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#### TO THE COURT AND TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 25, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Courtroom of the Honorable Edward M. Chen, United States District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, Plaintiff Mary Hall will and hereby does move the Court, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) and 23(e), for an order finally approving the class action settlement in this case.

This motion is made on the grounds that the proposed settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable.

This motion is based upon this Notice of Motion, the accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the declarations of Class Counsel, the pleadings and papers on file herein, and upon such additional evidence or argument as may be accepted by the Court at or prior to the hearing on this motion.

DATED: July 21, 2016

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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### I. INTRODUCTION

This Motion represents the final threshold in resolving ongoing litigation between consumers, such as Plaintiff Mary Hall (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), and Defendant PepsiCo, Inc. ("Pepsi") involving Pepsi's alleged failure to warn consumers that its Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, and Pepsi One ("collectively, "Covered Products") soft drinks contained elevated levels of 4

Methylimidazole ("4-MeI"), in violation of California consumer protection statutes and common law. Rather than spend valuable party and judicial resources litigating this case for an extended period into the future, the Parties to this action engaged in settlement negotiations to try to reach a class-wide settlement. After over two years of hard fought, arm's-length negotiations featuring an in-person mediation session with the Honorable Ronald M. Sabraw (Ret.) and numerous telephonic conferences of counsel, the Parties reached the Settlement Agreement on April 19, 2016. (Settlement Agreement, Dkt. No. 142-1, Ex. 1.)

This Court granted preliminary approval to the Settlement Agreement on June 28, 2016. (Dkt. No. 154.) The Court found that the Settlement Agreement fell within the necessary range of reasonableness and certified a Settlement Class defined as: "All individuals in the United States and all U.S. territories (including, but not limited to, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the other territories and possessions of the United States), who purchased one or more of the Products from January 1, 2010, until the date of the preliminary approval of the settlement of this litigation." (*Id.*) Plaintiffs now move the Court to finally approve the Settlement and conclude this litigation.

The Settlement Agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2); *Lane v. Facebook, Inc.*, 696 F.3d 811, 818 (9th. Cir. 2012). As an initial matter, the settlement was not reached through fraud, overreaching, or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The "Settlement Agreement" refers to the Settlement Agreement filed as Dkt. No. 142-1, Ex. 1. All capitalized terms herein shall have the definitions given to them in the Settlement Agreement, unless otherwise stated.

collusion by the negotiating Parties, and therefore is entitled to a presumption of fairness. *Nat'l Rural Telecomm. Coop. v. DIRECTV, Inc.*, 221 F.R.D. 523, 528 (C.D. Cal. 2004). On the merits, the settlement directly addresses the Class Members' concerns with Pepsi's alleged 4-MeI levels by providing meaningful injunctive relief: (1) ensuring PepsiCo's caramel coloring suppliers meet certain 4-MeI levels in products shipped for sale in the United States; (2) ensuring the 4-MeI levels in the Covered Products shipped for sale in the United States will not exceed the level of 100 parts per billion; and (3) testing of the Covered Products pursuant to an agreed protocol. By agreeing to settle this litigation Plaintiffs are not releasing any damages claims they may have. (Settlement Agreement, § 8.3.1.)

Plaintiff has posted notice of the settlement terms on Class Counsel's websites. Further, notice of the settlement was provided to the California Attorney General. Class Counsel has not received communications from any concerned consumers regarding the settlement.

Finally, in granting preliminary approval, the Court inherently found that the Class could be certified for settlement purposes. *See* MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIG., § 21.632 (4th ed. 2004). Plaintiffs submit that the Class satisfies all the requirements for certification under Rule 23 and request that the Court grant final approval on behalf of the Class.

#### II. BACKGROUND

#### A. <u>Negotiation of the Settlement</u>

After this Court largely denied Pepsi's Motion to Dismiss, the Parties engaged in substantive discussions regarding Pepsi's compliance with Proposition 65. (Dkt. No. 154.) Following these discussions in Summer 2015, the Parties stipulated to continue the pending deadlines in order to pursue settlement discussions, which the Court granted. (Dkt. No. 124.) On November 3, 2015, the Parties participated in a mediation before the Honorable Ronald M. Sabraw (Ret.). (Declaration of Daniel L. Warshaw ("Warshaw Decl."), ¶ 16.) At the conclusion of the mediation, the Parties were at an impasse. (*Id.*) However, with Judge Sabraw's assistance, the Parties continued having settlement discussions over the next several months and ultimately reached the proposed Settlement. (*Id.*)

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## B. <u>Settlement Terms</u>

The Settlement Agreement provides meaningful injunctive relief to the Class. It consists of strict compliance with Proposition 65 terms for Pepsi regarding 4-MeI levels in products, as well as an expanded testing period to ensure compliance therewith. Further, the Settlement does *not* release Pepsi from any damages claims any Class Member may have. (Settlement Agreement, § 8.3.1.) The material terms of the Settlement Agreement are:

#### 1. Injunctive Relief

The Settlement provides for the following meaningful injunctive relief: (1) ensuring PepsiCo's caramel coloring suppliers meet certain 4-MeI levels in products shipped for sale in the United States; (2) ensuring the 4-MeI levels in the Covered Products shipped for sale in the United States will not exceed the level of 100 parts per billion; and (3) testing of the Covered Products pursuant to an agreed protocol. This injunctive relief is similar to that in the previously settled California state court action *Center for Environmental Health v. Pepsi Beverages Company, et al.*, Case No. RG 14-711020 ("*CEH*"). While the Proposition 65 injunctive relief does not have a specific end date, the instant settlement expands on the scope *CEH* settlement geographically (from California to nationwide) and temporally (permitting five years of Proposition 65 compliance testing rather than three years). (*See* Settlement Agreement, §§ 5.1, 5.2; *See also*, Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval, Dkt. No. 154 p. 3-4.)

#### 2. Limited Release

The Settlement Release provides that Settlement Class Members are enjoined only from taking any future action seeking injunctive and/or declaratory relief against Pepsi based on the Released Claims. (Settlement Agreement, § 8.3.2.) In exchange for the injunctive relief, the settlement class releases the following claims:

any and all claims for injunctive and/or declaratory relief of any kind or character -- whether matured or unmatured, now known or unknown, liquidated or unliquidated, preliminary or final, at law or in equity, whether before a local, state, or federal court, or state or federal administrative agency, commission, arbitrator(s) or otherwise -- that the Settlement Class Members now have or may have, from the beginning of the Class Period up until and including the Effective Date, based on or relating in any way to the alleged

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presence of, or labeling for, 4-MEI and/or caramel color in any Products.

(*Id.* at § 1.16.) There is no release of any damages claims, including claims for personal injury, wrongful death, or general damages. (*Id.* at § 8.3.1.)

#### C. Notification of the Settlement

Since the Settlement Agreement provides for injunctive relief only and requires no release of any monetary or personal injury claims by any member of the Settlement Class, notice and optout rights are not necessary. (*Id.*) However, per the Court's request, Class Counsel posted notice of the settlement on their respective websites<sup>2</sup>, provided proper notice to the California Attorney General pursuant to Proposition 65, and posted the Settlement Agreement on the Attorney General's website<sup>3</sup>. (Warshaw Decl., ¶ 18.) Class Counsel has received no communications from consumers regarding the settlement. (*Id.*)

#### III. FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT IS APPROPRIATE

#### A. Standard for Final Approval<sup>4</sup>

The law favors the compromise and settlement of class action lawsuits. *See Churchill Vill., L.L.C. v. Gen. Elec.*, 361 F.3d 566, 576 (9th Cir. 2004); *Class Plaintiffs v. City of Seattle*, 955 F.2d 1268, 1276 (9th Cir. 1992). Indeed, "there is an overriding public interest in settling and quieting litigation" and this is "particularly true in class action suits." *Van Bronkhorst v. Safeco* 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> There is a separate statute in California governing approval of Proposition 65 settlements. See Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4). Superior Court Judge George C. Hernandez, Jr. already considered and applied those factors when approving the *CEH* settlement, and Plaintiffs wish to make clear that they are not requesting that this Court should revisit Judge Hernandez's rulings. In any event, two of the provisions—subsection (f)(4)(A) governing warnings and subsection (f)(4)(C) regarding penalties—are not applicable here because the settlement does not provide for this relief. Rule 23 and Ninth Circuit precedent independently require this Court to consider the third and final factor—that "[t]he award of attorney's fees is reasonable under California law." Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4)(B).

Corp., 529 F.2d 943, 950 (9th Cir. 1976). The decision to approve or reject a settlement is
committed to the sound discretion of the trial court because it "is exposed to the litigants and their
strategies, positions and proof." Lane, 696 F.3d at 818 (9th. 2012) (quoting Hanlon v. Chrysler
Corp., 150 F.3d 1011, 1026 (9th Cir. 1998)). However, in exercising such discretion, the trial
court should give "proper deference to the private consensual decision of the Parties." Hanlon,
150 F.3d at 1027. "[T]he court's intrusion upon what is otherwise a private consensual agreement
must be limited to the extent necessary to reach a reasoned judgment that the agreement is not
the product of fraud or overreaching by, or collusion between, the negotiating Parties, and that the
settlement, taken as a whole, is fair, reasonable and adequate to all concerned." <i>Id.</i>

In determining whether a class action settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, district courts in the Ninth Circuit balance the following factors:

(1) the strength of the plaintiff's case; (2) the risk, expense, complexity, and likely duration of further litigation; (3) the risk of maintaining class action status throughout the trial; (4) the amount offered in settlement; (5) the extent of discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings; (6) the experience and views of counsel; (7) the presence of a governmental participant; and (8) the reaction of the class members to the proposed settlement.

Churchill Vill., 361 F.3d at 575; see also Torrisi v. Tucson Elec. Power Co., 8 F.3d 1370, 1375 (9th Cir. 1993). This list is not exclusive, and different factors may predominate in different factual contexts. Torrisi, 8 F.3d at 1375-76 (citing Officers for Justice v. Civil Serv. Comm'n of San Francisco, 688 F.2d 615, 625 (9th Cir. 1982)).

# B. The Settlement Was Not Procured by Fraud, Overreaching, or Collusion and Is Therefore Entitled to a Presumption of Fairness

In addition to the above factors, the trial court must be satisfied that the agreement is not the product of fraud, overreaching, or collusion. Where a settlement is reached following discovery and arm's-length negotiations, it is presumed to be fair. Conte & Newberg, *Newberg on Class Actions*, § 11.41 (4th ed. 2011); *Nat'l Rural Telecomm.*, 221 F.R.D. at 528.

The negotiations leading to the Settlement were hard-fought and overseen by the

Honorable Ronald M. Sabraw (Ret.). (Warshaw Decl., ¶ 17.) The settlement here was achieved

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following numerous arm's-length negotiations between the Parties both in-person and
telephonically in the months following the November 2015 mediation session. ( <i>Id.</i> at ¶¶ 16-17.)
The negotiations also included significant hours of independent discussions between experienced
counsel. (Id. at ¶¶ 16-17, 19.) Given the extensive motion practice on Defendant's motion to
dismiss, the Parties' substantive discussions and discovery conducted, and the mediation briefs
submitted, both Parties were able to articulate the strengths of their claims and defenses and the
weaknesses of each other's position, ultimately reaching the Settlement after weighing the facts
and applicable law and the risks of continued litigation. (Id. at $\P$ 17.) The Settlement Agreement
was achieved only after many months of intensive work and corroboration by counsel. It was not
the product of fraud, overreaching, or collusion by the Parties, and as a result, is presumptively
fair. (Id. at $\P$ 20.) These facts support a presumption of fairness. Newberg on Class Actions $\S$
13.45.

#### C. The Settlement is Fair, Adequate and Reasonable

In evaluating the Settlement Agreement, the Court must balance the factors set forth in *Churchill Village*, 361 F.3d at 575. As shown below, consideration of the relevant *Churchill* factors supports final approval of the Settlement Agreement in this case.

1. The Strength of Plaintiffs' Case Compared to the Risk, Expense, Complexity, and Likely Duration of Further Litigation

While Class Counsel were confident in their legal theories, Pepsi argued that it was in compliance with Proposition 65. Notably, to prevail in this case, Class Counsel would have had to establish specific facts and prove their legal theory both on the merits and on a class-wide basis.

Based on Pepsi's argument and Class Counsel's experience, this would have been a difficult task.

Nine class action lawsuits<sup>5</sup> were filed between January and March 2014 alleging that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The filed cases were: *Sciortino v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-0478-EMC; *Cortina v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-2023-EMC; *Granados v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-1316-EMC; *Ibusuki v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-1193-EMC; *Ree v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-1192-EMC; *Aourout v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-1105-EMC; *Hell v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-1000-EMC; *Level very PepsiCo, Inc.*, No. 14-713-EMC; and

EMC; Hall v. PepsiCo, Inc., No. 14-1099-EMC; Langley v. PepsiCo, Inc., No. 14-713-EMC; and Riva v. PepsiCo, Inc., No. 14-2020-EMC.

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Defendant violated Proposition 65 and various California consumer fraud statutes following a January 23, 2014 Consumer Reports report on the presence of 4-MeI in the Covered Products in California. The Court consolidated the separate actions under the caption Sciortino v. PepsiCo, Inc. and appointed Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP and Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP as lead counsel. (Dkt. No. 65.) On August 25, 2014, Plaintiffs Hall, Ibusuki, and Ree<sup>6</sup> filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint ("CAC") against Defendant for violations of Proposition 65, California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750, et seq., and California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. §§ 17200 et seq. (See CAC, Dkt. No. 68.) Defendant subsequently moved to dismiss the CAC, which the Court denied after extensive briefing and oral argument by the Parties on June 5, 2015. (See Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, Dkt. No. 105.) The Court denied Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff Hall's claims on Proposition 65 grounds, finding that adequate pre-suit notice was provided. (Id.) The Court also denied Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' state law claims—holding that the state law claims were not preempted by federal law—and denied Defendant's request to dismiss or stay the action under a primary jurisdiction or abstention theory. (Id.) The Court dismissed Plaintiff Ibusuki's Proposition 65 claim, but noted that the dismissal had little practical effect. (*Id.*)

That Class Counsel were able to achieve the results they did for the Class despite the risks they faced speaks to the level of skill and preparation they brought to this case. Defendant vigorously contest Plaintiff's claims. For example, liability would depend on whether the Court accepted Defendant's methodology of calculating 4-MeI exposure based on lifetime consumption as opposed to on a 'per can' basis as Plaintiff proposes. This important issue would likely become a battle of the experts resulting in substantial litigation costs for both Parties. In addition, this Court noted in its preliminary approval order that this case presented difficulty in determining class-wide consumption patterns and exposure." (Dkt. No. 154 at 9.) After evaluating the risks,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> On January 4, 2016, this Court granted Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff Ree. (Dkt. No. 137.)

expenses and complexity contemplated by this litigation, Class Counsel determined that proceeding with this litigation would not guarantee an increased benefit to the Class as compared to the benefits provided by this Settlement. Given the balance of the strength of Plaintiff's case and the risks and expenses they faced in continuing to litigate, this factor weighs in favor of final approval.

#### 2. The Risk of Maintaining Class Action Status Throughout the Trial

As detailed in the Motion for Preliminary Approval, Plaintiff contends that this action could be maintained as a class action. (Dkt. No. 142.) Plaintiff believes this case satisfies the requirements of Rule 23(a)—numerosity, commonality, typicality, and adequacy of representation—and 23(b)(2) and (3)—appropriateness of injunctive relief and predominance. At the same time, Plaintiff recognizes that there are challenges to all types of cases, including in this case. Although Plaintiff is confident she could prevail on this issue, the risk of maintaining class action status in this case is significant. Pepsi would vigorously contest class certification, raising issues such as ascertainability and a class-wide damages model.

Further, based on the conferences held between the Parties and their respective experts, it is evident that there would be critical merits disputes in addition to the class action requirements. Specifically, Pepsi argues that it is in compliance with Proposition 65 and that its current testing of the Covered Products is proper. This issue would likely be one of the most critical in the case. There is no case law addressing the issue of determining exposure levels of 4-MeI for purposes of determining a violation of Proposition 65. In this case, Plaintiff is advocating that a daily exposure to 4-MeI that exceeds the Proposition 65 threshold of 29 micrograms constitutes a violation of Proposition 65. (*See* CAC, Dkt. No. 68.) However, some cases dealing with determining exposure levels of other chemicals listed in Proposition 65 have used an average intake over a lifetime of exposure method, which Pepsi advocates. *See Environmental Law Foundation v. Beech-Nut Nutrition Corp.*, et al., 235 Cal. App. 4th 307 (2015). Although Plaintiff contends that the averaging methodology is distinguishable, there would undoubtedly be a battle between the Parties as to the applicable measurement for determining a Proposition 65 violation. From Pepsi's perspective, one of the fundamental misconceptions about the Consumer Reports

article that led to the filing of this action, and the allegations that have been made in this case and the *CEH* action, is that compliance with Proposition 65 is measured on a "per can" basis. Pepsi has maintained that Proposition 65 requires an analysis of average consumption patterns.

At every stage of this case, Plaintiff advocated for the strength of her own positions while recognizing the risk with protracted litigation. (Warshaw Decl., ¶¶ 10-17.) Ultimately, after considering the significant injunctive relief offered by Defendant, and taking into account the risk, expense, complexity, and likely duration of further litigation, *see Burden v. SelectQuote Ins. Servs.*, No. C 10-05966 SBA, 2013 WL 1190634, at \*3 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 21, 2013), Plaintiff and her experienced counsel, with the aid of Judge Sabraw, were able to achieve a favorable result for the Settlement Class. (Warshaw Decl., ¶¶ 10-17, 20.)

#### 3. The Relief Obtained by Settlement

The settlement in this case provides meaningful injunctive relief in exchange for limited release by the Settlement Class. The significant injunctive relief achieved in this case is substantial in light of the above-stated risks. Consistent with the *CEH* settlement, and in consideration for the releases provided in the Settlement Agreement, Pepsi will provide the Settlement Class with the following nationwide injunctive relief pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2):

- Ensuring PepsiCo's caramel coloring suppliers meet certain 4-MeI levels in products shipped for sale in the United States;
- Ensuring the 4-MeI concentration levels in the caramel coloring in each of the
   Covered Products shipped for sale in the United States will not exceed the level of 100 parts per billion; and
- Testing of the Covered Products pursuant to an agreed protocol. (Settlement Agreement, §§ 5.1.1-5.1.3.)

