafter "Plaintiff") brings this class action
 Complaint against Defendants HANSEN BEVERAGE COMPANY and MONSTER
 BEVERAGE CORPORATION (hereinafter "Defendants" or "Hansen's") to stop Defendants'
 practice of releasing misbranded products into the stream of commerce and to obtain redress
 for all California residents injured by this conduct.
- 2. Specifically, this action arises out of unlawful "No Sugar Added" statements placed by Hansen's on the labels and/or packaging of many of its food products, including but not limited to Hansen's Apple Juice and Apple Grape Juice. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") regulations promulgated pursuant to the Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act of 1938 ("FDCA") specify the precise nutrient content claims concerning sugar that may be made on a food label. 21 C.F.R. § 101, Subpart D. Hansen's "No Sugar Added" labels fail to comply with these requirements, as set forth below. As a result, Hansen's has violated California's Sherman Law and California consumer protection statutes, which wholly adopt the federal requirements.
- 3. This action is not pre-empted by federal law. State law claims based on a food product's non-conforming, misleading or deceptive label are expressly permitted where, as here, they impose legal obligations identical to the FDCA and corresponding FDA regulations, including FDA regulations concerning naming and labeling.

NATURE OF THE CASE

& COMMON ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

1. According to the American Heart Association, most Americans consume more than double the daily recommended amount of added sugars.² The steady increase in added

¹ Other Hansen Products that similarly include the unlawful "No Sugar Added" statement include, but are not limited to, those referenced in Paragraph 9 of the Complaint.

² See http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/GettingHealthy/NutritionCenter/Sugars-

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sugar consumption over the past 30 years has led to an obesity epidemic in the United States, which has the highest level of obesity among industrialized nations.³ Obesity, in turn, has been associated with a variety of health problems, many of which can cause serious complications or death, including, but not limited to, heart disease, tooth decay, diabetes and cancer. Even in non-obese individuals, excess sugar consumption can have negative health consequences. As a result, consumers have become increasingly sugar and calorie conscious.

- 2. Hansen Beverage Company is one of the country's most widely distributed fruit juice manufacturers.
- 3. To profit from the public's well-placed increasing focus on sugar consumption and overall calorie content, Hansen's has prominently featured a "No Sugar Added" statement on the label and/or packaging of a wide variety of its food and beverage products. The image below depicts the "No Sugar Added" statement as featured on several Hansen's Products⁴ (the offending labels at issue in this complaint, including but not limited to the Apple Juice label depicted below, shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "No Sugar Added Label"):



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3 See, e.g., "US and Global Obesity Levels: The Fat Chart – Obesity – Procon.org"

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per reference amount customarily consumed. 21 C.F.R. Section 101.60(b)(2).

- 7. These regulations are carefully crafted to require that nutrient content claims concerning the presence, and addition, of sugars in food products be presented in a qualified and contextualized manner so that consumers are not misled.
- 8. Hansen Products are offered in virtually every super market, drug store and convenience store in this country, yet its products featuring the statement "No Sugar Added" do not conform with the FDCA requirements and related regulations. For example, Hansen's Natural Apple Juice (depicted above) prominently features the statement "No Sugar Added" on its front label notwithstanding the fact that it is made from concentrate, as confirmed by the label. However, 21 C.F.R 101, Subpart D, §101.60(c)(2) (ii) unequivocally states that the statement "No Sugar Added" may not be made on food and beverage products that contain concentrated fruit juice. Hansen's also fails to state that its Apple Juice is not a "low calorie" or "calorie reduced" product anywhere on its front or back label, notwithstanding the fact that it contains 120 calories per reference serving greater than 30 grams (about as much as a conventional soft drink and nearly three times greater than the 40 calories per reference amount allowed to qualify as a low calorie food). This is in contravention to the requirements set forth under 21 C.F.R 101, Subpart D, §101.60(c)(2)(v).
- 9. Various other Hansen food products also bear labels and/or packaging which state "No Sugar Added" despite the fact that they are made from concentrated fruit juice and/or fail to indicate they are not low or reduced calories foods when in fact they are not, including, but not limited to, the following: Hansen's Natural Apple Grape Juice, Hansen's Natural Pineapple Grape Juice, Hansen's Natural Apple Strawberry Juice, and Hansen's Natural Organic 100% Apple Juice. Hansen's Natural Apple Juice, the above-identified products and all other offending products manufactured by Hansen's shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Hansen's Products." True and correct photos of the offending labels are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 10. The Hansen's Products with No Sugar Added Label are misbranded products under applicable California law. By way of this complaint, Plaintiff seeks to impose

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requirements that are identical to and do not exceed the federal requirements.

- 11. Specifically, California's Sherman Law incorporates "[a]ll food labeling regulations and any amendments to those regulations adopted pursuant to the FDCA" as "the food labeling regulations of this state." Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 110100(a).
- 12. Moreover, the Sherman Law specifically adopts and incorporates specific federal food laws and regulations. Under California's Sherman Law, "Any food is misbranded if its labeling does not conform with the requirements for nutrient content or health claims as set forth in Section 403(r) (21 U.S.C. Sec. 343(r)) of the federal act and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto." Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 110670. Similarly, a food product is "misbranded if its labeling does not conform with the requirements for nutrition labeling as set forth in Section 403(q) (21 U.S.C. § 343(q)) of the federal act and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto." Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 110665. A food product is misbranded if words, statements and other information required by the Sherman Law to appear on its labeling are either missing or not sufficiently conspicuous. Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 110705. Finally, the Sherman Law holds "any food is misbranded if its labeling is false or misleading in any particular." Cal. Health & Saf. Code § 110660.
- 13. State law claims based on a food product's non-conforming, misleading or deceptive label are expressly permitted when they impose legal obligations identical to the FDCA and corresponding FDA regulations, including FDA regulations concerning naming and labeling. *In re Farm Raised Salmon Cases*, 42 Cal. 4th 1077, 1094-95 (2008). Hansen's conduct thus constitutes a violation of California law for which Plaintiff and class members are entitled to seek redress under the UCL, CLRA and other California consumer protection statutes.
- 14. On behalf of the class, Plaintiff seeks an injunction requiring Defendants to cease circulation of misbranded Hansen's food and beverage products and an award of damages to the class members, together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

PARTIES

15. Plaintiff FRANK CUZAKIS is a citizen and resident of the State of California,

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County of Los Angeles.

- 16. Defendant HANSEN BEVERAGE COMPANY is a corporation with its principal office at 550 Monica Circle, Suite 201, Corona, California 92880.
- 17. Defendant MONSTER BEVERAGE CORPORATION is a corporation with its principal office at 550 Monica Circle, Suite 201, Corona, California 92880.
- 18. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that HANSEN BEVERAGE COMPANY is a wholly owned subsidiary of MONSTER BEVERAGE CORPORATION.
- 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each and all of the acts and omissions alleged herein was performed by, or is attributable to, HANSEN BEVERAGE COMPANY, MONSTER BEVERAGE CORPORATION, and/or DOES 1 through 10 (collectively "Defendants") each acting as the agent for the other, with legal authority to act on the other's behalf. The acts of any and all Defendants were in accordance with, and represent, the official policy of Defendants. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names or capacities of the Defendants sued herein under the fictitious names DOES 1 through 10, but will seek leave of this Court to amend the complaint and serve such fictitiously-named Defendants once their names and capacities become known.
- 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that DOES 1 through 10 were the partners, agents, owners, shareholders, managers, or employees of HANSEN BEVERAGE COMPANY and/or MONSTER BEVERAGE CORPORATION, at all relevant times.
- 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of said

 Defendants is in some manner intentionally, negligently, or otherwise responsible for the acts,
 omissions, occurrences, and transactions of each and all the other Defendants in proximately
 causing the damages herein alleged.
- 22. At all relevant times, Defendants, and each of them, ratified each and every act or omission complained of herein. At all relevant times, Defendants, and each of them, aided and abetted the acts and omissions as alleged herein.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 23. This class action is brought pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382. Plaintiff is a California resident and the action is only brought on behalf of classes of California residents and purchasers. The monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceeds the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial.
- 24. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, section 10. The statutes under which this action is brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.
- 25. This Court has jurisdiction over all Defendants because, upon information and belief, Defendants are either citizens of California, have sufficient minimum contacts in California, or otherwise intentionally avail themselves of the California market so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over them by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Additionally, both Defendants have their principal place of business in the State of California.
- 26. Because Defendants are corporations organized under the laws of the State of California, Plaintiff is a citizen of California, and this class action is only brought on behalf of classes of California residents and purchasers, there is no diversity of citizenship.
- 27. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendants reside, transact business, or have offices in this county and the acts and omissions alleged herein took place in this county.