#### 4. The Experience and Views of Counsel

When counsel recommending approval of a settlement is competent and experienced, their opinion should be given significant weight. *See Kirkorian v. Borelli*, 695 F. Supp. 446, 451 (N.D. Cal. 1988); *Weinberger v. Kendrick*, 698 F.2d 61, 75-76 (2d Cir. 1982) (affording great weight to 9 C 14-0478-EMC

opinion of competent and experienced counsel in favor of settlement approval). In the instant case, Class Members were represented by counsel with extensive experience in complex class action litigation, who have negotiated numerous class action settlements in various courts across the country. (Warshaw Decl., ¶¶ 4-9; *See* Declaration of Marc L Godino). Class Counsel in this case include attorneys highly experienced in class action litigation. *Id*.

Class Counsel were satisfied with the Settlement Agreement only after conducting extensive negotiations and thorough investigation into the factual and legal issues raised in this case. (Warshaw Decl., ¶¶ 16-17, 20.) They reviewed discovery throughout the case and internal documentation provided by Pepsi as part of the mediation process. (*Id.* at ¶¶ 16-17, 22.) They also engaged experts to provide consultation regarding the science surrounding Plaintiff's claims and the different methodologies of testing for substances such as 4-MeI. (*Id.* at ¶¶ 10, 17, 22) Even after the Parties executed the settlement, Class Counsel continued to work diligently on the case, and was prepared to respond to any and all questions or concerns either the public. (*Id.* at ¶ 18.) Class Counsel worked tirelessly to achieve the best possible result for the Class and believe that the Settlement Agreement was an excellent result. Based on their experience and expertise, Class Counsel view the Settlement Agreement as fair, adequate and reasonable. (*Id.* at ¶ 20.)

#### 5. The Reaction of Class Members to the Settlement

A court may appropriately infer that a class action settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable when few class members object to it or opt out. *See Marshall v. Holiday Magic, Inc.*, 550 F.2d 1173, 1178 (9th Cir. 1977); *Nat'l Rural Telecomm.*, 221 F.R.D. at 528. Here, the Settlement Agreement provides for injunctive relief only and requires no release of any monetary or personal injury claims by any member of the Settlement Class, the Parties agree that notice and opt-out rights are not necessary. (Settlement Agreement, § 8.3.1.) However, as previously discussed, Class Counsel posted notice of the settlement on their respective websites and that of the California Attorney General. (Warshaw Decl., ¶ 18.)

There is little for a class member to be concerned about with respect to the settlement.

They receive the benefits of the injunctive relief, release only *limited* claims directly relating to injunctive relief and as set forth in Plaintiff's Motion for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

and for Incentive Compensation Award, Class Counsel requested fee is less than their lodestar.

#### IV. THE SETTLEMENT CLASS SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 23

In the preliminary approval Order, this Court provisionally certified the Settlement Class as: "All individuals in the United States and all U.S. territories (including, but not limited to, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the other territories and possessions of the United States), who purchased one or more of the Products from January 1, 2010, until the date of the preliminary approval of the settlement of this litigation." (Dkt. No. 154.) In so doing, the Court made a preliminary determination that the Settlement Class satisfied the requirements of Rule 23. *See* MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIG., § 21.632 (4th ed. 2004). Plaintiffs now submit that the Settlement Class may finally be certified for settlement purposes, as it continues to meet all the requirements of Rule 23(a) and at least one of the requirements of Rule 23(b).

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## V. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For all the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court grant final approval to the Settlement Agreement.

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I, Daniel L. Warshaw, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice law in the State of California and before this Court. I am a partner in the firm of Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP ("PSW"), attorneys of record for Plaintiff Mary Hall ("Plaintiff") and the putative class in this case.
- 2. I am one of the attorneys principally responsible for the handling of this matter. I am personally familiar with the facts set forth in this declaration, and if called as a witness I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.
- 3. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plaintiff's Motion for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and for Incentive Compensation Award.

#### THE WORK PERFORMED BY PSW

#### A. **PSW's Experience**

- 4. PSW and its attorneys have been involved in litigating, trying, and settling hundreds of complex class action cases in California and elsewhere. PSW has offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, and handles national and multi-national class actions that present cutting-edge issues in both substantive and procedural areas.
- 5. PSW has extensive experience in class action, multi-district, and complex litigation, and has the ability to litigate this case on a class-wide basis. A complete profile of PSW's attorneys and a summary of the numerous complex litigation matters in which they have obtained successful results is set for in PSW's firm resume attached hereto as Exhibit "1."
- 6. The attorneys at PSW have decades of experience handling complex consumer class actions, including cases that involve the types of claims asserted in this case. PSW has represented a wide range of clients in complex litigation and class actions and have obtained well over *two billion* dollars in settlements and verdicts on behalf of their clients. PSW currently serves, or has served, as lead counsel in some of the most advanced, cutting-edge, class actions in the country including, but not limited to: In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2476 (S.D.N.Y.); In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2420 (N.D. Cal.);

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In re Carrier IQ Consumer Privacy Litigation, MDL No. 2330 (N.D. Cal.); In re Warner Music Group Corp. Digital Downloads Litigation, No. CV 12-0559 (N.D. Cal.); and In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation, No. 07-md-08127 (N.D. Cal.). See generally Exhibit "1" (PSW firm resume).

- 7. In addition to the instant case, I have held a lead role in many of these cases, including but not limited to: *In re Carrier IQ, Inc. Consumer Privacy Litigation*, No. C-12-md-2330-EMC (N.D. Cal.), nationwide class action alleging that mobile phone diagnostics company, Carrier IQ, Inc., and numerous mobile phone manufacturers, improperly intercepted consumer information in violation of state and federal law; *Wolph v. Acer America Corp.*, No. C 09-1314 (N.D. Cal.), a nationally certified class action involving defective Acer computers that resulted in a class-wide settlement; *In re Warner Music Group Corp. Digital Downloads Litigation*, No. CV 12-559-RS (N.D. Cal.) and *James v. UMG Recordings, Inc.*, No. CV 11-1613-SI (N.D. Cal.), cases involving allegations of underpaid royalties to recording artists and producers for digital downloads of their music; and *Nasseri v. CytoSport, Inc.*, No. BC439181 (L.A. Super. Ct.), class action involving claims that CytoSport, Inc. failed to adequately disclose the amount of lead, mercury and arsenic contained in its protein supplements in violation of Proposition 65 and state consumer statutes.
- 8. PSW has demonstrated its commitment to protecting class members in significant matters, including *TFT-LCD*, in which my firm undertook tremendous risk and expense in prosecuting a large antitrust class action over a period of more than five years. Under the coleadership of my firm and Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, we managed over 50 firms that had filed direct purchaser cases. I personally helped manage discovery of nearly 8 million documents consisting of over 40 million pages, and oversaw as many as 136 document reviewers working concurrently. The direct purchaser class served 184 sets of discovery requests and three written depositions, responded to 75 sets of requests propounded by defendants, and engaged in extensive discovery motion practice before a special master. Class Counsel took and defended more than 130 depositions: 50 in San Francisco, 40 elsewhere across the country, and 41 outside

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of the United States. In all, counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs incurred in excess of \$11 million in costs, and contributed well over 250,000 hours of work on the case, including conducting a seven-week jury trial which resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs. The *TFT-LCD* case resulted in an approximate \$473 million class recovery for direct purchaser plaintiffs.

9. We have also demonstrated such commitment in other noteworthy matters, including *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2476 (S.D.N.Y.), which alleged a conspiracy among the largest banks in the world to manipulate the credit default swaps market. Under the co-leadership of my firm and our co-counsel, over the course of more than three years we helped manage the review of nearly 12 million documents, engaged in multiple rounds of discovery requests, and took the depositions of key witnesses. After months of intensive settlement negotiations, the parties reached a landmark settlement amounting to \$1.86 billion, making it one of the largest civil antitrust settlements in history. On April 15, 2016 the Honorable Denise L. Cote granted final approval of the settlement and stated:

"I think there is a public policy that is important in this land to encourage top-tiered litigators to pursue challenging cases like this. Antitrust violations go to the heart of our economy. Our economic health and stability as a nation depend on the rule of law and trust in the fairness and transparency of our marketplace. These issues are interwoven. I think all of us can agree on that. All of us want to live in a country where law is respected, where the court system can be effectively used to reach justice, and where our marketplaces are places that have investor confidence, so people, when they put their money down, can trust that they're in a level playing field." – Hon. Denise Cote, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, April 15, 2016.

#### B. PSW and Class Counsel's Work Litigating the Instant Case

10. The *Hall* action, filed by my firm on March 7, 2014, was one of nine class action lawsuits filed against Defendant PepsiCo, Inc. ("Pepsi" or "Defendant") alleging that Pepsi failed to warn consumers that its Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, and Pepsi One soft drinks contain elevated levels of the dangerous chemical 4-Methylimidazole ("4-MeI") in violation of California consumer protection statutes and common law. Prior to filing the instant action, PSW conducted a detailed independent investigation and analysis into the relevant facts, legal theories, and claims in this 870524.1 4 C 14-0478-EMC

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lawsuit. This independent investigation and analysis included independent testing and analysis of Defendant's Covered Products to support the allegations of the complaint. Further, PSW retained and consulted with experts regarding the core allegations in the complaint and the requisite Prop. 65 pre-filing certifications.

- 11. On August 6, 2014, this Court consolidated the nine class action lawsuits under the caption Sciortino v. PepsiCo, Inc. ("Consolidated Action") and appointed PSW and Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP as Interim Co-Lead Counsel. (Dkt. No. 65.) The Court later severed and then dismissed the Riva v. PepsiCo, Inc. action, see Case No. C-14-2020 EMC (Order Granting Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. No. 52)), leaving eight consolidated cases in the Consolidated Action.
- 12. On August 25, 2014, Plaintiffs Mary Hall, Kent Ibusuki, and Kelly Ree filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint ("CAC") against PepsiCo for violations of California's Proposition 65, Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, et seq., California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, et seq., and California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. § 17200, et seq. (Dkt. No. 68.)
- 13. Defendant filed a motion to dismiss the CAC on October 24, 2014. (Dkt. No. 82.) The basis for Defendant's motion was: (1) Plaintiffs failed to comply with Proposition 65's mandatory notice provisions before filing suit; (2) the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Food and Drug Administration's ("FDA") regulations preempted Plaintiffs' state law claims; and (3) the Court should refrain from adjudicating the Consolidated Action because (a) the FDA has primary jurisdiction over the subject matter of the lawsuit and (b) there was a pending Proposition 65 action in state court. (Dkt. No. 82.)
- 14. On June 5, 2015, the Court issued an Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. (Dkt. No. 105.) In sum, the Court denied Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff Hall's claims on Proposition 65 grounds, finding that adequate pre-suit notice was provided. The Court also denied Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' state law claims holding that the state law claims were not preempted by federal law—and denied Defendant's

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request to dismiss or stay the action under a primary jurisdiction theory. The Court dismissed Plaintiff Ibusuki's claims, but noted that the dismissal had little practical effect.<sup>1</sup>

- 15. Following the Court's Order on Defendant's motion to dismiss, counsel for Defendant and Plaintiff met and conferred to discuss alternative dispute resolution. The Parties<sup>2</sup> reached a joint stipulation on September 15, 2015 to vacate all deadlines and stay the action 90 days pending settlement efforts, and the Court granted the stipulation on September 18, 2015. (Dkt. No. 124.)
- 16. On November 3, 2015, the Parties participated in a mediation before the Honorable Ronald M. Sabraw (Ret.) at JAMS. At the conclusion of the mediation, the Parties were at an impasse. However, with Judge Sabraw's assistance, the Parties continued having settlement discussions over the next several months and ultimately entered into the Settlement Agreement currently before the Court. The Settlement Agreement was entered into by the parties on April 19, 2016.
- 17. The negotiations leading to the Settlement were hard-fought and overseen by Judge Sabraw. Given the extensive motion practice on Defendant's motion to dismiss, the informal discovery conducted, and the mediation briefs submitted, the Parties were able to articulate the strengths of their claims and defenses and the weaknesses of each other's position, ultimately reaching the Settlement after weighing the facts and applicable law and the risks of continued litigation.
- 18. Even after the parties executed the settlement, Class Counsel continued to work diligently on the case. Following settlement, Class Counsel posted notice of the settlement on their respective websites<sup>3</sup>, provided proper notice to the California Attorney General pursuant to

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On January 4, 2016, the Court separately granted Defendant's motion to dismiss Plaintiff Ree. (Dkt. No. 137.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All capitalized terms used herein that are not otherwise defined shall have the same meaning as used in the Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), a true and correct copy of which was filed as Docket Number 142-1, Exhibit 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.pswlaw.com/Notable-Cases/Pepsi-4-Mei-Class-Action.aspx (footnote continued)

- 19. Class Counsel has significant combined experience in class action litigation, and this experience and expertise helped inform the settlement negotiations in this case. I believe it was the skill and reputation of Class Counsel that facilitated an early settlement dialogue with counsel for Pepsi. This dialogue served as the catalyst for the mediation before Judge Sabraw and discussions that resulted in the Settlement Agreement.
- 20. I believe the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and represents a favorable result for the Class. The settlement provides substantial injunctive relief to the Class while not requiring release of any claims for personal injury, wrongful death, or damages. (Settlement Agreement, § 8.3.1.)
  - 21. On June 28, 2016, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval.

#### II. PSW'S HOURS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES

- 22. From the outset, PSW assumed an active role in leading this litigation. PSW investigated the allegations in the *Hall* complaint prior to filing; drafted pleadings and motions and attended court appearances; conducted significant discovery; engaged in settlement discussions; and managed the instance case from its inception through the present by coordinating with the other firms and defense counsel. PSW's attorneys' time was spent on the following tasks:
- a. *Pre-Filing Investigation:* Following a January 23, 2014 Consumer Reports report on the presence of 4-MeI in the Covered Products in California, PSW retained and consulted with an expert regarding the allegations in the Consumer Reports report, actively investigated the legal aspects, and subsequently made the decision to pursue the *Hall* action after

https://www.glancylaw.com/case/pepsico-inc

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/60-Day-Notice-2014-00218

being retained. Additionally, PSW prepared and complied with all of the pre-litigation

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Proposition 65 notices. In total, PSW spent 38.50 hours working on pre-filing investigation related activities. Pleadings, Motions and Court Appearances: PSW expended significant h.

time and effort into drafting the pleadings, motions and respective oppositions, and other filings in this case. PSW worked on the Hall complaint, the CAC and the proposed Second Consolidated Amended Complaint. Further, PSW played a significant role, working with co-lead counsel from Glancy, Binkow & Murray, LLP, in preparing the Motion for Lead Counsel, the Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss, the Preliminary Approval Motion, the Final Approval Motion, and the Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Further, we were required to expend time and resources in preparation of numerous court appearances. In total, PSW spent 597.10 hours working on pleading, motion and court appearance related activities.

- c. Discovery: Class Counsel engaged formal discovery in this action. Further, significant information was exchanged as part of the mediation process. For example, Class Counsel requested and reviewed scientific and technical Pepsi documentation in order to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of Plaintiffs' claims and determine the fairness of the Settlement. Specifically, Class Counsel retained the services of experts to analyze and opine on Pepsi's compliance with Proposition 65. In total, PSW spent 16.00 hours working on discovery related activities.
- d. Settlement: From November 2015 until the Settlement Agreement was finalized and executed in April 2016, I and the attorneys at my firm participated in extensive, hard-fought negotiations with defense counsel. The attorneys at PSW spent many hours participating in meetings, telephone conversations, and correspondence with defense counsel trying to craft a settlement that was simultaneously beneficial to the Class Members and fair to Pepsi. I attended an in-person mediation session, multiple smaller meet and confer sessions with defense counsel, and numerous informal telephonic meetings with defense counsel and Judge Sabraw. Additionally, we consulted with our expert regarding the proposed settlement. Virtually

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every term of the Settlement was hard fought and separately negotiated. Even after executing the Settlement in April 2016, PSW attorneys continued to work diligently on behalf of the Class. In total, PSW spent 116.60 hours working on settlement related activities.

e. Case Management: Class Counsel conducted significant resources to ensure the case was handled efficiently and no duplicative work was performed. I was able to build consensus among Plaintiffs' counsel regarding a leadership structure, save two law firms and served as the primary liaison with defense counsel. This included preparing for case management and status conferences with the Court, coordinating efforts among Class Counsel to move the case toward resolution, and making sure that deadlines and tasks were handled in an efficient and economical manner. Further, we engaged in Rule 26(f) meet and confers, attorney conferences and numerous communications and conferences with Plaintiff Mary Hall throughout the case. In total, PSW spent 178.30 hours working on case management related activities.

23. Below is a comprehensive breakdown of the number of hours and attorneys' fees expended by PSW on various tasks in this case:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Lodestar</u>
Pre-Filing Investigation	38.50	\$ 30,604.50
Pleadings, Motions and Court Appearances	597.10	\$389,565.00
Discovery	16.00	\$ 10,604.50
Settlement	116.60	\$ 82,924.50
Case Management	178.30	\$117,103.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>946.50</u>	<u>\$630,801.50</u>

24. Attached hereto as Exhibit "2" is a true and correct summary of the total hours billed on this case and the hourly rates for PSW through July 20, 2016 ("Summary Report"). The Summary Report indicates a lodestar of \$630,801.50, reflecting a total of 946.50 hours. This summary was prepared from contemporaneous time records reflecting the current rates of PSW attorneys and timekeepers. All work reported by attorneys and timekeepers on behalf of the Class 870524.1

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25. PSW billed this case at its usual and customary hourly billing rates, which have been approved by other courts presiding over similar complex class action lawsuits, including cases adjudicated in district courts in the Northern and Central Districts of California. See In re Warner Music Group Corp. Digital Downloads Litigation, No. CV 12-0559 (N.D. Cal.); In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation, No. 07-md-08127 (N.D. Cal.); Delarosa v. Boiron, No. SACV 10-1569 (C.D. Cal.).

Members was performed on a wholly contingent basis. My firm declined additional legal work as

- 26. Attached hereto as Exhibit "3" is a true and correct copy of the Amended Order Granting Direct Purchaser Class Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Incentive Awards in TFT-LCD. The Court in TFT-LCD approved the application of PSW for a 30% fee award representing over \$120 million in attorneys' fees and approved the hourly rates of attorneys Daniel L. Warshaw, Bobby Pouya, and Alexander R. Safyan. These hourly rates were set forth and attached to the Declaration of PSW partner Bruce L. Simon, a true and correct copy of which is attached in relevant part hereto as Exhibit "4".5
- 27. Attached hereto as Exhibit "5" is a true and correct copy of the Order as Modified by the Court Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney Fees, Litigation Costs, and Incentive Awards in *In re: Warner Music*. The Court in *In re: Warner Music* approved the application of PSW for a 25% fee award of \$2,875,000 in attorneys' fees and approved the hourly rates of attorneys Daniel L. Warshaw, Bobby Pouya, and Alexander R. Safyan. These hourly rates were set forth and attached to my Declaration, a true and correct copy of which is attached in relevant part hereto as Exhibit "6".6
- 28. Attached hereto as Exhibit "7" is a true and correct copy of the Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney Fees, Costs, and Incentive Awards in Colin Higgins Productions,

Unrelated exhibits have been removed from the Declaration of Bruce L. Simon.

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Ltd. v. Universal City Studios, LLC (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC499180), which is a
California state court action. The Court in Colin Higgins approved the application of PSW for a
fee award of \$4,333,333.33 in attorneys' fees—which represents a lodestar multiplier of 3.39—
and approved the hourly rates of attorneys Daniel L. Warshaw, Bobby Pouya, and Alexander R.
Safyan. These hourly rates were set forth and attached to my Declaration, a true and correct copy
of which is attached in relevant part hereto as Exhibit "8".7

29. Based on my experience and practice, I believe the hourly rates charged by PSW are consistent with the rates charged in the San Francisco and Los Angeles legal community for attorneys of similar caliber and experience.

#### III. THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY PSW

- Attached hereto as Exhibit "9" is a true and correct summary of expenses incurred 30. by PSW during the course of this litigation. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of my firm. This expense summary was prepared based on expense vouchers, check records and other documents and are an accurate record of the expenses. Exhibit "9" indicates a total of \$21,374.02 in costs and expenses by PSW to date in connection with the prosecution of this litigation. The \$21,374.02 in litigation costs accounts for filing fees, photocopying, travel related expenses, deposition related expenses, purchasing samples of the Covered Products, and mediation fees. Note that the expenses and costs incurred by PSW are in compliance with the Order Re Plaintiffs' Proposed Guidelines to Limit Costs and Expenses. (Dkt. Nos. 70 and 78.)
- 31. I believe the litigation expenses incurred were reasonable and necessary given the complex nature and scope of the case.

#### IV. THE INCENTIVE AWARD SOUGHT BY PLAINTIFF MARY HALL

32. The requested incentive award of \$4,000 for Class Representative Mary Hall is reasonable. Throughout the course of this litigation, Ms. Hall expended considerable time and

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effort in assisting PSW in the adjudication of this class action fawsuit. See, Declaration of Mary
Hall filed concurrently herewith. Ms. Hall reviewed many of the pleadings and participated in
settlement negotiations and ultimately reviewed and approved the Settlement Agreement. Ms.
Hall remained involved and dedicated to this case throughout its duration. Furthermore, Ms. Hall
has willingly associated her name with a class action lawsuit against a well-known beverage
company and had her name publicized in connection with this lawsuit.

Based on my professional experience, and taking into consideration the risks of 33. continued litigation as compared to the relief granted by the Settlement, I believe that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Class.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 21, 2016, at Sherman Oaks, California.

/s/ Daniel L. Warshaw Daniel L. Warshaw

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# EXHIBIT 1



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#### CASE PROFILES

PSW attorneys currently hold, or have held, a leadership role in the following representative cases:

• In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation, Southern District of New York, MDL No. 2476. PSW attorneys recently served as co-lead counsel and represented the Los Angeles County Employee Retirement Association ("LACERA") in a class action on behalf of all purchasers and sellers of Credit Default Swaps ("CDS") against twelve of the world's largest banks. The lawsuit alleged that the banks, along with other defendants who controlled the market infrastructure for CDS trading, conspired for years to restrain the efficient trading of CDS, thereby inflating the cost to trade CDS. The alleged antitrust conspiracy resulted in billions of dollars in economic harm to institutional investors such as pension funds, mutual funds, and insurance companies who used CDS to hedge credit risks on their fixed income portfolios. After nearly three years of litigation and many months of intensive settlement negotiations, PSW helped reach a settlement with the defendants totaling \$1.86 billion plus injunctive relief. On April 15, 2016, the Honorable Denise L. Cote granted final approval to the settlement, which is one of the largest civil antitrust settlements in history.

- In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1827. PSW served as co-lead counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in this multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of thin film transistor liquid crystal display ("TFT-LCD") panels. Worldwide, the TFT-LCD industry is a multibillion dollar industry, and many believe that this was one of the largest price-fixing cases in the United States. PSW helped collect over \$405 million in settlements before the case proceeded to trial against the last remaining defendant, Toshiba Corporation and its related entities. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-lead trial counsel, successfully marshaled numerous witnesses, and presented the opening argument. On July 3, 2012, PSW obtained a jury verdict of \$87 million (before trebling) against Toshiba. PSW later settled with Toshiba and AU Optronics to bring the total to \$473 million in settlements. In 2013, California Lawyer Magazine awarded Mr. Simon a California Lawyer of the Year Award for his work in the TFT-LCD case.
- In re Potash Antitrust Litigation (No. II), Northern District of Illinois, MDL No. 1996. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as interim co-lead counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in this multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of potash sold in the United States. After the plaintiffs defeated a motion to dismiss, the defendants appealed, and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to hear the case en banc. Mr. Simon presented oral argument to the en banc panel and achieved a unanimous 8-0 decision in his favor. The case resulted in \$90 million in settlements for the direct purchaser plaintiffs, and the Court's opinion is one of the most significant regarding the scope of international antirust conspiracies. See Minn-Chem, Inc. v. Agrium Inc., 683 F. 3d 845 (7th Cir. 2012).
- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 2420. PSW attorneys serve as interim co-lead counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs and represent the Liquidating Trustee for the Circuit City Stores, Inc. Liquidating Trust in this multidistrict class action litigation arising from the price-fixing of lithium ion batteries. The case involves allegations of collusive activity by a cartel made up of the world's largest manufacturers of lithium ion batteries, which are used in everything from cellular phones to cameras, laptops, and tablet computers. PSW filed one of the earliest cases on behalf of the direct purchasers and successfully argued before the Joint Panel on Multidistrict Litigation for consolidation of the cases in the Northern District of California. PSW, along with its co-counsel, organized a leadership structure of three firms, winning appointment by Judge Gonzalez Rogers as co-lead counsel for the putative class of direct purchasers on May 17, 2013.

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- In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serving Coffee Antitrust Litigation, Southern District of New York, MDL No. 2542. In June 2014, Judge Vernon S. Broderick appointed PSW to serve as interim co-lead counsel on behalf of indirect purchaser plaintiffs in this multidistrict class action litigation. The case arises from the alleged unlawful monopolization of the United States market for single-serve coffee packs by Keurig Green Mountain, Inc. Keurig's alleged anticompetitive conduct includes acquiring competitors, entering into exclusionary agreements with suppliers and distributors to prevent competitors from entering the market, engaging in sham patent infringement litigation, and redesigning the single-serve coffee pack products in the next version of its brewing system to lock out competitors' products.
- In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 2451. PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead counsel in this multidistrict litigation that alleges the NCAA and its member conferences violate the antitrust laws by capping the value of grant-in-aid athletic scholarships at far below the actual cost of attending school, and far below what the free market would bear.
- Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al., Northern District of California, Case No. 14-cv-0608. PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead counsel in this putative nationwide class action and FLSA collective action on behalf of minor league baseball players who allege that Major League Baseball and its member franchises violate the FLSA and state wage and hour laws by failing to pay minor league baseball players minimum wage and overtime.
- In re KIND LLC "Healthy and All Natural" Litigation, Southern District of New York, MDL No. 2645. PSW partner Daniel L. Warshaw currently serves as interim co-lead counsel in this putative nationwide class action on behalf of consumers who allege that they purchased KIND snack bars that were falsely advertised as "all natural," "non-GMO," and/or "healthy."
- In re Carrier IQ Consumer Privacy Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 2330. PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead counsel in this putative nationwide class action on behalf of consumers who allege privacy violations arising from software installed on their mobile devices that was logging text messages and other sensitive information.
- Sciortino, et al. v. PepsiCo, Inc., Northern District of California, Case No. 14-cv-0478. PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead counsel in this putative California class action on behalf of consumers who allege that PepsiCo failed to warn them that certain of its sodas contain excess levels of a chemical called 4-

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Methylimidazole in violation of Proposition 65 and California consumer protection statutes.

- James v. UMG Recordings, Inc., Northern District of California, Case No. 11-cv-01613. PSW partner Daniel L. Warshaw served as interim co-lead counsel in this putative nationwide class action on behalf of recording artists and music producers who alleged that they had been systematically underpaid royalties by the record company UMG.
- In re Warner Music Group Corp. Digital Downloads Litigation, Northern District of California, Case No. 12-cv-00559. PSW attorneys served as interim co-lead counsel, with partner Bruce L. Simon serving as chairman of a five-firm executive committee, in this putative nationwide class action on behalf of recording artists and music producers who alleged that they had been systematically underpaid royalties by the record company Warner Music Group.
- In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1486. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as cochair of discovery and as a member of the trial preparation team in this multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of DRAM, a form of computer memory. Mr. Simon was responsible for supervising and coordinating the review of almost a terabyte of electronic documents, setting and taking depositions, establishing and implementing protocols for cooperation between the direct and indirect plaintiffs as well as the Department of Justice, presenting oral arguments on discovery matters, working with defendants on evidentiary issues in preparation for trial, and preparation of a comprehensive pretrial statement. Shortly before the scheduled trial, class counsel reached settlements with the last remaining defendants, bringing the total value of the class settlements to over \$325 million.
- In re Methionine Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1311. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-lead counsel in this nationwide antitrust class action involving a conspiracy to fix prices of, and allocate the markets for, methionine. Mr. Simon was personally responsible for many of the discovery aspects of the case including electronic document productions, coordination of document review teams, and depositions. Mr. Simon argued pretrial motions, prepared experts, and assisted in the preparation of most pleadings presented to the Court. This action resulted in over \$100 million in settlement recovery for the Class.
- In re Sodium Gluconate Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1226. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as class counsel in this consolidated antitrust class action arising from the price-fixing of sodium gluconate. Mr. Simon

was selected by Judge Claudia Wilken to serve as lead counsel amongst many other candidates for that position, and successfully led the case to class certification and settlement.

- In re Citric Acid Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1092. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as class counsel in antitrust class actions against Archer-Daniels Midland Co. and others for their conspiracy to fix the prices of citric acid, a food additive product. Mr. Simon was one of the principal attorneys involved in discovery in this matter. This proceeding resulted in over \$80 million settlements for the direct purchasers.
- Olson v. Volkswagen of America, Inc., Central District of California, Case No. CV07-05334. PSW attorneys brought this class action lawsuit against Volkswagen alleging that the service manual incorrectly stated the inspection and replacement intervals for timing belts on Audi and Volkswagen branded vehicles equipped with a 1.8 liter turbo-charged engine. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement.
- Swain et al. v. Eel River Sawmills, Inc. et al., California Superior Court, DR-01-0216. George S. Trevor and Bruce L. Simon served as lead trial counsel for a class of former employees of a timber company whose retirement plan was lost through management's investment of plan assets in an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Mr. Trevor and Mr. Simon negotiated a substantial settlement on the eve of trial resulting in a recovery of approximately 40% to 50% of plaintiffs' damages after attorneys' fees and costs.
- In re Digital Microwave Securities Litigation, Northern District of California, C-90-20241. George S. Trevor was one of the principal attorneys for a plaintiff class alleging fraud in the financial reporting of a public company. Defendants included the accounting firm Arthur Andersen. Mr. Trevor negotiated a settlement of nearly \$20 million, despite the absence of any director's and officer's liability insurance.
- In re Hawaiian and Guamanian Cabotage Antitrust Litigation, Western District of Washington, MDL No. 1972. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as interim co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in this multidistrict litigation arising from violations of the federal antitrust laws with respect to domestic ocean shipping services between the continental United States and Hawaii and/or between the continental United States and the Territory of Guam.

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- In re Homestore Litigation, Central District of California, Master File No. 01-11115. PSW attorneys served as liaison counsel and class counsel for plaintiff CalSTRS in this securities class action. The case resulted in over \$100 million in settlements to the Class.
- *In re MP3.Com, Inc., Securities Litigation*, Southern District of California, Master File No. 00-CV-1873. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action involving alleged securities violations under Rule 10b-5.
- In re Ivan F. Boesky Securities Litigation, Southern District of New York, MDL No. 732. George S. Trevor, while at the firm of Gold & Bennett, was one of the principal attorneys representing a class of former shareholders of the Pacific Lumber Company. The case was consolidated with numerous other shareholder class actions before the Honorable Milton Pollack. Mr. Trevor personally took numerous depositions and examined Michael Milken pursuant to Mr. Milken's settlement agreement with the Pacific Lumber class. He was also part of the trial team in New York when the case settled the evening before trial. The resulting settlement of \$144 million was estimated to be the fourth largest securities litigation settlement at the time.
- In re Automotive Refinishing Paint Cases, Alameda County Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4199. PSW attorneys served as class counsel with other law firms in this coordinated antitrust class action alleging a conspiracy by defendants to fix the price of automotive refinishing products.
- In re Beer Antitrust Litigation, Northern District of California, Case No. 97-20644 SW. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as primary counsel in this antitrust class action brought on behalf of independent micro-breweries against Anheuser-Busch, Inc., for its attempt to monopolize the beer industry in the United States by denying access to distribution channels.
- In re Commercial Tissue Products Public Entity Indirect Purchaser Antitrust Litigation, San Francisco Superior Court, Judicial Counsel Coordination Proceeding No. 4027. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as co-lead counsel for the public entity purchaser class in this antitrust action arising from the price-fixing of commercial sanitary paper products.
- Hart v. Central Sprinkler Corporation, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC176727. PSW attorneys served as class counsel in this consumer class action

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- arising from the sale of nine million defective fire sprinkler heads. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement valued at approximately \$37.5 million.
- Rueda v. Schlumberger Resources Management Services, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC235471. PSW attorneys served as class counsel with other law firms representing customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power ("LADWP") who had lead leaching water meters installed on their properties. The Court granted final approval of the settlement whereby defendant would pay \$1.5 million to a cy pres fund to benefit the Class and to make grants to LADWP to assist in implementing a replacement program to the effected water meters.
- In re Louisiana-Pacific Corp. Inner-Seal OSB Trade Practices Litigation, Northern District of California, MDL No. 1114. PSW partner Bruce L. Simon worked on this nationwide product defect class action brought under the Lanham Act. The proposed class was certified, and a class settlement was finally approved by Chief Judge Vaughn Walker.
- *In re iPod nano Cases*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judicial Counsel Coordination Proceeding No. 4469. PSW attorneys were appointed co-lead counsel for this class action brought on behalf of California consumers who own defective iPod nanos. The case resulted in a favorable settlement.
- *Unity Entertainment Corp. v. MP3.Com*, Central District of California, Case No. 00-11868. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action alleging copyright infringement.
- Vallier v. Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Central District of California, Case No. CV97-1171. PSW attorneys served as lead counsel in this toxic tort action involving 50 cancer victims and their families.
- Nguyen v. First USA N.A., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC222846.
   PSW attorneys served as class counsel on behalf of approximately four million First USA credit card holders whose information was sold to third party vendors without their consent. This case ultimately settled for an extremely valuable permanent injunction plus disgorgement of profits to worthy charities.
- Morales v. Associates First Financial Capital Corporation, San Francisco Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4197. PSW attorneys served as class counsel in this case arising from the wrongful sale of credit insurance in

- connection with personal and real estate-secured loans. This case resulted in an extraordinary \$240 million recovery for the Class.
- *In re AEFA Overtime Cases*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4321. PSW attorneys served as class counsel in this overtime class action on behalf of American Express Financial Advisors, which resulted in an outstanding classwide settlement.
- *Khan v. Denny's Holdings, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC177254. PSW attorneys settled a class action lawsuit against Denny's for non-payment of overtime wages to its managers and general managers.
- *Kosnik v. Carrows Restaurants, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC219809. PSW attorneys settled a class action lawsuit against Carrows Restaurants for non-payment of overtime wages to its assistant managers and managers.
- Castillo v. Pizza Hut, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC318765. PSW attorneys served as lead class counsel in this California class action brought by delivery drivers who claimed they were not adequately compensated for use of their personally owned vehicles. This case resulted in a statewide class settlement.
- Baker v. Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC286131. PSW attorneys served as class counsel for investors who were charged a fee for transferring out assets between June 1, 2002 and May 31, 2003. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement.
- Eallonardo v. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC286950. PSW attorneys served as class counsel on behalf a nationwide class of consumers who purchased DVDs manufactured by defendants. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants engaged in false and misleading advertising relating to the sale of its DVDs. This case resulted in a nationwide class settlement.
- Gaeta v. Centinela Feed, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC342524. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action involving alleged failures to pay wages, overtime, employee expenses, waiting time penalties, and failure to provide meal and rest periods and to furnish timely and accurate wage statements.

- Leiber v. Consumer Empowerment Bv A/K/A Fasttrack, Central District of California, Case No. CV 01-09923. PSW attorneys served as defense counsel in this class action involving copyrighted music that was made available through a computer file sharing service without the publishers' permission.
- Higgs v. SUSA California, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC372745. PSW attorneys are serving as co-lead class counsel representing California consumers who entered into rental agreements for the use of self-storage facilities owned by defendants. In this certified class action, plaintiffs allege that defendants wrongfully denied access to the self-storage facility and/or charged excessive pre-foreclosure fees.
- Fournier v. Lockheed Litigation, Los Angeles County Superior Court. PSW attorneys served as counsel for 1,350 residents living at or near the Skunks-Works Facility in Burbank. The case resolved with a substantial confidential settlement for plaintiffs.
- Nasseri v. CytoSport, Inc., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 439181. PSW attorneys are serving as class counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of consumers who purchase CytoSport's popular protein powders, ready to drink protein beverages, and other "supplement" products. Plaintiffs allege that these supplements contain excessive amounts of lead, cadmium and arsenic in amounts that exceed Proposition 65 and negate CytoSport's health claims regarding the products.

# **ATTORNEY PROFILES**

#### **PARTNERS**

## **CLIFFORD H. PEARSON**

Clifford H. Pearson is a civil litigator and business lawyer focusing on complex litigation, class actions, and business law. In 2013, Mr. Pearson was named by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top 100 lawyers in California. He was instrumental in negotiating settlements that totaled \$473 million in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, an antitrust case in the Northern District of California that alleged a decade-long conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels, and over \$90 million in *In re Potash Antitrust Litigation*, an antitrust case in the Northern District of Illinois that alleged price fixing by Russian, Belarusian and North American producers of potash, a main ingredient used in fertilizer.