PLAINTIFF'S FACTS

- 28. Plaintiff FRANK CUZAKIS is a health-conscious individual who is currently afflicted with Diabetes. He was diagnosed with Diabetes twenty-seven (27) years ago and, for the past seven (7) years, has required the use of an insulin pump. Based on his condition, he actively seeks out and purchases products that are low in sugar and/or contain no added sugars.
 - 29. Through about January of 2013 Plaintiff regularly purchased one or more of the

Hansen's Products with No Sugar Added Label, including Hansen's Natural Apple Juice and Hansen's Natural Apple Grape Juice, about every two weeks at Food 4 Less grocery store in Pasadena, California, and a Walmart in Duarte, California.

- 30. Before purchasing the misbranded Hansen's Products, Plaintiff read and reasonably relied upon the product packaging and specifically the No Sugar Added Label. Had Plaintiff not observed the No Sugar Added Label on the Hansen's Products, he would not have purchased them.
- 31. Plaintiff did not know at the point of sale, and had no reason to know, that the Hansen's Products with No Sugar Added Label were misbranded and bore food labeling claims that Hansen's was not legally permitted to make.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 32. Plaintiff brings this action, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, and thus seeks class certification under California Code of Civil Procedure section 382.
- 33. All claims alleged herein arise under California law for which Plaintiff seeks relief authorized by California law.
 - 34. The classes Plaintiff seeks to represent (the "Classes") are defined as follows:
 - (1) All California residents who purchased one or more food or beverage products manufactured by Defendants, with a label and/or packaging stating "No Sugar Added", and which contain concentrated fruit juice, at any time between four years prior to the filing of the original complaint in this action until the date of certification.
 - (2) All California residents who purchased one or more food or beverage products manufactured by Defendants, with a label and/or packaging stating "No Sugar Added", and which have a reference amount customarily consumed of greater than 30 grams and more than 40 calories per reference amount customarily consumed, but do not bear a statement that the food is not "low calorie" or "calorie reduced," between four years prior to the filing of the original complaint in this action until the date of certification.
- 35. As used herein, the term "Class Members" shall mean and refer to the members of the Classes described above.

Excluded from the Class are Defendants, their affiliates, employees, agents, and

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- 46. There are no likely difficulties in managing this case as a class action and the Plaintiff's counsel is experienced in class actions.
- 47. Moreover, the class definition is ascertainable and lends itself to class certification because Hansen's food and beverage product packaging is the same for all Class Members in that it fails to comply with California's Sherman Law by including statements such as "No Sugar Added" which are impermissible when concentrated fruit juice is an ingredient, as well as by failing to include a statement explaining it is not a low or reduced calorie food product.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Unfair Business Practices Act (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.)

- 48. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each allegation set forth above.
- 49. California Business and Professions Code Section 17200, *et seq.* prohibits "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice."
- 50. As set forth above, under FDA regulations wholly adopted by California's Sherman Law, food products containing fruit juice concentrate cannot include the statement "No Sugar Added." 21 C.F.R 101, Subpart D, §101.60(c)(2) (ii). Nor may a food or beverage product include a "No Sugar Added" statement if it fails to indicate that it is not "low calorie" or "calorie reduced" (unless it qualifies as low calorie). 21 C.F.R 101, Subpart D, §101.60(c)(2) (v). The Hansen's Products prominently feature a "No Sugar Added" statement on their label and/or packaging notwithstanding the fact that they contain concentrated fruit juice and/or fail to indicate they are not low or reduced calories foods. This is a clear violation of California's Sherman Law and, thereby, an "unlawful" business practice or act under Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq.
- 51. Hansen's use of the No Sugar Added Label, as set forth herein, also constitutes an "unfair" business act or practice within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code sections 17200 et seq., because any utility for Hansen's conduct is outweighed by the gravity of the consequences to Plaintiff and Class Members and because the conduct offends