Before creating the firm in 2006, Mr. Pearson was a partner at one of the largest firms in the San Fernando Valley, where he worked for 22 years. There, he represented aggrieved individuals, investors and employees in a wide variety of contexts, including toxic torts, consumer protection and wage and hour cases. Over his 30-plus year career, Mr. Pearson has successfully negotiated substantial settlements on behalf of consumers, small businesses and companies. In recognition of his outstanding work on behalf of clients, Mr. Pearson has been regularly selected by his peers as a Super Lawyer (representing the top 5% of practicing lawyers in Southern California). He has also attained Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV) for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Pearson is an active member of the American Bar Association, Canadian Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Consumer Attorneys of California, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Association of Business Trial Lawyers and a Practitioner of Foreign Law in British Columbia, Canada.

#### **Current Cases:**

- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)

## **Education:**

- Whittier Law School, Los Angeles, California J.D. 1981
- University of Miami, Miami, Florida M.B.A. 1978
- Carleton University, Ontario, Canada B.A. 1976

#### **Bar Admissions:**

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

## **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Canadian Bar Association
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

#### BRUCE L. SIMON

Bruce L. Simon has led Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP to national prominence. Mr. Simon specializes in complex cases involving antitrust, consumer fraud, and securities laws. He has served as lead counsel in many business cases with national and global impact.

In 2013, Mr. Simon was chosen by the *Daily Journal* as one of the Top 100 attorneys in California. He received the California Lawyer of the Year award from *California Lawyer Magazine* and was selected as one of seven finalists for Consumer Attorney of the Year by Consumer Attorneys of California for his work in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.). That year, Mr. Simon was included in the Top 100 of California's "Super Lawyers" and has been named a "Super Lawyer" every year since 2003. He has attained Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV) for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Simon was co-lead class counsel in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, a case that lasted over five years and resulted in \$473 million recovered for the direct purchaser plaintiffs. Mr. Simon served as co-lead trial counsel and was instrumental in obtaining an \$87 million jury verdict (before trebling). He presented the opening argument and marshalled numerous witnesses during the six-week trial.

More recently, Mr. Simon was co-lead class counsel in *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, a case alleging a conspiracy among the world's largest banks to maintain opacity of the credit default swaps market as a means of maintaining supracompetitive prices of bid/ask spreads. After three years of litigation and many months of intensive settlement negotiations, the parties in *CDS* reached a landmark settlement amounting to \$1.86 billion. It is one of the largest civil antitrust settlements in history.

Mr. Simon was also co-lead class counsel in *In re Potash Antitrust Litigation (II)*, MDL No. 1996 (N.D. Ill.), where he successfully argued an appeal of the district court's order denying

the defendants' motions to dismiss to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Mr. Simon presented oral argument during an *en banc* hearing before the Court and achieved a unanimous 8-0 decision in his favor. The case resulted in \$90 million in settlements for the direct purchaser plaintiffs, and the Court's opinion is one of the most significant regarding the scope of international antirust conspiracies.

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- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al. (N.D. Cal.)

## **Reported Cases:**

• Minn-Chem, Inc. et al. v. Agrium Inc., et al., 683 F.3d 845 (7th Cir. 2012)

#### **Education:**

- University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California J.D. –
   1980
- University of California, Berkeley, California A.B. 1977

#### **Bar Admissions:**

- California
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

#### **Recent Publications:**

- Class Certification Procedure, Ch. V, ABA Antitrust Class Actions Handbook (3d ed.), with Alexander R. Safyan (forthcoming)
- Reverse Engineering Your Antitrust Case: Plan for Trial Even Before You File Your Case, Antitrust, Vol. 28, No. 2, Spring 2014
- The Ownership/Control Exception to Illinois Brick in Hi-Tech Component Cases: A Rule That Recognizes the Realities of Corporate Price Fixing, ABA International Cartel Workshop February 2014, with Aaron M. Sheanin
- Matthew Bender Practice Guide: California Unfair Competition and Business Torts, LexisNexis, with Justice Conrad L. Rushing and Judge Elia Weinbach (Updated 2013)

• The Questionable Use of Rule 11 Motions to Limit Discovery and Eliminate Allegations in Civil Antitrust Complaints in the United States, ABA International Cartel Workshop February 2012, with Aaron M. Sheanin

## **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- California State Bar Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section, Advisor and Past Chair
- ABA Global Private Litigation Committee, Co-Chair
- ABA International Cartel Workshop, Steering Committee
- American Association for Justice, Business Torts Section, Past Chair
- Business Torts Section of the American Trial Lawyers Association, Past Chair
- Hastings College of the Law, Board of Directors (2003-2015), Past Chair (2009-2011)

## DANIEL L. WARSHAW

Daniel L. Warshaw is a civil litigator and trial lawyer who focuses on complex litigation, class actions, and consumer protection. Mr. Warshaw has held a lead role in numerous state and federal class actions, and obtained significant recoveries for class members in many cases. These cases have included, among other things, antitrust violations, high-technology products, automotive parts and false and misleading advertising. Mr. Warshaw has also represented employees and employers in a variety of class actions, including wage and hour, misclassification and other Labor Code violations.

Mr. Warshaw played an integral role in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, where he negotiated the ESI protocol and managed a document review process that featured nearly 8 million documents in multiple languages and 136 reviewers. He currently serves as interim co-lead counsel in a series of groundbreaking class actions involving the alleged underpayment of royalties to artists, producers and directors in the music and film industries. These cases have received significant attention in the press, and Mr. Warshaw has been profiled by the *Daily Journal* for his work in the digital download music cases. In recognition of his outstanding work, Mr. Warshaw has been selected by his peers as a Super Lawyer (representing the top 5% of practicing lawyers in Southern California) every year since 2005. He has also attained Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating (AV) for legal ability and ethical standards.

Mr. Warshaw has assisted in the preparation of two Rutter Group practice guides: Federal Civil Trials & Evidence and Civil Claims and Defenses. Since 2012, Mr. Warshaw has served as the Chair of the Plaintiffs' Class Action Forum sponsored by Cambridge International Forums, Inc. The purpose of the Forum is to facilitate a high-level exchange of ideas and indepth dialogue on class action litigation.

#### **Current Cases:**

- In re KIND LLC "Healthy and All Natural" Litigation (S.D.N.Y.)
- In re Carrier IQ, Inc., Consumer Privacy Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- Higgins v. Paramount Pictures Corp. (and related cases) (LA Sup. Ct.)
- Sciortino, et al. v. PepsiCo, Inc. (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education:**

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## **Bar Admissions:**

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- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Executive Committee of the Litigation Section
- Plaintiffs' Class Action Forum, Chair

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#### SENIOR COUNSEL

### GEORGE S. TREVOR

George S. Trevor has focused his practice for the past 26 years representing investors in securities class actions, securities arbitrations, and complex business litigation. Since joining Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP in 2009 as Senior Counsel, Mr. Trevor has been the senior attorney on a number of the firm's important cases. Those include *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, where the firm helped secure a historic \$1.86 billion settlement on behalf of purchasers and sellers of CDS, and *In re Lehman Securities and ERISA Litigation*, where the firm represented California public entities that purchased Lehman securities prior to its bankruptcy.

Mr. Trevor also represents bankruptcy trustees as special litigation counsel against former directors, professionals and financial institutions, and recently obtained a substantial settlement on behalf of an investor plaintiff class against a national bank alleged to have aided and abetted a Ponzi scheme.

Prior to joining Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP, Mr. Trevor was managing partner of Trevor & Weixel LLP. Mr. Trevor's significant cases at Trevor & Weixel included a class action brought on behalf of former employees of Eel River Sawmills. Mr. Trevor was instrumental in obtaining a \$5 million settlement for a class of approximately 400 workers who had lost significant amounts promised to them under the company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Mr. Trevor was lead trial counsel in a multi-claimant securities arbitration against a brokerage firm tried in New Orleans in 2007-2008. Following twenty days of hearing and immediately prior to the panel's decision, Mr. Trevor negotiated substantial settlements on behalf of all claimants.

Mr. Trevor also practiced for 11 years at Gold & Bennett. Among his cases there was a class action brought on behalf of the former shareholders of the Pacific Lumber Company. In 1985, Charles Hurwitz launched a hostile takeover of Pacific Lumber. Mr. Hurwitz, assisted by Michael Milken and Ivan Boesky, succeeded in forcing a shareholder buyout at \$40 per share. The class action complaint alleged that the buyout was obtained through the dissemination of fraudulent offering materials to shareholders. On the eve of trial, Mr. Hurwitz agreed to a \$52 million settlement. Combined with other settlements, the Pacific Lumber shareholders received over \$140 million in additional compensation for their shares, one of the largest recoveries in securities litigation at the time. Mr. Trevor was also instrumental in the recovery of \$19.2 million by the shareholders of Digital Microwave Corporation. Mr. Trevor has litigated cases against hedge funds, real estate limited partnerships, software and hardware companies, alternative energy companies and accounting firms, among others.

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#### **Current Cases:**

- In re CytRx Corporation Securities Litigation (and related cases) (C.D. Cal.)
- L.A. Taxi Cooperative, Inc., et al. v. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al. (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education:**

- University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, California J.D. –
   1986
- University of California, Berkeley, California A.B. 1980 (Phi Beta Kappa, High Honors in Rhetoric and Distinction in General Scholarship).

#### **Bar Admissions**

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona

## **Reported Cases**

- Musick Peeler & Garrett v. Wausau Ins., 508 U.S. 286 (1993)
- *Lippitt v. Raymond James*, 340 F.3d 1033 (9th Cir. 2003)
- Daniels v. Centennial Group, 16 Cal. App. 4th 467 (Cal. Ct. App. 1993)
- Boston Telecommunications v. Deloitte Touche, 278 F. Supp 2d 1041 (N.D. Cal. 2003)
- *In re Silicon Graphics*, 970 F.Supp 746 (N.D. Cal. 1997)
- *Lilley v. Charren*, 936 F.Supp 708 (N.D. Cal. 1996)
- In re Digital Microwave Corp. Securities Litigation, 1992 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18469 (N.D. Cal. 1992)
- In re Adobe Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation, 767 F. Supp. 1023 (N.D. Cal. 1991)

## **Professional Associations and Memberships**

- American Bar Association, Member, 1992 present
- Committee of Business and Corporate Litigation
- Public Investors Bar Association, Member, 2000 present

## **OF COUNSEL**

#### AARON M. SHEANIN

Aaron M. Sheanin, Of Counsel to Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP, has extensive experience in complex litigation matters in federal and state courts, including the prosecution of antitrust and consumer class actions. He has litigated numerous securities fraud and corporate governance cases on behalf of individual and institutional investors, and has advised state pension funds and private institutions with respect to securities and antitrust matters. Mr. Sheanin also has experience litigating telecommunications, employment discrimination, defective product, and bankruptcy matters.

Mr. Sheanin is responsible for leading the Direct Purchaser Plaintiff class action in *In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation*. He was actively involved in all aspects of *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, and was an integral member of the trial team. For his work on that case, Mr. Sheanin was nominated by the Consumer Attorneys of California as a finalist for Consumer Attorney of the Year. Mr. Sheanin served as co-lead counsel in *In re American Express Financial Advisors Securities Litigation* (\$100 million settlement), as co-lead counsel on behalf of lead plaintiff the Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System in the securities class action *Scheiner v. i2 Technologies* (\$84.85 million in settlements), and as co-chair of the discovery committee in *In re Natural Gas Antitrust Cases* (\$160 million in settlements).

From 2002 to 2011, Mr. Sheanin gained extensive experience prosecuting class actions and other complex cases as an associate and a partner with Girard Gibbs LLP and as an associate with Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Sheanin was a *pro se* law clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

#### **Current Cases:**

- *In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.)
- In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Optical Disc Drive Products Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education:**

- Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York J.D. 1999
- University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California A.B. 1993

#### **Bar Admissions:**

- California
- New York
- New Jersey
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

#### **Publications and Presentations:**

- Appellate Courts Grapple with the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act, Competition: The Journal of the Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Section of the State Bar of California, Vol. 23, No. 2 (Fall 2014), with Craig C. Corbitt.
- The Ownership/Control Exception to Illinois Brick in Hi-Tech Component Cases: A Rule That Recognizes the Realities of Corporate Price Fixing, ABA International Cartel Workshop February 2014, with Bruce L. Simon
- The Questionable Use of Rule 11 Motions to Limit Discovery and Eliminate Allegations in Civil Antitrust Complaints in the United States, ABA International Cartel Workshop February 2012, with Bruce L. Simon
- American Bar Association, Task Force on Contingent Fees (Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section)
- "California Class Actions Practice and Procedure" (Matthew Bender, 1st Ed. 2003), contributing author

# **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- California State Bar Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section, Executive Committee
- Antitrust Section of the San Francisco Bar Association, Executive Committee
- American Bar Association
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## **ASSOCIATES**

#### **BOBBY POUYA**

Bobby Pouya is a civil litigator and trial lawyer in the firm's Los Angeles office, focusing on complex litigation, class actions, and consumer protection. Mr. Pouya has been an attorney with Pearson, Simon & Warshaw since 2006, and has extensive experience in representing clients in a variety of contexts. He has served as a primary member of the litigation team in multiple cases that resulted in class certification or a classwide settlement, including cases that involved high-technology products, consumer safety and false and misleading advertising. Mr. Pouya's success has earned him recognition by his peers as a Super Lawyers Rising Star (representing the top 2.5% of lawyers in Southern California age 40 or younger or in practice for 10 years or less) every year since 2008.

Mr. Pouya has served as one of the attorneys representing direct purchaser plaintiffs in several MDL antitrust cases, including *In re Polyurethane Foam Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ohio) and *In re Fresh and Processed Potatoes Antitrust Litigation* (D. Idaho). Mr. Pouya is actively involved in the prosecution of *Senne*, *et al.* v. *Office of the Commissioner of Baseball*, *et al.* (N.D. Cal.), and works closely with lead counsel on all aspects of litigation strategy. Mr. Pouya earned his Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2006, where he received a certificate in dispute resolution from the prestigious Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and participated on the interschool trial and mediation advocacy teams, the Dispute Resolution Law Journal and the Moot Court Board.

#### **Current Cases:**

- Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al. (N.D. Cal.)
- Higgins v. Paramount Pictures Corp. (and related cases) (L.A. Sup. Ct.)
- Sciortino, et al. v. PepsiCo, Inc. (N.D. Cal.)

## **Education:**

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California J.D. 2006
- University of California, Santa Barbara, California B.A., with honors 2003

#### **Recent Publications:**

- Should Offers Moot Claims?, Daily Journal, Oct. 10, 2014, with Alexander R. Safyan
- Central District Local Rules Hinder Class Certification, Daily Journal, April 9, 2013, with Alexander R. Safyan

#### **Bar Admissions:**

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

• U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

## **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association

## VERONICA W. GLAZE

Veronica W. Glaze is an associate in the firm's Los Angeles office, focusing on antitrust, consumer, and business litigation. Ms. Glaze was a member of the trial team in *In re TFT-LCD* (*Flat Panel*) *Antitrust Litigation*, and was actively involved in representing the direct purchaser plaintiffs at all stages of the case. In 2013, Ms. Glaze was recognized by Consumer Attorneys of California as a finalist for its "Consumer Attorney of the Year" award for her work in the case. Ms. Glaze also worked on key aspects of the direct purchaser plaintiffs' case in *In re Potash Antitrust Litigation (II)*, an MDL antitrust case that alleged price fixing by Russian, Belarusian and North American producers of potash. While at Pearson, Simon, & Warshaw, Ms. Glaze has become particularly adept at managing the electronic review of documents at all stages of litigation. She has also gained extensive experience managing the review of foreign language documents and resolving discovery issues concerning the use of translations throughout the litigation process.

Ms. Glaze matriculated at Pomona College in Claremont, California and received her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, with minors in Black Studies and Politics. She earned her Juris Doctorate in 2008 from Pepperdine University School of Law. While in law school, Mrs. Glaze was a member of Pepperdine's Moot Court Board and worked as a research assistant to Professor Carol A. Chase. Ms. Glaze is also a former law clerk for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.

#### **Current Cases:**

- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education**:

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California J.D. 2008
- Pomona College, Claremont, California B.A. 2004

#### **Bar Admissions**:

- California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

# **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- John M. Langston Bar Association, Board Member
- Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Scholarship Committee Member
- Consumer Attorneys of California, Member
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Member
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Member

#### **Honors and Awards**:

- Consumer Attorneys of California's Consumer Attorney of the Year, award finalist, 2013
- John M. Langston Bar Association's President's Award, 2013

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Alexander R. Safyan is an associate in the firm's Los Angeles office, focusing on antitrust, consumer, and business litigation. Mr. Safyan has worked on many of the firm's class actions, including drafting complex complaints, motions, and discovery. Mr. Safyan has also served as the principal attorney on some of the firm's non-class cases, representing individuals and companies in contract disputes on both sides of the "v." In recognition of his work on behalf of clients, Mr. Safyan has been selected by his peers as a Super Lawyers Rising Star (representing the top 2.5% of lawyers in Southern California age 40 or younger or in practice for 10 years or less) for 4 straight years.

Mr. Safyan is a prolific writer, having been published multiple times by the *Daily Journal* and co-authored papers and presentations with some of the firm's senior attorneys. Further, Mr. Safyan published a law review comment titled *A Call for International Regulation of the Thriving "Industry" of Death Tourism*, which has been cited by multiple other publications. Mr. Safyan earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, in political science from the University of Southern California in 2008. He earned his Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, from Loyola Law School Los Angeles in 2011, graduating as a member of the Order of the Coif.

#### **Current Cases:**

- In re CytRx Corporation Securities Litigation (and related cases) (C.D. Cal.)
- *In re KIND LLC "Healthy and All Natural" Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.)
- Sciortino, et al. v. PepsiCo, Inc. (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education:**

- Loyola Law School Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California J.D., cum laude 2011
- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California B.A., cum laude 2008

# **Recent Publications:**

- Class Certification Procedure, Ch. V, ABA Antitrust Class Actions Handbook (3d ed.), with Bruce L. Simon (forthcoming)
- Should Offers Moot Claims?, Daily Journal, Oct. 10, 2014, with Bobby Pouya

- Central District Local Rules Hinder Class Certification, Daily Journal, April 9, 2013, with Bobby Pouya
- Brantley v. NBC Uni: Tying Consumers' Hands in Bringing Antitrust Tying Claims, Daily Journal, April 12, 2012, with Clifford H. Pearson
- A Call for International Regulation of the Thriving "Industry" of Death Tourism, 33 Loy. L.A. Int'l & Comp. L. Rev. 287 (2011)

## **Bar Admissions:**

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

## **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Young Lawyers Division
- Los Angeles County Bar Association (Serves as Liaison to the Executive Committee of the Antitrust and Unfair Business Practices Section)

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## **Current Cases:**

• Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al. (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education**:

- Loyola Law School Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California J.D. 2011
- Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana B.S., magna cum laude 2008

### **Bar Admissions**:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

## **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association

## BENJAMIN E. SHIFTAN

Benjamin E. Shiftan is a litigator in the firm's San Francisco office. Since joining the firm in 2014, Mr. Shiftan has focused on complex class action litigation, including antitrust, product defect, and consumer protection cases.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Shiftan litigated complex bad faith insurance cases for a national law firm. Before that, Mr. Shiftan served as a law clerk to the Honorable Peter G. Sheridan, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and worked for a mid-sized firm in San Diego.