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- 52. In addition, Hansen's use of the No Sugar Added Label constitutes a "fraudulent" business practice or act within the meaning of Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq. The applicable food labeling regulations are carefully crafted to require that nutritional content claims be presented in a qualified and contextualized manner to protect the consuming public from being deceived. Hansen's non-compliant No Sugar Added Label is an unqualified nutritional content claim that poses the very risk of deception the regulations were promulgated to protect against.
- 53. Moreover, there were reasonable alternatives available to Hansen's to further its legitimate business interests, other than the conduct described herein. For example, Hansen's could have complied with FDA requirements by excluding the "No Sugar Added" claim.
- 54. Hansen's used the No Sugar Added Label to induce Plaintiff and Class Members to purchase its food and beverage products. Had Hansen's not included the "No Sugar Added" claim, Plaintiff and Class Members would not have purchased the product, would have purchased less of the product and/or would have paid less for the product. Hansen's conduct therefore caused and continues to cause economic harm to Plaintiff and Class Members.
- 55. Hansen's has thus engaged in unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business acts entitling Plaintiff and Class Members to judgment and equitable relief against Hansen's, as set forth in the Prayer for Relief. Additionally, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203, Plaintiff and Class Members seek an order requiring Hansen's to immediately cease such acts of unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices and requiring Hansen's to correct its actions.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of the California False Advertising Act

(Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500 et seq.)

56. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each allegation set forth above.

- 57. Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 17500, et seq., it is unlawful to engage in advertising "which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading."
- 58. As explained above, Hansen's No Sugar Added Label accompanies food and beverage products that contain concentrated fruit juice and/or fail to state they are not low calorie foods, in violation of governing food labeling regulations.
- 59. As also explained above, the applicable food labeling regulations are carefully crafted to protect the consuming public from being deceived. Hansen's No Sugar Added Label is an unqualified nutritional content claim that poses the very risk of deception the regulations were promulgated to protect against.
- 60. Hansen's, and its parent company Monster Beverage Corporation, are multi-million dollar companies advised by skilled counsel who, on information and belief, are or by the exercise of reasonable care should be aware of the governing regulations and their purpose, and the fact that the No Sugar Added Label does not comply with them.
- 61. Hansen's use of the No Sugar Added Label therefore constitutes untrue and/or misleading advertising within the meaning of Business and Professions Code Section 17500 et seq.
- 62. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, demands judgment against Hansen's for restitution, disgorgement, injunctive relief, and all other relief afforded under Business & Professions Code section 17500, plus interest, attorneys' fees, and costs.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act (Cal. Civil Code §§ 1750 et seq.)

- 63. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each allegation set forth above.
- 64. This cause of action is brought pursuant to the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, California Civil Code Sections 1750 et seq. ("CLRA").
 - 65. The CLRA has adopted a comprehensive statutory scheme prohibiting various

deceptive practices in connection with the conduct of a business providing goods, property, or services to consumers primarily for personal, family or household purposes. The self-declared purposes of the act are to protect consumers against unfair and deceptive business practices and to provide efficient and economical procedures to secure such protection.

- 66. Each defendant named herein is a "person" as defined by Civil Code section 1761(c) because they are corporations and/or companies as set forth above.
- 67. Plaintiff and Class Members are "consumers" within the meaning of Civil Code section 1761(d) because they are individuals who purchased the products at issue in this complaint for personal and/or household use, i.e. Hansen's Apple Juice.
- 68. Hansen's food and beverage products are "goods" within the meaning of California Civil Code section 1761(a) in that they are tangible products bought by Plaintiff and Class Members for personal, family, and/or household use.
- 69. Plaintiff's and Class Members' payments for the goods of Hansen's Products are "transaction[s]" as defined by Civil Code section 1761(e) because Hansen's entered into an agreement to sell those products in exchange for Plaintiff's and Class Members' monetary compensation.
- 70. Plaintiff has standing to pursue this claim as he has suffered injury in fact and has lost money as a result of Hansen's actions as set forth herein. Specifically, Plaintiff purchased Hansen's Apple Juice and Hansen's Apple Grape Juice on various occasions. Had Hansen's not included the offending No Sugar Added Label on its Apple Juice, Plaintiff would not have purchased the product, would have purchased less of the product and/or would have paid less for the product.
- 71. Section 1770(a)(5) of the CLRA prohibits anyone from "[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have" As discussed above, Hansen's No Sugar Added Label accompanies food and beverage products that contain concentrated fruit juice and/or fail to state they are not low calorie foods, in violation of governing food labeling regulations. As a result, by employing the No Sugar Added Label, Hansen's effectively represented that its

juice has sponsorship, approval, characteristics, uses and benefits which it does not have under the governing law.