Mr. Shiftan graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2009. While in law school, he served as Lead Articles Editor of the San Diego International Law Journal and competed as a National Team Member on the Moot Court Board. Mr. Shiftan won the school's Paul A. McLennon, Sr. Honors Moot Court Competition. At graduation, he was one of ten students inducted into the Order of the Barristers. Mr. Shiftan graduated from the University of Virginia in 2006.

### **Current Cases:**

- In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Cap Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Keurig Green Mountain Single-Serve Coffee Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education**:

- University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA J.D. 2009
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA B.A. 2006

#### **Bar Admissions**:

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
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- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

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- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

## **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

• San Francisco County Bar Association

#### MATTHEW A. PEARSON

Matthew A. Pearson is an associate in the firm's Los Angeles office focusing on antitrust, personal injury, and business litigation. Mr. Pearson has represented clients in a variety of different matters, including toxic tort litigation, business litigation, products liability, and high-stakes personal injury matters.

Mr. Pearson received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona in 2010, majoring in Business Management. He received his Juris Doctorate from Whittier Law School in 2013. Mr. Pearson is an active member in a number of legal organizations, including the American Bar Association, American Association for Justice, Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Consumer Attorneys of California, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

#### **Current Cases:**

• L.A. Taxi Cooperative, Inc., et al. v. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al. (N.D. Cal.)

## **Education:**

- Whittier Law School, California J.D. 2013
- University of Arizona: Eller College of Management B.S.– 2010

## **Bar Admissions:**

- California
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

# **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles
- Consumer Attorneys of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

#### ALEXANDER L. SIMON

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Alexander L. Simon is a litigator in the firm's San Francisco office. Since joining the firm as a law clerk in 2013 and an attorney in 2015, Mr. Simon has focused on complex class action litigation, including antitrust, product defect, and consumer protection cases.

Mr. Simon graduated from Loyola Law School in 2015. While in law school, he served as the Chief Production Editor of the *Loyola of Los Angeles Entertainment Law Review* from 2014-2015. His comment titled *With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Gary Friedrich's Battle with Marvel For Artist Rights* was published by the law review that same year. In 2014, Mr. Simon also participated in Loyola Law School's Copyright Moot Court. Mr. Simon graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2009 where he was a member of Freshman Men's Crew during the 2005-2006 season. During his senior year of high school, he was the "two" seat of the Saint Ignatius College Preparatory Varsity 8 boat that won the US Rowing Youth Invitational National Championship.

#### **Current Cases:**

- Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)
- L.A. Taxi Cooperative, Inc., et al. v. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al. (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education:**

- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California J.D. 2015
- University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California B.A. 2009

#### **Recent Publications:**

• With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility: Gary Friedrich's Battle with Marvel For Artist Rights, 35 Loy. L.A. Ent. L. Rev. 211 (2015)

#### **Bar Admissions:**

- California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

# **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- San Francisco County Bar Association
- California Young Lawyers Association

## **Community Service:**

 Prime Time Mock Trial Coach at Ralph Waldo Emerson Middle School in Los Angeles (2014)

 Volunteer at the Theatre of Terror (2013) and Raymond Hill Mortuary (2014) Haunted Houses benefiting the South Pasadena Arts Council and South Pasadena Educational Foundation

## MEREDITH C. DOYLE

Meredith C. Doyle is an associate in the firm's San Francisco office, focusing on antitrust, consumer, and business litigation.

Ms. Doyle earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from Claremont McKenna College in 2011, majoring in Government with a Leadership focus. She was a member of the varsity women's soccer team all four years, and contributed to two SCIAC League Championship wins. She received her Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine Law School in 2014. In law school, Ms. Doyle served as an Executive Editor of Pepperdine's *Dispute Resolution Law Journal* from 2013 to 2014. The Journal published her article, *Circles of Trust: Using Restorative Justice to Repair Organizations Marred by Sex Abuse*, in 2014. Ms. Doyle was also co-chair of Pepperdine Law School's Honor Board from 2013 to 2014. Ms. Doyle is an active member in a number of legal organizations, including the American Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

#### **Current Cases:**

- Senne, et al. v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, et al. (N.D. Cal.)
- In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.)

#### **Education**:

- Pepperdine University School of Law, Los Angeles, California J.D. 2014
- Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California B.A., cum laude 2011

#### **Bar Admissions**:

- California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California (pending)
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California (pending)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California (pending)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (pending)

## **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- American Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- San Francisco County Bar Association (forthcoming)

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July 20, 2016

Re: Sciortino v. PepsiCo, Inc.

Case No.: 3:14-cv-00478-EMC

	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Lodestar</u>
Case Management			
Amanda Lunzer	0.70	\$225.00	\$157.50
Alex Safyan	54.10	\$475.00	\$25,697.50
Ben Shiftan	1.30	\$495.00	\$643.50
Bobby Pouya	38.70	\$635.00	\$24,574.50
Daniel Warshaw	71.50	\$870.00	\$62,205.00
Ellowene Grant	7.50	\$225.00	\$1,687.50
Michael Pearson	4.50	\$475.00	\$2,137.50
TOTAL	178.30		\$117,103.00
Discovery			
Alex Safyan	0.60	\$475.00	\$285.00
Bobby Pouya	13.10	\$635.00	\$8,318.50
Daniel Warshaw	2.30	\$870.00	\$2,001.00
TOTAL	16.00		\$10,604.50
Pleadings / Motions			
Amanda Lunzer	4.50	\$225.00	\$1,012.50
Alex Safyan	233.30	\$475.00	\$110,817.50
Ben Shiftan	1.90	\$495.00	\$940.50
Bobby Pouya	66.30	\$635.00	\$42,100.50
Daniel Warshaw	246.70	\$870.00	\$214,629.00
Ellowene Grant	4.10	\$225.00	\$922.50
Michael Pearson	36.50	\$475.00	\$17,337.50
Richard Clay Stockton	3.80	\$475.00	\$1,805.00
TOTAL	597.10		\$389,565.00

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	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Lodestar
Settlement			
Amanda Lunzer	6.70	\$225.00	\$1,507.50
Alex Safyan	5.30	\$475.00	\$2,517.50
Bobby Pouya	51.50	\$635.00	\$32,702.50
Daniel Warshaw	53.10	\$870.00	\$46,197.00
TOTAL	116.60		\$82,924.50
Investigation			
Bobby Pouya	12.30	\$635.00	\$7,810.50
Daniel Warshaw	26.20	\$870.00	\$22,794.00
TOTAL	38.50		\$30,604.50
GRAND TOTAL	946.50		\$630,801.50

# EXHIBIT 3

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11	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
12	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION			
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14	IN RE: TFT-LCD (FLAT PANEL)	Case No. MDL 3:07-md-1827 SI		
15	ANTITRUST LITIGATION			
16		<u>CLASS ACTION</u>		
17	This Document Relates to:	[AMENDED P <del>ROPOSE</del> D] ORDER GRANTING DIRECT PURCHASER		
18	ALL DIRECT PURCHASER CLASS	CLASS PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR		
19	ACTIONS	ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AND INCENTIVE		
20		AWARDS		
21		Date: December 19, 2011 Time: 4:00 p.m.		
22		Crtrm.: 10, 19th Floor		
23		The Honorable Susan Illston		
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The Court, having considered Direct Purchaser Class Plaintiffs' Motion for Award of Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Incentive Awards (the "Motion") and the memorandum and declarations in support thereof, and after a duly noticed hearing, hereby finds that:

- 1. The Motion seeks an award of attorneys' fees of 30% of the \$405,022,242

  Settlement Fund, which is comprised of the settlement payments from the Chimei, Chunghwa,

  Epson, Hannstar, Hitachi, LG Display, Mitsui, Samsung, Sanyo, and Sharp Defendants

  (collectively, the "Settling Defendants"). Co-Lead Class Counsel for the Direct Purchaser

  Plaintiffs ("Direct Purchasers") also seek reimbursement of \$6,055,335.31 in unreimbursed

  litigation costs and expenses, a \$1,000,000 advance of litigation costs through trial, and incentive awards of \$15,000 each for the 11 court-appointed class representatives.
- 2. The amount of attorneys' fees requested is fair and reasonable under the "percentage-of-the-fund" method. This is confirmed by a lodestar "cross-check," which reveals a fair and reasonable lodestar multiplier of 1.096, based on over 250,000 hours of work. Even if the lodestar compiled by law firms other than Co-Lead Class Counsel were to be reduced by 20% to account for potential inefficiencies, the result is a lodestar multiplier of 1.25, which is reasonable as well. Multiples of 1.25 and under are well within the ranges approved by the Ninth Circuit and the courts in this District. *See e.g.*, *Vizcaino v. Microsoft*, 290 F.3d 1043, 1050-1051 (9th Cir. 2002) (upholding a 28% fee award that constituted a 3.65 multiple of lodestar); *id.*, at 1052-54 (noting district court cases in the Ninth Circuit approving multipliers as high as 6.2, and citing only 3 of 24 decisions with approved multipliers below 1.4).
- 3. The attorneys' fees requested were entirely contingent upon success. Co-Lead Class Counsel risked time and effort and advanced significant costs and expenses with no ultimate guarantee of compensation. The award of 30% is warranted for reasons set out in Co-Lead Class Counsel's moving papers, including but not limited to the following: the excellent result obtained for the class payment by the Settling Defendants of over \$405 million in cash; the quality and quantity of work performed by all the firms representing Direct Purchasers (collectively,

"Plaintiffs' Counsel") - including extensive motion practice, discovery, trial preparation, and mediation, all involving complex and difficult issues of fact and law; the risks faced throughout the litigation, including at the outset; and, a reasonable lodestar "cross-check," discussed above.

- 4. Given the high risks involved in this case, the effort put forth by Plaintiffs' Counsel, the level of sophistication of the work done, and the extraordinary results achieved for the Class, an upward departure from the Ninth Circuit's benchmark of 25% is justified. *See e.g.*, *Vizcaino*, 290 F.3d at 1047-1050; *In re Heritage Bond Litig.*, 2005 WL 1594403, at \*18-23 (C.D. Cal. June 10, 2005).
- 5. The Court has received the objections that have been received from two Class Members, Barry Himmelstein and Michael Rinis. They include objections to the attorneys' fees requested by Co-Lead Class Counsel. Those objections are overruled by separate order.
- 6. The expenses sought were incurred in connection with the prosecution of the litigation for the benefit of the Class and were reasonable and necessary. An additional—\$1,000,000 advance of funds to cover expenses that will be incurred through trial is reasonable and will be necessary to the further prosecution of this action.
- 7. The 11 class representatives are entitled to the requested incentive awards, in the amount of \$15,000 each, in recognition of their work performed for the benefit of the Class and the risks undertaken.
- 8. Therefore, upon consideration of the Motion and the accompanying declarations, and based upon all matters of record including the pleadings and papers filed in this action and oral argument given at the hearing on this matter, the Court hereby finds that: (i) the attorneys' fees requested are reasonable and proper; (ii) the expenses requested were necessary, reasonable and proper; (iii) a further \$1,000,000 advance is a fair estimate of expenses that will be incurred, and is a reasonable and proper request; and (iv) the incentive awards requested are warranted.
  - 9. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that:
    - (a) Co-Lead Class Counsel are awarded attorneys' fees for distribution to Plaintiffs' Counsel in the amount of \$121,506,672.60, equal to 30% of the

1		Settlement Fund.
2	(b)	Co-Lead Class Counsel are awarded reimbursement of their unreimbursed
3		costs and expenses in the amount of \$6,055,335.31.
4	(c <del>)</del>	Co-Lead Class Counsel are awarded an additional \$1,000,000.00 to cover
5		costs and expenses reasonably incurred in prosecuting this action through
6		trial against the remaining Defendants.
7	(d)	The 11 class representatives are awarded incentive payments of \$15,000.00
8		each, for a total of \$165,000.00.
9	(e)	The attorneys' fees, reimbursement of expenses, advance of expenses, and
10		incentive awards shall be paid from the Settlement Fund.
11	(f)	The attorneys' fees and expenses shall be allocated amongst Plaintiffs'
12		Counsel by Co-Lead Class Counsel (Pearson, Simon, Warshaw & Penny,
13		LLP; and Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP) in a manner which,
14		in Co-Lead Class Counsel's good-faith judgment, accurately reflects each
15		of such Plaintiff's Counsel's contributions to the establishment,
16		prosecution, and resolution of this litigation.
17	IT IS SO O	RDERED.
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21		THE HONORABLE SUSAN ILLSTON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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# EXHIBIT 4

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9 10	Co-Lead Counsel for the Direct Purchaser Plair	ntiffs	
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12	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION		
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16		CLASS ACTION	
17 18	This Document Relates to:  ALL DIRECT PURCHASER CLASS	DECLARATION OF BRUCE L. SIMON IN SUPPORT OF DIRECT PURCHASER CLASS PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR	
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DECLARATION OF BRUCE L. SIMON IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES,
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, AND INCENTIVE AWARDS

- I, Bruce L. Simon, declare as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner in the firm of Pearson, Simon, Warshaw & Penny, LLP ("PSWP"), and one of the attorneys of record for the Direct Purchaser Class Plaintiffs ("Direct Purchasers"). I submit this declaration in support of Direct Purchasers' Motion for Award of Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Incentive Awards. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.
- 2. This declaration summarizes the work performed by PSWP, Lieff, Cabraser, Heiman and Bernstein ("LCHB") (PSWP and LCHB are referred to herein as "Co-Lead Class Counsel"), and the two groups of law firms that have performed work at the direction of PSWP and LCHB as set forth in Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Separate Statement Regarding Organization of Plaintiffs' Counsel filed on September 19, 2007 (Doc. No. 288) (collectively, "Plaintiffs' Counsel"). My firm has been intimately involved in all aspects of this litigation from the outset

<sup>1</sup> The first group of firms was chosen to "assist Interim Co-Lead Counsel in performing work in substantive areas of the litigation," while the remainder of the firms involved were to "assist Interim Co-Lead Counsel as needed to perform work concerning particular defendants, including discovery." Id. The first group included: Berger & Montague, PC; Berman, DeValerio, Pease & Tabacco, PC; Cohen, Milstein, Sellers & Toll, PLLC and Hausfeld, LLP (formerly Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll, PLLC); Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro, LLP; Heins, Mills & Olson, PLC; Moscone, Emblidge & Quadra, LLP (now Moscone, Emblidge & Sater, LLP); Saveri & Saveri, Inc.; and Polsinelli, Shughart, PC (formerly Shughart Thomson & Kilroy, PC). Id.

The second set of firms involved include: Cafferty Faucher, LLP; Chimicles & Tikellis, LLP; Cohn, Lifland, Pearlman, Herrman & Knopf, LLP; Criden & Love, P.A.; Edelson & Associates,

LLC; Fine, Kaplan & Black, R.P.C.; Finkelstein Thompson LLP; Freed, Kanner, London & Millen, LLC; Garcia Law Firm; Goldman, Scarlato and Karon, P.C.; Grant & Eisenhofer, P.A.; Hadsell, Stormer, Keeny, Richardson & Renick, LLP; Kaplan, Fox & Kilsheimer, LLP; Labaton,

Sucharow & Rodoff, LLP; Law Offices of Bernard M. Gross, P.C.; Levin, Fishbein, Sedran & Berman; Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen, PLLP; Meredith, Cohen, Greenfogel & Skirnick, P.C.;

Nussbaum, LLP, Taus, Cebulash & Landau, LLP; Provosty & Grankendorff, LLC; Sarraf Gentile, LLP; Spector, Roseman & Kodroff PC; Sutton Law Firm; Trujillo, Rodriguez & Richards, LLC; Weinstein, Kitchenoff & Asher, LLC; and, Zwerling, Schachter & Zwerling, LLP. **26** 

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to the present, along with LCHB, including before and after our appointment as Co-Lead Class Counsel.

- 3. Filed concurrently herewith is the Declaration of Elizabeth C. Pritzker, Liaison Counsel for the Direct Purchasers, which provides a summary of total hours and lodestar in this matter through August 31, 2011, broken down by firm. The Pritzker Declaration also includes a summary of total litigation costs and expenses incurred through October 15, 2011, including the amounts reimbursed, unreimbursed, and pending, as well as anticipated trial expenses.
- 4. As demonstrated below, Co-Lead Class Counsel have taken a lead role in performing and coordinating all manner of tasks related to this matter at each phase of the litigation, including initial case investigation, filing of complaints, discovery, class certification, dispositive motion practice, settlement negotiation, motions for settlement approval, dissemination of notice to the Class Members, and trial preparation. During the course of this litigation, Co-Lead Class Counsel have supervised and directed the work performed by the other counsel from the two sets of firms listed above to ensure that the work they have performed has been done as efficiently as possible.
- 5. From the beginning, this action presented substantial risk as well as the potential for a large recovery for the Class. Co-Lead Class Counsel were faced with the enormous challenge of proving that Defendants participated in a price-fixing cartel conspiracy that was alleged to have gone on for at least 7 years. The conspiracy encompassed numerous manufacturers and producers, some that sold only TFT-LCD panels, others that only sold TFT-LCD finished products, and many that sold both. Most of the Defendants are international conglomerates with complex structures and distribution systems. Since December 2006, Plaintiffs' Counsel have dedicated their time, money, and energy into litigating this case on behalf of Direct Purchasers, all without any guarantee of payment for their time or reimbursement for their out-of-pocket expenses. This work has occupied a substantial percentage of Plaintiffs' Counsel's time, energy, and resources which could have been dedicated to other cases.
- 6. Since the transfer of the MDL action to this court on April 20, 2007, over 4000 entries have been made to case 07-1827 on the ECF system. Upon review of the docket, and 833402.1 MDL 3:07-md-1827 SI

10. Finally, Co-Lead Class Counsel seek incentive awards for the eleven courtappointed Class Representatives in this case in the amount of \$15,000 each. The work performed by the court-appointed Class Representatives for whom incentive payments are sought is described later in this Declaration.

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This Declaration describes the following general topics: Section I of this

Declaration describes the substantial risk involved in litigating such a large antitrust class action. Section III describes the extraordinary result that was achieved for Class Members. Section III is a detailed procedural history which describes all of the work that was required to achieve the settlements that have been reached with most of the Defendants in this case. The procedural history section is divided into the following sub-sections: (A) Appointment of Co-Lead and Liaison Counsel and Pre-Trial Orders; (B) Document Production and Review; (C) Written Discovery Propounded by Direct Purchasers and Served by Defendants; (D) Depositions Taken and Defended; (E) Defendants' Motions to Dismiss and Discovery Disputes; (F) Class Certification; (G) Motion to Compel Arbitration and Dismiss; (H) Additional Discovery Issues and Disputes; (I) Expert Discovery; (J) Settlements: (K) Summary Judgment Motions; (L) Trial; (M) Class Representatives; and, (N) Fees and Costs Incurred by PSWP.

## I. SUBSTANTIAL RISK INVOLVED

- Despite the indictments and guilty pleas that the Department of Justice ("DOJ") obtained, this is not a case where the Direct Purchasers simply relied on what the government uncovered. The government's case is different from the Direct Purchasers' case in many significant respects, not the least of which is the time period for the conspiracy (the class period in the Direct Purchaser action predates the government's conspiracy period by 2 years), the products included in the conspiracy (the Direct Purchaser case includes panels and finished products whereas the government's case focuses solely on panels), and, the scope of the alleged conduct (Direct Purchasers allege an overarching conspiracy with respect to all Defendants whereas the government obtained guilty pleas only from certain Defendants often on a more discrete set of conduct). Thus, rather than riding the government's coattails, Plaintiffs' Counsel used the DOJ investigation as a starting point, but had to develop much of the Direct Purchaser case on their own.
- 13. Defendants have resisted the Direct Purchasers' action, despite the DOJ's prosecution of the criminal case. This process started with Direct Purchasers negotiating a settlement with Defendant Chunghwa and obtaining substantial cooperation during a period of time when the case was stayed because of the government investigation. It continued with

fighting motions to dismiss wherein Defendants attempted to leverage the differences in the government and civil case. Plaintiffs' Counsel dedicated enormous effort to reviewing documents and taking depositions to obtain proof that was either unnecessary or irrelevant to the government case; Plaintiffs' Counsel were drawn into a continued debate about what one DOJ attorney meant when he described the Crystal conspiracy as being separate from the other parts of the conspiracy; Defendants consistently argued that adverse inferences could not be drawn from the guilty pleas and assertions of the Fifth Amendment; and, Plaintiffs' Counsel had to build an entire econometric study of the TFT-LCD industry which included elements far beyond what the government alleged or has to prove in the criminal case. The Defendants here, most of whom have pled guilty, have continued to defend this case under the apparent belief that their guilty pleas hurt, rather than helped, Direct Purchasers' case. They have done so despite the fact that any restitution to the Direct Purchasers must come from this civil case, and not the criminal case.

- 14. There were multiple legal issues that presented risk in the Direct Purchasers' case as well. Every conceivable argument about the scope and nature of the conspiracy was thrown at Plaintiffs' Counsel including, but not limited to: arguments that there was not one overarching conspiracy, but rather separate conspiracies; that the FTAIA barred some of the Direct Purchasers' claims; that the TFT-LCD Products were so differentiated that a common damage methodology could not apply and the Class should not be certified; and that the Direct Purchaser class suffered no damages (in fact, one defense expert said there were negative damages). Of course, many of these arguments fly in the face of the fact that Defendants chose voluntarily to conspire for many years, and repeatedly participated in group meetings and bi-lateral discussions, at great risk of criminal prosecution. Common sense dictates they would not have done so unless there was some benefit to be achieved. Nonetheless, Defendants continued to deny their responsibility in this civil case.
- 15. All of these issues, whether colorable or not, required substantial legal research and briefing, and presented potential appellate issues. The Court need only take note of the recently filed motions for summary judgment to see that the non-settling Defendants, and even some of the settling Defendants in motions against the IPP class, still assert many of these same arguments,

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and are throwing everything but the kitchen sink into avoiding responsibility for their actions in this case.

- 16. The Defendants also built multiple procedural issues into their defenses as described in the procedural history section set forth below. However, one deserves special note, in light of how late in the case it was made and the risk presented by it. On March 8, 2011, certain Defendants made a Motion to Stay Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Claims That Are Subject to Arbitration and to Dismiss Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Claims That Are Subject to Litigation in a Foreign Court (Doc. No. 2529). As originally fashioned, that motion seemed to argue that the entire Direct Purchaser case should be stayed, and Class Members with contracts containing arbitration provisions should be compelled to arbitrate. In light of AT&T Mobility LLC v. Concepcion, 131 S.Ct. 1740 (2011), which came out during the time that this motion was to be decided, this motion presented a real risk of derailing the Direct Purchasers' case. Although the Court denied the motion, it found that Defendants had not waived their right to arbitrate against unnamed Class Members. (Doc. No. 2731). The Court also gave Defendants until June 3, 2011 to (1) produce a comprehensive list of every Class Member against which Defendants would move to compel arbitration; (2) identify every arbitration agreement that they intended to assert against unnamed members of the Direct Purchaser Class; and (3) file an omnibus motion to compel arbitration regarding each Plaintiff listed. *Id.* Although Defendants did not subsequently file such a motion, this is one example of what Direct Purchasers had to overcome to obtain the outstanding recovery achieved here.
- 17. Lastly, the legal landscape for antitrust cases has been in a state of flux both before this case was brought and during its pendency. The motions to dismiss were based on *Bell Atlantic* Corp. v. Twombly, 127 S.Ct. 1955 (2007), a case that did not exist when many of the antitrust class settlements referenced in the accompanying brief occurred, and yet the settlements here achieved a higher percentage recovery than in many of those cases. Twombly presented a significant pleading hurdle in this case. During the pendency of this case, In re Hydrogen Peroxide Antitrust Litigation, 552 F.3d 305 (3rd Cir. 2008), came out of the Third Circuit, and created a dynamic on class certification whereby expert reports necessarily had to be much more MDL 3:07-md-1827 SI

extensive than previously was done in other major antitrust cases. Of course, Co-Lead Class Counsel argued that *Hydrogen Peroxide* did not apply, but could not take the risk that the Court might find guidance in that opinion.

During the pendency of this case, the U.S. Supreme Court came out with *Concepcion*, as noted above, which potentially changed the landscape on arbitration, and also issued the *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 131 S.Ct. 2541 (2011), opinion on class certification. Just this small sampling of cases speaks volumes about the risks of prosecuting one of the biggest antitrust cases ever brought in this District. Moreover, Plaintiffs' Counsel are keenly aware that there are many cases where plaintiffs prevail at the trial court level but lose on appeal, after years of time, effort and expense.

#### II. AN EXTRAORDINARY RESULT WAS ACHIEVED

- 19. I have litigated antitrust cases for the better part of my career of 31 years. The Court is familiar with the cases in which I have been involved as well as the cases prosecuted by my Co-Lead Class Counsel, LCHB. Both firms have a unique perspective built on decades of experience in litigating the biggest and most complex antitrust cases in the United States. Both firms have litigated the hard issues presented throughout the years, and have been involved in many of the settlements cited in the accompanying brief.
- 20. Based on the experience of Co-Lead Class Counsel, and as set forth in the pertinent authorities on the subject, one of the most important measures of an antitrust settlement is the percentage of the recovery compared to the commerce involved in the case. In this case, using the commerce numbers from the mediations, the percentage of the recovery in the individual settlements ranged from 9% (Samsung) to as high as 727% (Chunghwa), after the Epson and Chunghwa percentages have been recalculated to account for opt-outs. In total, the \$405 million Settlement Fund totals almost 15% of the overall commerce with Settling Defendants, as described below.
- 21. The relevant percentages were previously provided to the Court in the motion for preliminary approval of settlements that was heard on October 4, 2011, and in the Motion for Final Approval of Settlement With Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., Epson Imaging Devices Corp.,

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1 and Epson Electronics America, Inc. (Doc. No. 2394). They are as follows: The \$10,000,000 settlement from Chunghwa amounts to a payment of over 727% 2 3 of its sales to class members during the class period, which were roughly 4 \$1,375,072. 5 The \$7,000,000 settlement from Epson constitutes over 57% of its sales to class members during the class period, which were roughly \$12,222,178. 6 7 The \$78,000,000 settlement amount from Chimei is compared to a commerce 8 number of \$464 million that was used for settlement purposes. That settlement 9 represents 17% of the volume of commerce. 10 The \$14,900,000 settlement amount from HannStar is compared to a commerce number of \$27.5 million that was used by Direct Purchasers for settlement 11 12 purposes. That settlement represents 54% of the volume of commerce. 13 The \$28,000,000 settlement amount from Hitachi is compared to a commerce number of \$167 million that was used for settlement purposes. That settlement 14 represents 16% of the volume of commerce. 15 The \$75,000,000 settlement amount from LG Display is compared a commerce 16 number of \$200 million that was used for settlement purposes. That settlement 17 18 represents 37% of the volume of commerce. 19 The settlement amount for Mitsui is \$950,000. Mitsui data did not show any sales 20 to Class members during the Class Period. 21 The \$82,672,242 settlement amount from Samsung is compared to a commerce number of \$900 million that was used for settlement purposes. That settlement 22 23 represents 9% of the volume of commerce. 24 The Settlement amount from Sanyo is \$3,500,000. The LCD assets of Sanyo CE 25 were contributed to a joint venture between SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. and Seiko Epson Imaging Devices ("SEID") effective October 1, 2004. The joint venture was 26 controlled by SEID (an Epson affiliate). Epson subsequently purchased the 27 28 remaining interests of the joint venture in December 2006. All of the data and sales 833402.1

records pertaining to the LCD business were also transferred to Epson in October 2004. Additionally, Sanyo CE sold most of its panels through trading companies in Japan.

- The \$105,000,000 settlement amount from Sharp is compared to a commerce number of \$950 million which was used for settlement purposes. That settlement represents 11% of the volume of commerce.
- The total average volume of commerce being settled between Settling Defendants and Direct Purchasers is roughly \$2,722,109,250. The total settlements of \$405,022,242 represents 14.9% of that amount.
- 22. The amount of commerce was calculated based on the numbers agreed upon between Direct Purchasers and Defendants for purposes of settlement, with the exception of Defendants Epson and Chunghwa. The commerce numbers agreed upon for purposes of settlement with Epson and Chunghwa have been re-calculated to take opt-outs into account. Those numbers are \$1,375,072 for Chunghwa, and \$12,222,178 for Epson. Adding these to the total commerce used as the basis for settlement purposes with the other Settling Defendants, we arrive at a total commerce number of \$2,722,109,250. The total of all ten settlements, \$405,022,242, is approximately 15% of that total settled commerce.
- 23. Moreover, these settlements preserve Direct Purchasers' right to litigate against the non-settling Defendants for the entire amount of Direct Purchasers' damages based on joint and several liability.
- 24. These recoveries compare favorably to settlements approved in other price-fixing cases. See, e.g., In Re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litigation, No. M-02-1486 PJH, slip. op. (N.D. Cal. Nov. 1, 2006) (approving settlements of 10.53% to 13.96% of sales); In re Automotive Refinishing Paint Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1426, 2004 WL 1068807, at \*2 (E.D. Pa. May 11, 2004) (recovery represented approximately 2% of sales); In re Linerboard Antitrust Litig., 321 F. Supp. 2d 619, 627 (E.D. Pa. 2004) (granting final approval to settlement where recovery was 1.62% of sales); In re Plastic Tableware Antitrust Litig., Case No. 94-CV-3564, 1995 WL 723175, at \*1 (E.D. Pa. Oct. 25, 1995) (granting final approval to settlement MDL 3:07-md-1827 SI

1	where recovery was 3.5% of sales); In re Shopping Carts Antitrust Litig., 1983 WL 1950, at *9
2	(S.D.N.Y. Nov. 18, 1983) (3% of sales); Fisher Bros. v. Phelps Dodge Industries, Inc.,
3	604 F.Supp. 466, 451 (E.D. Pa. 1985) (3% of sales); Fisher Bros. v. Mueller Brass Co.,
4	630 F.Supp. 493, 499 (E.D. Pa. 1985) (recoveries equal to 0.1%, 0.2%, 0.3%, 0.65%, 0.88%, and
5	2.4% of defendants' total sales). Additionally, in <i>In re Rubber Chemicals Antitrust Litigation</i> , 232
6	F.R.D. 346 (N.D. Cal. 2005), a horizontal price fixing case in which some of the defendants had
7	entered guilty pleas in a related criminal proceeding, the Court, in the course of granting final
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25. Based on my experience, participation in other antitrust cases both in this District and outside of it, and my review of those cases in which I have not been involved, the percentage recovered in this case is at or near the top of antitrust cases. Given the risks described below, the fact that a large amount of the Direct Purchaser class opted out, and the fact that the cases included both panels and finished products, I have no hesitation in representing to this Court that Co-Lead Class Counsel obtained the best possible result for the Direct Purchasers. Compared to other antitrust class settlements, the result is no less than extraordinary. The incredible amount of work required to achieve such a tremendous result is set forth below.

#### III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

26. This multidistrict litigation arises from a global conspiracy to fix the prices of Thin Film Transistor-Liquid Crystal Display panels ("TFT-LCDs") and products that incorporate those panels. The conspiracy is alleged to have transpired as early as 1996 and continued until at least mid-2006. Defendants' documents record hundreds of lengthy, orchestrated, illegal meetings during that time period, in which the cartel members discussed and agreed on price increases and production restraints, and exchanged confidential competitive information. Despite such evidence, and the related guilty pleas entered by several Defendants, Defendants have spared no expense in litigating this matter and all of them have thrown their considerable individual and collective resources into a vigorous defense.

27. Defendants have hired some of the largest and best firms in the country to contest 833402.1 MDL 3:07-md-1827 SI

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1	the merits at each and every stage of the litigation. Defendants herein are represented by such			
2	large firms as Baker Hostetler (Mitsui), Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (LG Display),			
3	Covington & Burling (Samsung), Davis Wright Tremaine (Sanyo), K&L Gates (HannStar),			
4	Morgan Lewis & Bockius (Hitachi), Morrison & Foerster (Epson), Nossaman (AUO), Pillsbury			
5	Winthrop Shaw Pittman (Sharp), Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr (Chimei), and White &			
6	Case (Toshiba), amongst others. Some Defendants have two or more firms representing them and			
7	their executives.			
8	A. Appointment of Interim Co-Lead and Liaison Counsel and Pre-trial Orders			
9	28. The Direct Purchaser class action complaints were filed after December 1, 2006 in			
10	five separate federal judicial districts. On April 17, 2007, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict			
11	Litigation granted a motion for pretrial coordination of the actions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407,			
12	and transferred all actions to this Court			
13	29. On July 10, 2007, the Court held a Status Conference at which time it appointed			
14	me and Richard Heimann of LCHB as Interim Lead Counsel in this case. See Pretrial Order No. 3			
15	(Doc. No. 224). In its Order, the Court noted that: "These firms have demonstrated an ability to			
16	work with other firms, including the various other firms representing clients in these cases, in an			
17	expeditious and cooperative manner. The substantive legal talent present in this case must be			
18	effectively marshaled so as to best represent the interests of the clients; it will be the responsibility			
19	of the Interim Lead Counsel to coordinate that effort with the assistance of Liaison Counsel." <i>Id.</i>			
20	at 1:25-2:4. The Court appointed Elizabeth Pritzker of Girard Gibbs as Interim Liaison Counsel			
21	for Direct Purchasers. The Court also appointed the Honorable Fern Smith as a Special Master to			
22	assist the Court in this litigation (Doc. No. 223). On April 12, 2010, the Court appointed Martin			
23	Quinn of JAMS as Special Master in these proceedings given the resignation of Judge Smith.			
24	30. In Pretrial Order No. 3, dated July 13, 2007, the Court described the duties of			
25	Interim Lead Counsel as follows:			

a. Supervise all pretrial, trial and post-trial proceedings on behalf of plaintiffs;

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b. Sign any pleadings, motions, briefs, discovery requests or objections, subpoenas or notice on behalf of plaintiffs;

- c. Determine and present in motions, briefs, oral argument, meetings with the Special Master, or such other fashion as may be appropriate, the position of all of the plaintiffs as to all matters arising during pretrial and trial proceedings;
- d. Designate attorneys to act as spokespersons at pretrial conferences and meetings with the Special Master;
- e. Negotiate and enter into stipulations with defense counsel with respect to all matters in this litigation, including discovery and settlement matters. In particular, Interim Lead Class counsel are directed to meet and confer with defendants' counsel and submit a stipulation as to the filing of consolidated amended complaints for the two classes;
- f. After the resolution of the United States' upcoming motion to stay or limit discovery, develop and propose to the Court schedules for the commencement, execution and completion of discovery. After the current stay on discovery is lifted, conduct or coordinate discovery on behalf of plaintiffs consistent with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including the preparation of joint interrogatories, requests for production of documents, requests for admissions and the examination of witnesses in depositions;
- g. Coordinate the activities of plaintiffs' counsel and implement procedures to ensure that schedules are met and unnecessary expenditures of time and funds are avoided;
- h. Employ and consult with experts;
- i. Call meetings of plaintiffs' counsel when deemed appropriate;
- j. Delegate tasks to counsel for plaintiffs and otherwise coordinate the work of all plaintiffs' counsel, and perform such other duties as the Interim Lead Class Counsel deem necessary or as authorized by further order of the Court; and
- k. Work with plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel to ensure that all plaintiffs' counsel are kept informed of the progress of this litigation as necessary.

As set forth below, Co-Lead Class Counsel have performed all of these duties during the course of this litigation.