- 72. Section 1770(a)(7) of the CLRA prohibits anyone from "[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another." By employing the non-compliant No Sugar Added Label, Hansen's similarly represented its juice to be of a particular standard, quality or grade which it is not under the governing law.
- 73. Section 1770(a)(9) of the CLRA prohibits anyone from "[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised." As noted above, Hansen's, and its parent company Monster Beverage Corporation, are multi-million dollar companies advised by skilled counsel who, on information and belief, are or by the exercise of reasonable care should be aware of the governing regulations and their purpose, and the fact that the No Sugar Added Label does not comply with them. By introducing Hansen's Products with non-compliant No Sugar Added Label into the stream of commerce notwithstanding this knowledge, Hansen's thus intentionally sold a misbranded product.
- 74. Pursuant to section 1782 of the CRLA, Plaintiff notified Hansen's in writing of the particular violations of section of the CLRA and demanded that Hansen's rectify the problems associated with the behavior detailed above, which acts and practices are in violation of Civil Code section 1770.
- 75. Plaintiff has filed concurrently herewith the declaration of venue required by Civil Code section 1780(d).
- 76. Plaintiff seeks an order enjoining the act and practices described above, restitution of property, and any other relief that the court deems proper.
- 77. Currently, pursuant to California Civil Code 1782(d), with respect only to Plaintiff's CLRA claim, Plaintiff only seeks equitable and injunctive relief through the CLRA and not actual damages via the CLRA. Upon Hansen's failure to rectify or agree to adequately rectify the problems associated with the actions detailed above, Plaintiff will amend his complaint to additionally seek damages, restitutionary relief, punitive damages,

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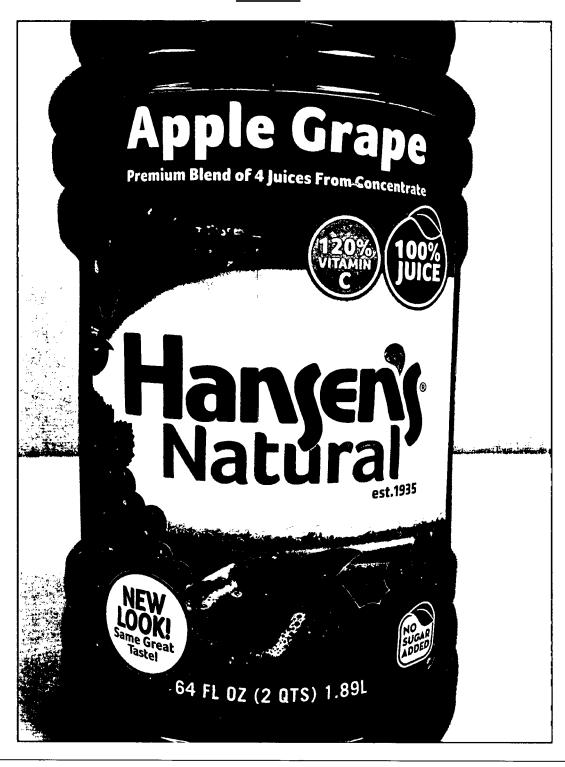
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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Negligent Misrepresentation

- 78. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each allegation set forth above.
- 79. Hansen's owed a duty to Plaintiff and Class Members to exercise reasonable care in making representations about its food and beverage products, including Hansen's Apple Juice and Hansen's Apple Grape Juice, it offered for sale to consumers.
- Hansen's knew, or should have known by the exercise of reasonable care, that a "No Sugar Added" statement may not be placed on the label of a food or beverage product that contains fruit juice concentrate and/or fails to indicate it is not a low or reduced calorie food. Never the less, Hansen's negligently and/or recklessly included the non-compliant No Sugar Added Label described above on it's widely distributed Hansen's Products that are sold in virtually every supermarket and drugstore nationwide and consumed by millions of people
- Plaintiff and Class Members reviewed, believed, and relied upon the No Sugar Added Label when deciding to purchase Hansen's Products, and how much to pay for
- As a direct and proximate result of Hansen's negligent and/or reckless conduct, Plaintiff and Class Members have been damaged in an amount to be proven at trial.
- As a direct and proximate result of Hansen's acts, as set forth above, Hansen's
- Through unlawful and deceptive conduct in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, and sale of the Hansen's Products, Hansen's has reaped the benefits of
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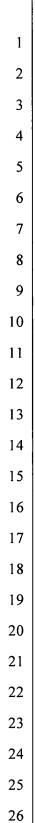
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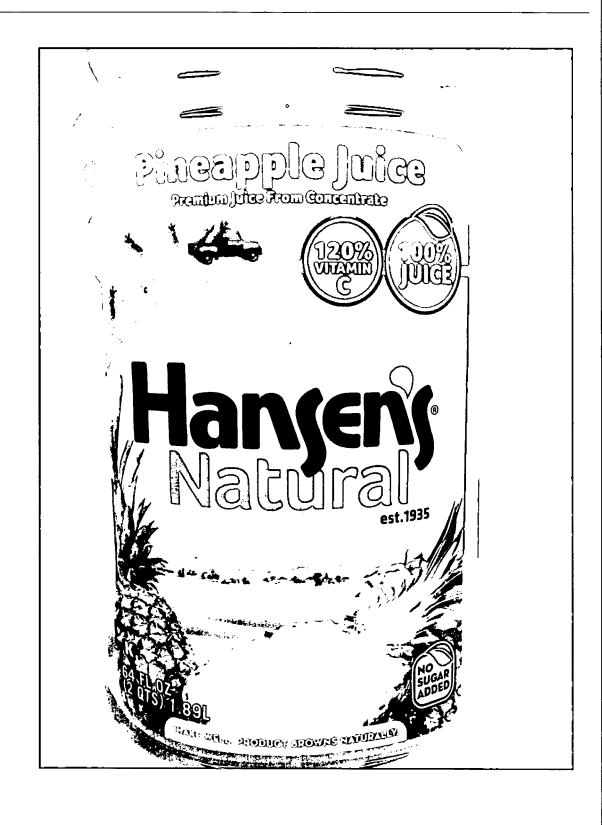
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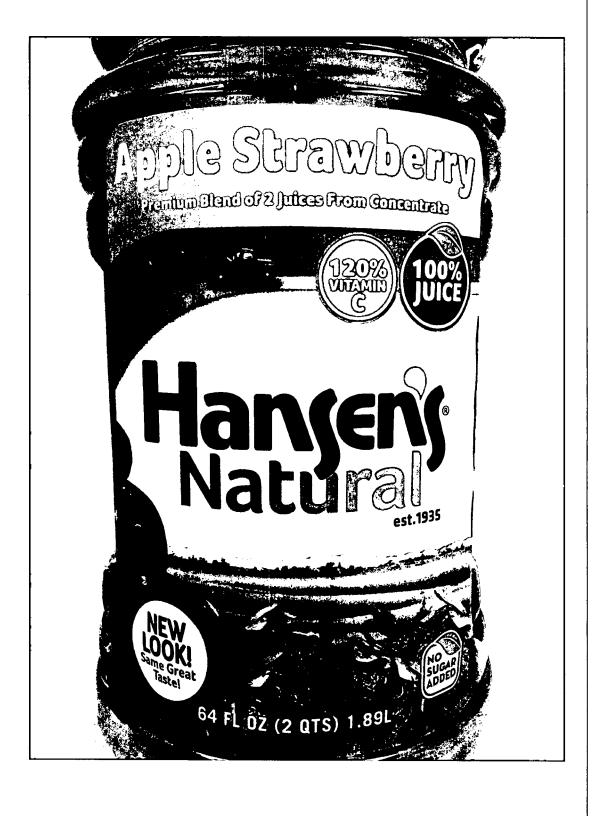
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6. If there are any known related cases, file	and serve a notice of related case. (YOU	I may use form CM-015.)
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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	NOTICE	(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)
• Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the under the Probate Code, Family Code, or	first paper filed in the action or proceed	ing (except small claims cases or cases filed ules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result
in sanctions. • File this cover sheet in addition to any co	ver sheet required by local court rule.	ou must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all
other parties to the action or proceeding.		heet will be used for statistical purposes only.
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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.0 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.							
Item I. Check the types of hearing and fill in the estimated length of hearing expected for this case: JURY TRIAL? ☐ YES CLASS ACTION? ✓ YES LIMITED CASE? ☐ YES TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL 10 ☐ HOURS/ ☑ DAYS							
Item II. Indicate the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps – If you checked "Limited Case", skip to Item III, Pg. 4):							
Step 1: After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column A , the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.							
Step 2: Check one Superior Court type of action in Column B below which best describes the nature of this case.							

Step 3: In Column C, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.0.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)

- Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district.
 May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage).
 Location where cause of action arose.
 Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.
 Location where performance required or defendant resides.

- 6. Location of property of permanently garaged vehicle.
 7. Location where petitioner resides.
 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.