- 31. This Court partially stayed discovery from the outset on September 25, 2007 (Doc. No. 306), because of a pending criminal investigation by the DOJ. Direct Purchasers were not allowed access to the documents the Defendants had produced to the DOJ, and were not allowed to take any depositions, exchange initial disclosures, or propound any discovery requests regarding the conspiracy's operations, participants, and effects. Direct Purchasers were only permitted to propound limited interrogatories to determine the amount of Defendants' sales, and to identify their officers and executives.
  - 32. On September 25, 2007, in its Pretrial Order No. 5 (Doc. No. 301), the Court set

1	November 5, 2007 as the last day for Direct Purchasers to file their consolidated amended			
2	complaint. The Court also set out parameters for the service of papers and pleadings, the parties'			
3	respective disclosures, discovery, and other pretrial matters. The parties were ordered to meet with			
4	Judge Smith no later than October 26, 2007 to discuss the status of the case and any outstanding			
5	issues or disputes.			
6	33. On October 22, 2007, the parties met with Judge Smith with respect to the matters			

- 33. On October 22, 2007, the parties met with Judge Smith with respect to the matters specified in the Court's Pretrial Order No. 5. Certain Defendants contended that service of process on Taiwanese Defendants could only be effectuated by means of letters rogatory. Thus, Interim Liaison Counsel for both the Direct and Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs presented the Court with requests for issuance of letters rogatory to the following Taiwanese Defendants: AU Optronics; Chi Mei Corporation; Chi Mei Optoelectronics Corporation; Chunghwa Picture Tubes; and HannStar Display Corporation. Judge Smith found it appropriate to issue the letters rogatory in the form requested by Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel.
- 34. On October 30, 2007, the Court issued an order granting Direct Purchasers' request for the issuance of letters rogatory for the purpose of effecting service on the Defendants listed in the preceding paragraph. Effectuating service on all of the Taiwanese Defendants was a lengthy and time consuming process that took several months to complete.
- 35. On November 5, 2007, the Direct Purchasers filed their First Consolidated Complaint on behalf of all persons and entities that purchased TFT-LCD panels or products containing a TFT-LCD panel in the United States from the Defendants, and subsidiaries or affiliates thereof, or any co-conspirator. In their complaint, Direct Purchasers allege a horizontal conspiracy among Defendants to raise, fix, maintain and stabilize artificially the price of TFT-LCD panels from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2006, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act. The named Plaintiffs are eleven corporations located throughout the United States that purchased TFT-LCD panels and products during the class period.

#### B. <u>Document Production and Review</u>

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36. On December 7, 2007, the Court entered a Stipulated Protective Order (Doc. No. 408). The protective order was the result of protracted negotiations between counsel for

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Defendants and Co-Lead Class Counsel in November and early December of 2007.

- 37. On May 27, 2008, the Court entered a stipulated order providing for the phased lifting of the discovery stay. This stipulation and order resulted from extensive, time-consuming negotiations among Co-Lead Class Counsel, the DOJ, and Defendants. The DOJ expressed its preference for an indefinite stay, but eventually agreed to negotiate a mutually agreeable arrangement for the civil and criminal cases to proceed concurrently.
- and other documents and allowed the parties to resume ordinary document retention practices effective January 1, 2008. The Court ordered the parties to continue to preserve all ESI and other documents that they had preserved to date, and to promptly exchange initial requests for production; however, the parties' obligation to respond to the initial requests for production or to produce documents in response to such requests remained stayed pursuant to the Court's stay order of September 25, 2007. The Court also ordered the parties to promptly meet and confer regarding their initial requests for production of documents, preservation practices and electronic systems, with a view to identifying and resolving or narrowing any issues regarding preservation, search, and production of documents in litigation.
- 39. Upon the expiration of the discovery stay, Defendants began producing documents to Direct Purchasers that they had produced to the DOJ and/or the grand jury. The Defendants' document productions have since occurred on a rolling basis. At the inception of this case, Co-Lead Class Counsel knew that Defendants' documents would be critical in helping Direct Purchasers establish their claims. The document review required careful and advanced planning to insure that analysis of the documents was completed in the most efficient manner possible. Failing to build efficiencies into the review process would have made the monumental task of reviewing 7,927,892 documents, consisting of 40,252,422 pages, impossible. With that in mind,

Co-Lead Class Counsel mapped out the document review plan early in the litigation. Document review was complicated by the production of documents and ESI in multiple languages from several Defendants, all containing different data sets, and each with their own complexities. As a result of the meticulous development of the review platform and work flow, and the management of 136 reviewers, <sup>2</sup> Co-Lead Class Counsel were able to identify and utilize the best documents produced.

- 40. The first step in developing the document review protocol necessitated analyzing and understanding Defendants' ESI. Co-Lead Class Counsel conducted several ESI meetings with each Defendant. Co-Lead Class Counsel retained a technical consultant to assist us in identifying and handling the several layers of complexity involved in each of the Defendants' ESI. The protocol was critical to the case because it established a uniform format for the production of ESI, and required the parties to produce essential metadata along with their ESI, which enabled the use of complex searching to assist in establishing Direct Purchasers' claims. These ESI meetings eventually culminated in a negotiated process by which ESI was produced and handled amongst the parties. *See* Pretrial Order No. 5: Case Management, ¶ 9 (Doc. No. 307).
- 41. From June 2008 until December 2008, Co-Lead Class Counsel and counsel for the Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs transmitted requests for proposals and interviewed approximately eight on-line document review hosting companies. We knew it was imperative to retain a vendor that employed state of the art technology to handle the large volume of documents to be produced by Defendants and that had the processing power to conduct simultaneous complex searches and seamlessly integrate foreign language documents into the review platform, as discussed in detail below. The foreign language component of the document review platform was important as Co-Lead Class Counsel knew that Defendants were producing documents in multiple Asian languages and that the ability to search these documents in their native language was the only efficient way

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> At the height of the review process, Co-Lead Class Counsel utilized 136 reviewers at one time. This number fluctuated based upon the demands of the litigation.

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27 28 to conduct a careful and targeted analysis. After several meetings and demonstrations of the top document review vendors, in December 2008 Co-Lead Class Counsel and counsel for the Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs executed a contract with Autonomy to host the on-line document review.

- 42. Co-Lead Class Counsel then focused on developing the review platform and process. This was not a typical document review in which simple key word searches were run against a database and reviewers simply turned pages looking for relevant documents. Rather, Co-Leads designed and implemented a system to identify the best documents relating to all facets of the litigation simultaneously. For example, Co-Lead Class Counsel organized discrete review teams tasked to analyze documents relating to depositions, class certification, and numerous merits issues. These teams focused on their particular assignments but also coded for other critical portions of the litigation. If an attorney reviewer marked a document as interesting, it would then automatically move up the chain for review by a more senior attorney. This process insured that the best documents got into the hands of Co-Lead Class Counsel to effectively prosecute the case. Moreover, the cross-training of the attorney review team enabled Co-Lead Class Counsel to quickly shift resources to adjust for the demands of the litigation.
- 43. From December 2008 through March 2009, Co-Lead Class Counsel assigned attorneys from other firms to assist in the review process. Co-Lead Class Counsel provided these attorneys with detailed memoranda regarding the theory of the case, the existing facts and evidence supporting that theory, and other materials necessary to prepare them for the document review. These attorneys were then trained by Co-Lead Class Counsel and Autonomy personnel to utilize the custom on-line review platform designed specifically for this case.
- 44. Management of the document review required the daily commitment of two partners, one from each of the two Co-Lead Class Counsel firms. The day to day adjustments to allocation of staffing, searching and assigning documents, and conducting quality control was a vital component to the success of the review.
- 45. Although the ESI protocols were negotiated and agreed upon by the parties, Co-Lead Class Counsel experienced numerous issues relating to loading data into the Autonomy database. While the majority of these issues were technical in nature, they required extensive

- 46. The foreign language documents were not produced with any particular coding to identify the language contained in the document. Further, Autonomy did not have the technology to automatically identify foreign language documents. Co-Lead Class Counsel developed a methodology to identify, segregate, and assign these documents to attorneys who were fluent in the given language. This methodology required running numerous complex searches across the entire database. Each search was further refined based upon the search results.
- 47. Next, Co-Lead Class Counsel assembled a team of foreign language speaking attorneys to review the documents produced in Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. Utilizing the foreign language search capability developed for this case, Co-Lead Class Counsel were able to filter through the foreign documents based upon discrete searches. Approximately 1,483,701 foreign language documents were identified by the review team and approximately 701,420 of those were reviewed substantively by the foreign language team. Co-Lead Class Counsel worked with the foreign language reviewers and analyzed the documents to determine whether a certified translation was needed for use in depositions. When necessary, we would coordinate with translation companies to obtain certified translations of key documents to be used as deposition exhibits. We would then arrange for the certified translated documents to be imported back into the Autonomy system and related to the original document for future use and analysis.
- 48. Because most Defendants refused to voluntarily provide the document translations in their possession, Plaintiffs' Counsel have spent considerable time, effort, and expense to locate, prioritize and translate Defendants' relevant documents. Plaintiffs' Counsel have paid substantial

sums to third-party translation agencies for such translations, many of which have been marked in the depositions taken. Moreover, where Defendants had indices of their productions to the DOJ, they refused to give them to Direct Purchasers.

- 49. In July 2009, Co-Lead Class Counsel began negotiating a contract with LexisNexis to utilize their CaseMap suite of software to become a repository for all of the key documents, deposition transcripts, exhibits, and attorney work product in the litigation. Co-Lead Class Counsel built a bridge between the Autonomy and CaseMap systems to enable the exchange of documents and attorney work product between the two discrete platforms. Co-Lead Class Counsel then trained senior level attorneys, who worked as supervisors in Autonomy, to work in CaseMap on a variety of projects, including the creation of tables relating to facts, witnesses, documents, events (such as crystal meetings), and other critical components in the case. This enabled Co-Lead Class Counsel to manage and utilize the data from the Autonomy document review and CaseMap coding to respond to Defendants' voluminous contention discovery, oppose Motions for Summary Judgment, and prepare for settlement discussions.
- 50. This case presented some of the most challenging document review issues Co-Lead Class Counsel have faced in all of their combined years of practicing law. The use of cutting edge technology, coupled with the assistance of counsel performing not only document review but careful analysis of the over 40 million pages of documents produced by Defendants, enabled Co-Lead Class Counsel to prosecute this case in a fashion resulting in the extraordinary result achieved herein.

#### C. Written Discovery Propounded by Direct Purchasers and Served by Defendants

51. Direct Purchasers have served comprehensive discovery requests on Defendants that were the result of weeks of drafting and analysis. Direct Purchasers served Defendants with 56 sets of interrogatories, 15 sets of requests for admission and 113 sets of requests for document production. Direct Purchasers also conducted three written depositions consisting of 757 deposition questions. Co-Lead Class Counsel were forced to undertake repeated efforts to enforce these requests, prevailing on motions by Defendants to stay or delay discovery of both liability and damages evidence. In response to written discovery, Co-Lead Class Counsel learned of the

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key people involved in or knowledgeable about Defendants' illegal cartel activity, and obtained critical evidence supporting Direct Purchasers' claims.

- 52. Direct Purchasers have also responded to many fact and contention discovery requests served by Defendants. Responding to these requests with evidence gleaned from the evidence to support Direct Purchasers' claims involved weeks of work and detailed analysis.

  During the course of this litigation Defendants have propounded on Direct Purchasers 31 sets of interrogatories, 13 sets of requests for admissions and 31 sets of requests for document production. Direct Purchasers performed extensive research to locate responsive information and spent a substantial amount of time organizing their responses in the manner prescribed in the Special Master's November 3, 2010 Order re Motion for Protective Order by Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs re Contention Discovery Requests Served by Certain Defendants. Where Defendants were dissatisfied with Direct Purchasers' discovery responses, Direct Purchasers met and conferred with Defendants and, in some instances, provided Defendants with supplemental responses.
- 53. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a chart that lists all of the written discovery Direct Purchasers propounded in this matter Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a chart that lists all of the discovery Defendants propounded in this matter.

#### D. <u>Depositions Taken and Defended</u>

- 54. More than 130 depositions have been taken to date, of which 50 took place in San Francisco, 40 elsewhere across the country, and 41 outside of the United States. 113 of these depositions were of Defendants' witnesses, 14 were of the Direct Purchaser Class Representatives, and 4 of Direct Purchasers' experts. Plaintiffs' Counsel either attended, defended, or took the lead position for 110 of these depositions. The depositions described have yielded more than 3300 deposition exhibits and required more than 160 days to complete in total. Details for each of these depositions, including the identity of the witness, date and span of the deposition, role of Plaintiffs' Counsel during the deposition, and location of the deposition, are summarized in the charts attached hereto as Exhibit D (Depositions of Defendants' Witnesses), and Exhibit E (Depositions of Direct Purchasers' Witnesses).
  - 55. In addition to merits depositions, many depositions of Defendants were taken under

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Rule 30(b)(6) in February and March of 2009. Plaintiffs' Counsel traveled on several occasions to Taiwan, South Korea, China and Hawaii, and across the continental United States to take these depositions. Although many depositions were taken for the purposes of class certification, the depositions resulted in key evidence supporting Direct Purchasers' claims, including evidence of antitrust impact that will be valuable to Direct Purchasers at trial. For example, deposition testimony established that the conspiracy was relatively easy to implement and enforce, given the standardization of pricing practices among Defendants, including centralized decision-making, set price floors and pricing formulas. Some of this evidence has been submitted to the Court in support of Direct Purchasers' oppositions to the motions for summary judgment filed by Defendants, discussed below.

#### E. <u>Defendants' Motions to Dismiss and Discovery Disputes</u>

- 56. In March of 2008, certain Defendants filed motions to dismiss the Direct Purchasers' Consolidated Amended Complaint. The Court issued orders which modified the briefing schedule for the motions, enabling Direct Purchasers to conduct limited jurisdictional discovery for the purpose of opposing the motions to dismiss.
- 57. On August 25, 2008, the Court granted and denied in part the first wave of motions to dismiss (Doc. No. 666). The Court concluded that Direct Purchasers' consolidated complaint met the standard enunciated in *Twombly* because it alleged parallel conduct in addition to a number of other facts plausibly suggesting an agreement to fix prices. However, the Court agreed that the complaint lacked sufficient allegations specific to each Defendant, and therefore granted the motions in that respect with leave to amend. The Court found that the Direct Purchasers had sufficiently alleged antitrust standing and fraudulent concealment, such that it was inappropriate to dismiss any claims as time-barred.
- 58. While these initial motions to dismiss were pending, Direct Purchasers and Defendants held various calls, meetings and conferences in order to "meet and confer" over conflicting interpretations of the limits on document discovery set forth in the Court's Stay Order of September 25, 2007. The parties were unable to reach agreement on several items. On May 15, 2008, Judge Smith issued an Order Clarifying Discovery Limits Allowed Under Court's Stay

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- 59. On October 10, 2008, the Court issued an Order Regarding Procedures Governing Expert Discovery. The Order was pursuant to stipulation which was the result of negotiations among counsel regarding the timing and parameters of expert witness discovery.
- 60. On October 21, 2008, Judge Smith presided over a discovery status conference to discuss a proposed new pre-trial schedule and the location at which depositions of the Rule 30(b)(6) witnesses for certain Defendants would take place. A new pre-trial schedule was proposed by all parties due to the lengthy delays that occurred due to the discovery stay, as well as numerous disputes that had arisen between the parties. The disagreement over the location of the Rule 30(b)(6) depositions was between Direct Purchasers and certain Japanese Defendants. Both sides briefed the matter and argued orally. On November 10, 2008, Judge Smith concluded that the depositions should take place in the United States and that the Direct Purchasers should pay reasonable travel and subsistence expenses for the deponents only. The Court entered an order on November 19, 2008, affirming the Special Master's recommendation and approving the revised pre-trial schedule.
- 61. On November 24, 2008, Toshiba filed a petition for writ of mandamus in the Ninth Circuit. Toshiba requested a stay of all discovery directed at Toshiba until the District Court found that Direct Purchasers had filed a complaint that satisfies the pleading requirements set forth in *Twombly*. Toshiba also moved this Court to stay discovery pending the Ninth Circuit's resolution of their writ. The Direct Purchasers opposed the motion and filed an opposition thereto. On December 5, 2008, this Court denied the motion to stay (Doc. No. 125).
- 62. On December 15, 2008, the Ninth Circuit granted Toshiba's emergency motion to stay all discovery directed at Toshiba pending ruling on their petition for writ of mandamus.
- 63. On December 18, 2008, the parties participated in a lengthy in-person hearing with Judge Smith in order to reach resolution on some remaining discovery requests. The parties submitted letter briefs to Judge Smith, who issued an order on January 13, 2009, ruling on the disputed requests (Doc. No. 787).
  - 64. On December 29, 2008, Direct Purchasers opposed the writ petition filed by

Toshiba, noting, *inter alia*, that an amended consolidated complaint had been filed on December 5, 2009 naming the Toshiba entities as Defendants, and pointing out that the District Court has the discretion to order discovery to proceed following the granting of a motion to dismiss with leave to amend. On January 28, 2009, the Ninth Circuit denied Toshiba's petition for writ of mandamus.

- 65. On February 27, 2009, the Court heard oral argument on Defendants' motions to dismiss the Direct Purchasers' First Amended Consolidated Complaint. Defendants argued that the complaint did not adequately allege each Defendant's participation in the alleged conspiracy, and that the case should be limited to the 2001-2006 time period, the same period covered by the related criminal pleas. Notwithstanding the fact that they had entered guilty pleas to felony violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1, Defendants LG Display Co. Ltd., LG Display America, Inc. and Sharp Corporation joined in the motions to dismiss for failure to meet the pleading requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Direct Purchasers concurrently sought leave to amend to file a second amended consolidated complaint to add a new plaintiff, Texas Digital Systems, Inc.
- 66. On March 3, 2009, the Court issued its order denying the Defendants' motions to dismiss the Direct Purchasers' First Amended Complaint. The Court found, *inter alia*, that the complaint more than adequately alleged the involvement of each Defendant and put the Defendants on notice of the claims against them. Moreover, the Court found that the complaint sufficiently alleged anticompetitive conduct during the 1996-2001 time period and therefore did not limit the class period at that stage in the litigation. (Doc. No. 870). The Court also ordered the Direct Purchasers to file their amended complaint by March 13, 2009. *Id*.
- 67. On March 3, 2009, the Court issued a separate order on Defendant Tatung Company of America's Motion to Dismiss. The Court denied the motion for the reasons described above. The Court also rejected Tatung's argument that Direct Purchasers were indirect purchasers under *Illinois Brick Co. v. Illinois*, 431 U.S. 720 (1977).

#### F. Class Certification

68. On April 3, 2009, Direct Purchasers filed their motion for class certification (Doc.

ı	No. 933). The moving papers, accompanying declarations, and proposed order comprised in
	excess of 1,400 pages. Direct Purchasers' motion included over 86 exhibits, most of which was
	obtained either through depositions and/or extensive searches of documents. Defendants filed
	numerous oppositions to the class certification motion, comprising over 680 pages and 87 exhibits
	(Doc. Nos. 1077, 1081). Direct Purchasers replied to the various oppositions, again comprising
	numerous pages and extensive legal argument. (Doc. No. 1214). Hearings on the class
	certification motion involved extensive oral argument by Co-Lead Class Counsel and Defense
	Counsel, followed by supplemental briefing and expert reports.
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69. The motion for class certification was hard fought. In addition to establishing the requirements for class certification under Federal Rule 23, Direct Purchasers addressed and prevailed on the arguments proffered by Defendants in opposition to class certification, including: that plaintiffs who purchased TFT-LCD products cannot represent class members who purchased TFT-LCD panels (which the Court addressed by certifying two separate classes); Defendants' assertion that purchasers of finished products face unique *Illinois Brick* defenses, rendering those plaintiffs atypical; and, Defendants' contention that some purchasers of TFT-LCD products would face a jurisdictional defense under the Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvement Act ("FTAIA") not faced by certain purchasers of TFT-LCD panels, thus allegedly presenting typicality problems. Co-Lead Class Counsel fought hard to prevail at the class certification stage and to overcome the various arguments posed by Defendants.