Step 4: Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
0 +	Auto (22)	☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
Auto Tort	Uninsured Motorist (46)	☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
ל. ה	Asbestos (04)	□ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage □ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2. 2.
iry/ Property Death Tort	Product Liability (24)	☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
al Injury/F ongful Dea	Medical Malpractice (45)	☐ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons ☐ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
3 군 / 스 즈 / 스 등 Coperty Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	 □ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) □ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) □ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress □ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death 	1., 4. 1., 4. 1., 3. 1., 4.

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.	Business Tort (07)	☑ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	① , 3.
operty th Tori	Civil Rights (08)	☐ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
ıry/ Pr Il Dea	Defamation (13)	☐ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1., 2., 3.
aal Inji rongfi	Fraud (16)	☐ A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1:, 2., 3.
Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Professional Negligence (25)	□ A6017 Legal Malpractice □ A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3. 1., 2., 3.
20	Other (35)	☐ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2.,3,
nent	Wrongful Termination (36)	☐ A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
Employment	Other Employment (15)	□ A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case □ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1., 2., 3. 10.
	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	 □ A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) □ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) □ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) □ A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence) 	2., 5. 2., 5., 1., 2., 5. 1., 2., 5.
Contract	Collections (09)	□ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff □ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	2., 5:, 6. 2., 5.
	Insurance Coverage (18)	☐ A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.
	Other Contract (37)	 □ A6009 Contractual Fraud □ A6031 Tortious Interference □ A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence) 	1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 8.
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	□ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels	2.
perty	Wrongful Eviction (33)	□ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
Real Proper	Other Real Property (26)	 □ A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure □ A6032 Quiet Title □ A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure) 	2., 6. 2., 6: 2., 6.
् ।	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
C / Detain	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
🗸 🌊 🤇 🗸 Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	☐ A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	☐ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2., 6.
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	Asset Forfeiture (05)		A6108	Asset Forfeiture Case	2., 6.
iew	Petition re Arbitration (11)	_	A6115	Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2., 5.
Judicial Review		_	A6151	Writ - Administrative Mandamus	2., 8.
dicia	Writ of Mandate (02)		A6152	Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter	2.
ηr			A6153	Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2.
	Other Judicial Review (39)		A6150	Other Writ /Judicial Review	2., 8.
uo	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)		A6003	Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1., 2., 8.
itigati	Construction Defect (10)		A6007	Construction Defect	1., 2., 3.
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)		A6006	Claims Involving Mass Tort	1:, 2,, 8.
lly Co	Securities Litigation (28)		A6035	Securities Litigation Case	1., 2., 8.
visiona	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)		A6036	Toxic Tort/Environmental	1., 2., 3., 8.
Pro	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)		A6014	Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1., 2., 5., 8.
			A6141	Sister State Judgment	2., 9.
= =			A6160	Abstract of Judgment	2., 6.
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement		A6107	Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2., 9.
forc	of Judgment (20)		A6140	Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2., 8.
교 2			A6114	Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax	2., 8.
			A6112	Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2., 8., 9.
s	RICO (27)		A6033	Racketeering (RICO) Case	1., 2., 8.
Miscellaneous ivil Complaints			A6030	Declaratory Relief Only	1., 2., 8,
	Other Complaints		A6040	Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2., 8.
Misc Civil ((Not Specified Above) (42)		A6011	Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8.
- 5			A6000	Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8.
	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	О	A6113	Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2., 8.
200 m			A6121	Civil Harassment	2., 3., 9.
Sous Sous			A6123	Workplace Harassment	2., 3., 9.
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Other Petitions		A6124	Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case	2., 3., 9.
Scel Vil F	(Not Specified Above)		A6190	Election Contest	2.
<u>√≅</u> :5	(43)		A6110	Petition for Change of Name	2., 7.
**]			A6170	Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2., 3., 4., 8.
n _{eta}			A6100	Other Civil Petition	2., 9.
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Item III. Statement of Location: Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., Step 3 on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

REASON: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case.			ADDRESS: Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district.			
☑1. □2. □3. □4. □5. □6. □7. □8. □9. □10.						
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:				
tem IV. Declaration of Assignment: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that the above-entitled matter is properly filed for assignment to the Stanley Mosk courthouse in the Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., § 392 et seq., and Local						
Rule 2.0, subds. (b), (c) and	(d)]					

Dated:

NATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY **COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:**

- 1. Original Complaint or Petition.
- 2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
- Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
- Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/11).
- 5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
- A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
- 7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.