70. On March 28, 2010, the Court certified the two Direct Purchaser classes, one for panels and the other for finished products. Those classes are defined as:

All persons and entities, who, between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 2006, directly purchased a TFT-LCD panel from any defendant or any subsidiary thereof, or any named affiliate or any named co-conspirator. Specifically excluded from the Class are Defendants; the officers, directors, or employees of any defendant; the legal representatives and heirs or assigns of any defendant; and the named affiliates and co-conspirators. Also excluded are any federal, state or local governmental entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

All persons and entities who, between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 2006 directly purchased a television, computer monitor, or notebook computer

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containing a TFT-LCD panel, from any defendant or any subsidiary thereof, or any named affiliate or any named co-conspirator. Specifically excluded from the Class are Defendants; the officers, directors, or employees of any defendant; the legal representatives and heirs or assigns of any defendant; and the named affiliates and co-conspirators. Also excluded are any federal, state or local governmental entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

The Court also appointed the Class Representatives and designated PSWP and LCHB as Co-Lead Class Counsel for the Direct Purchasers.

- 71. Certain Defendants then appealed class certification. On June 17, 2010, the Ninth Circuit denied Defendants' Rule 23(f) petition for review.
- 72. On July 16, 2010, the Court issued an order denying Defendants' Motion for Leave to File a Motion to Reconsider the Court's Class Certification Orders in Light of *Dukes v. Wall Mart* (Doc. No. 1882). The Court ruled that reconsideration was not warranted, because the Court conducted a rigorous analysis to ensure that all of the prerequisites of Rule 23 have been satisfied, and that Direct Purchasers' experts had sufficiently shown that antitrust injury could be shown on a class-wide basis.
- 73. On September 27, 2010, the Court issued an Order re Class Notice for Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs (Doc. No. 2057) which resolved issues pertaining to the notice to the Direct Purchaser Classes.
- 74. Direct Purchasers issued notice to Class Members on November 5, 2010. The optout period closed on January 4, 2011, with numerous direct purchasers opting out and filing direct actions. It is estimated that 90% of the panel purchasers and 50% of the finished product purchasers opted out of the Direct Purchaser classes. *See* Direct Purchaser Class Plaintiffs' Notice of Class Member Exclusions (Doc. No. 2384).

#### G. Motion to Compel Arbitration and Dismiss

75. On March 8, 2011, long after the motions to dismiss were decided and even after the classes had been certified, certain Defendants made a Motion to Stay Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Claims That Are Subject to Arbitration and to Dismiss Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Claims That Are Subject to Litigation in a Foreign Court (Doc. No. 2529). As originally

fashioned, the motion seemed to argue that the entire Direct Purchaser case should be stayed, and Class Members with contracts containing arbitration provisions should be compelled to arbitrate. In light of the *Concepcion* decision which came out during the time that this motion was pending, this motion presented a real risk of derailing the Direct Purchasers' case. Direct Purchasers opposed the motion. (Doc. No. 2597). The Court denied the motion, but found that Defendants had not waived their right to arbitrate against unnamed Class Members (Doc. No. 2731). The Court gave Defendants until June 3, 2011 to (1) produce a comprehensive list of every Class Member against which Defendants would move to compel arbitration; (2) identify every arbitration agreement that they intended to assert against unnamed members of the Direct Purchaser Class; and (3) file an omnibus motion to compel arbitration regarding each Plaintiff listed. *Id.* Defendants did not file such a motion.

#### H. Additional Discovery Issues and Disputes

76. While the motion for class certification was pending, various other issues arose. On May 13, 2009, after briefing by the parties and submission of competing proposed orders to the Special Master, Judge Smith issued recommendations regarding the number of depositions that would be permitted in this litigation. The Special Master ruled, *inter alia*, that Direct Purchasers and Indirect Purchasers may depose up to 100 percipient witnesses as part of the joint, coordinated discovery in this case, with a maximum of 12 depositions for any single defendant group. This limitation was presumptive and did not include Rule 30(b)(6) depositions, depositions of third parties, depositions of experts, or depositions of records custodians regarding authentication of documents.

- 77. During this time period, Direct Purchasers also obtained information and documents from third-party sources and consulted with experts.
- 78. On May 19, 2009, the Court denied Direct Purchasers' motion to compel the amnesty applicant to comply with the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act (ACPERA), but noted it would take into account after a trial the applicant's amount of cooperation (Doc. No 128).

- 79. On August 12, 2009, the parties appeared at a hearing before the Special Master regarding the responses of the Toshiba Defendants to Direct Purchasers' Interrogatories Re Witness Identification. On September 9, 2009, the Special Master issued an Order Re Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Responses to Witness Interrogatories. (Doc. No. 1247). Among other things, the Special Master found that: "... Toshiba defendants' ambiguous answers may defeat the purpose of the limits on depositions previously ordered." *Id.* The Special Master therefore ordered that plaintiffs shall be authorized to depose various witnesses identified by Toshiba; and that, should any of those depositions turn out to be irrelevant, they shall be stricken from the record and not count against the presumptive deposition limits established by the Court's prior order. The depositions were ordered to occur in the United States. Toshiba was ordered to pay all reasonable costs associated with any depositions that are deemed stricken and to bear all costs of any successful motion to strike the subject depositions.
- 80. On September 2, 2009, the Special Master heard the Plaintiffs' Motion to Enforce the Stipulated Protocol Governing the Production of Electronically Stored Information ("ESI Protocol") and to compel Defendants LG Display Co., Ltd and LG Display America, Inc. to produce "multi-page searchable text (.TXT) files" for all ESI as required by the ESI Protocol. The Special Master found that there was ambiguity in the ESI Protocol regarding whether the requirement that all documents are to be provided with multi-page searchable text (.TXT) files applied to MS-Excel spreadsheets and MS-Access databases. The Special Master therefore found that LG Display's offer of compromise to produce extracted-text files for Word documents and e-mails but to produce Power Point and Excel documents only in native format was reasonable.
- 81. The above-described discovery disputes and issues are only a sampling of what has transpired in this case. Co-Lead Class Counsel have performed extensive factual investigation and economic analysis surrounding Direct Purchasers' claims, requiring millions of dollars of attorney time and massive out-of-pocket expenses. Co-Lead Class Counsel have participated in multiple hearings on discovery matters before the Court and the Special Masters.
- 82. Since the inception of this case, the Court has held 3 teleconferences and 30 hearings dealing with the management of and issues presented by the Direct and Indirect

Purchaser Plaintiff actions, as summarized on the attached chart. In addition to proceedings before the Court, the appointed Special Masters have issued 49 reports, recommendations, orders, or proposed orders impacting the Direct and Indirect Purchaser Plaintiff actions, as summarized on the attached charts. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a chart showing all of the hearings and conferences with the Court. Attached as Exhibit G is a chart showing all of the reports, orders, or proposed orders issued by the Special Masters in this case.

#### I. Expert Discovery

- 83. As the Court is aware, thorough expert analysis is necessary to prevail in complex antitrust litigation. Here, Plaintiffs' Counsel retained and conducted significant work with class and liability experts and consultants to prosecute this case. Plaintiffs' Counsel have advanced substantial fees and expenses to their experts and consultants for analysis of the global TFT-LCD market, the TFT-LCD price-fixing conspiracy, and the impact of the price-fixing conspiracy on Class Members. Working with experts has entailed hundreds of hours of attorney time as well. Experts had to be prepared for depositions, were consulted on damages and liability theories, and helped Plaintiffs' Counsel to understand economic principles that drove the TFT-LCD market.
- 84. Dr. Kenneth Flamm prepared a series of expert reports regarding Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification, requiring extensive time and effort. Dr. Flamm's April 3, 2009 expert report required the review of 18 pleadings, transcripts, and reports, 73 publicly available documents, and 143 documents produced by Defendants. The finished report totaled nearly 140 pages in length, and included 28 exhibits. Dr. Flamm's Reply Report, dated August 19, 2009, required the review of 13 pleadings, transcripts, and reports, 50 publicly available documents, and 168 documents produced by Defendants. The finished Reply Report totaled more than 140 pages in length, and included 24 exhibits. Dr. Flamm also produced a Sur-Reply Report, dated October 16, 2009, which required the review of 3 pleadings and reports, and 17 publicly available documents. The finished Sur-Reply Report totaled more than 30 pages in length, and included 2 exhibits.
- 85. Direct Purchasers and Defendants have also completed the exchange of expert reports for liability purposes. Direct Purchasers served initial liability expert reports from Dr. Ed

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1	Leamer, Dr. Ken Flamm, and Dr. Adam Fontecchio on May 25, 2011. All three of Direct
2	Purchasers' experts have been deposed. Dr. Flamm was deposed on June 24, 2011. Dr.
3	Leamer was deposed on July 8, 2011. Dr. Fontecchio was deposed on August 3, 2011. On July
4	22, 2011, Defendants served the rebuttal reports of their experts, Dr. Dennis Carlton and Dean
5	Edward Snyder. On July 27 and 28, 2011, Defendants served the rebuttal reports of Kenneth
6	Werner and Dr. Barry Harris. Direct Purchasers took the depositions of Defendants' experts as
7	follows: Dean Snyder on August 9, 2011; Dr. Carlton on August 17, 2011; Mr. Werner on
8	August 18, 2011; Dr. Harris on August 19, 2011. Direct Purchasers served reply reports for Dr.
9	Leamer and Dr. Flamm on August 22, 2011. Defendants served sur-rebuttal reports for Dr. Harris
10	on September 9, 2011; Dr. Carlton on September 12, 2011; and Mr. Snyder on September 13,
11	2011.
12	86. The expert reports submitted in this case are voluminous in size and extensive in
13	detail. Dr. Kenneth Flamm's May 25, 2011 expert report required the review of 33 pleadings,
14	transcripts, and reports, 137 publicly available documents, and 679 documents produced by
15	Defendants. The finished report totaled nearly 200 pages in length, and included 35 exhibits. Dr.
16	Flamm also produced a Reply Report, dated August 29, 2011, which required the review of 30
17	pleadings, transcripts, and reports, 43 publicly available documents, and 61 documents produced
18	by Defendants. The finished Reply Report totaled more than 60 pages in length, and included 1
19	exhibit. The May 25, 2011 expert report of Dr. Edward Leamer required the review of 14
20	pleadings, transcripts, and reports, 145 publicly available documents, and 602 documents
21	produced by Defendants. The finished report totaled more than 200 pages in length, and included
22	42 exhibits. Dr. Leamer also produced a Reply Report, dated August 29, 2011, which required the
23	review of 7 pleadings, transcripts, and reports, 14 publicly available documents, and 21 documents
24	produced by Defendants, and the technical specifications for 1064 LCD finished product models.
25	The finished Reply Report totaled nearly 80 pages in length, and included 1 exhibit. The expert
26	report of Dr. Adam Fontecchio required the review of 32 pleadings, transcripts, and reports, 25
27	publicly available documents, and 131 documents produced by Defendants. The finished report
28	totaled nearly 90 pages in length, and included 23 exhibits. Dr. Fontecchio did not produce a

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Reply Report.

#### J. Settlements

87. On April 14, 2010, the Court preliminarily approved a \$10,000,000 settlement with Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd. The Court certified a settlement class which is defined as follows:

All persons and entities who, between January 1, 1996 and December 11, 2006, directly purchased a TFT-LCD Product in the United States from any defendant or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator listed in the Notice. Excluded from the Class are defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates, any co-conspirators, all governmental entities, and any judges or justices assigned to hear any aspect of this action.

For purposes of the Chunghwa Settlement Class only, "TFT-LCD Product" means TFT-LCD panels and all products containing TFT-LCD panels. The Court's Order appointed PSWP and LCHB as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class and Rust Consulting as the Claims Administrator.

88. On October 6, 2010, the Court preliminarily approved a \$7,000,000 settlement with Defendants Epson Imaging Devices Corporation and Epson Electronics America, Inc. (collectively "Epson") (Doc. No. 2078). The Court certified a settlement class which is defined as follows:

All persons and entities who, between January 1, 1999 and December 21, 2006, directly purchased a TFT-LCD Product in the United States from any defendant or any subsidiary or named affiliate thereof, or any named co-conspirator. Excluded from the Class are defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries, named affiliates, any named co-conspirators, all governmental entities, and any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff.

For purposes of the Epson Settlement Class only, "TFT-LCD Product" means TFT-LCD panels and televisions, computer monitors, and notebook computers containing TFT-LCD panels. The Court's Order appointed Co-Leads as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class and Rust Consulting as the Claims Administrator.

89. On November 5, 2010, a joint Notice was published and mailed to notify Class members of the Chunghwa and Epson settlements and the certified litigation classes, with the optout period set to expire on January 4, 2011. On February 17, 2011, the Court granted final approval of the Chunghwa and Epson settlements (Doc. Nos. 2476 and 2475).

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1	90. On October 3, 2011, the Court preliminarily approved settlements with Defendants
2	Chimei Innolux Corporation, Chi Mei Corporation, Chi Mei Optoelectronics Corporation; CMO
3	Japan Co., Ltd., Chi Mei Optoelectronics USA, Inc., Nexgen Mediatech, Inc., and Nexgen
4	Mediatech USA, Inc. ("Chimei"); HannStar Display Corporation; Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi Displays,
5	Ltd., and Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc. ("Hitachi"); LG Display Co. Ltd. and LG
6	Display America, Inc. ("LG Display"); Mitsui & Co. (Taiwan), Ltd. ("Mitsui"); Samsung
7	Electronics Co., Ltd., Samsung Electronics America, Inc. and Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.
8	("Samsung"); Sanyo Consumer Electronics Co., Ltd. ("Sanyo"); and Sharp Corporation ("Sharp")
9	on October 3, 2011. (Doc. No. 3817). Those settlements total \$388,022,242.
10	91. Settlement discussions in this case vis-à-vis the settling Defendants commenced as
11	early as March of 2009. Settlement discussions involving a mediator commenced pursuant to the
12	Court's order that the first mediation session be completed by February 14, 2011. (See Order Re:
13	Pretrial and Trial Schedule, Doc. No. 2165) There was a preliminary mediation session in San
14	Francisco conducted by Professor Eric D. Green on January 13, 2011. Professor Green is the Co-
15	Founder and Principal of Resolutions, LLC, a mediation, arbitration and ADR provider in Boston
16	MA, and is one of the most highly respected and competent mediators in the country. All
۱7	Defendants and all Plaintiffs—including Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs and Direct Action
18	Plaintiffs—attended the initial mediation session. This process was very helpful in organizing thi
19	large, complex case for resolution. The next sessions took place on February 15 and 16, 2011 in
20	San Francisco. Thereafter, in March of 2011, a series of mediations occurred between Plaintiffs
21	and specific Defendants.
22	92. The negotiations which resulted in these settlements therefore consisted of
23	mediation sessions, and multiple telephonic and face-to-face conferences as well as email
24	messages on an arm's-length and non-collusive basis among counsel for Direct Purchasers and
25	Defendants. Part of the mediation process included the exchange of commerce information about
26	panels and finished products in an effort to have an agreed upon basis to negotiate. In some
27	instances, the commerce numbers presented by Direct Purchasers and Defendants were relatively
28	close, and in other situations they were far apart. Counsel were assisted in this process by the

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mediator, Professor Green, who was very effective in assisting the parties in coming to a fair and equitable resolution of this matter despite the strong positions taken by counsel and their clients.

- 93. The protracted settlement negotiations between Co-Lead Class Counsel and each of the settling Defendants have been previously described in detail for the Court in my declaration filed with the Court in support of Direct Purchasers' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlements With Defendants Chimei, HannStar, Hitachi, LG Display, Mitsui, Samsung, Sanyo and Sharp (Doc. No. 3407). As the Court may recall, the settlement negotiations occurred over many months, and in some cases years, with the individual Defendants. They consisted of inperson sessions, telephone calls and other communications conducted both with and without the assistance of the mediator. The mediation sessions occurred in San Francisco and in Boston, Massachusetts. These settlements were the result of hard-fought negotiations with both sides holding firm on their respective positions.
- 94. Subsequent to reaching settlements with each of the Settling Defendants, Co-Lead Class Counsel were charged with drafting the Settlement Agreements, Class Notices and Claim Form that were previously submitted to the Court with Direct Purchasers' motion for preliminary approval of those settlements. The drafting of these document took significant amounts of time and effort on the part of Co-Lead Class Counsel. Notably, each of the Settlement Agreements requires the settling Defendants to continue to assist Direct Purchasers in the prosecution of their case against the remaining Defendants.
- 95. On October 4, 2011, the Court heard the Direct Purchasers' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Direct Purchaser Class Settlements with Defendants Chimei, HannStar, Hitachi, LG Display, Mitsui, Samsung, Sanyo and Sharp. On that same day, the Court issued an order preliminarily approving the settlements and approving the proposed forms of notice and claim form (Doc. No. 3817). The Court scheduled a Fairness Hearing on December 19, 2011 and established November 28, 2011 as the deadline for Class Members to file written objections.
- 96. Since the Preliminary Approval hearing, Co-Lead Class Counsel have been working with the Claims Administrator to ensure that the notices are disseminated to the Class Members and that the www.tftlcdclassaction.com website contains all necessary information

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1 regarding the status of this case, the settlements that have been reached, and the process for 2 making a claim, including an on-line claim form. 3 K. **Summary Judgment Motions** 97. 4 On September 8, 2011, the Toshiba Defendants filed Motions for Summary 5 Judgment in both the Indirect and Direct Purchaser actions, on the grounds that they claim not to have participated in the conspiracy. (Doc. No. 3581). In their brief in the Direct Purchaser action, 6 7 Toshiba incorporated by reference the entire brief filed (by Sharp) in the Indirect Purchaser action. 8 Thus, in effect, Direct Purchasers had to respond to both. On September 14, 2011, the Toshiba 9 Defendants filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment Under *Illinois Brick*. (Doc. No. 3575). 10 In addition, also on September 14, Toshiba and AUO filed a joint Motion for Partial Summary 11 Judgment Regarding Production and Capacity. (Doc. No. 3578). Each of the Defendants' 12 motions either referenced, or incorporated by reference motions filed in the Indirect Purchaser 13 action, so Direct Purchasers' burden in responding was not limited to the motions filed in this action. 14 98. 15 Direct Purchasers filed Opposition briefs on October 3, 2011. (Doc. Nos. 3792, 3800, 3803). The oppositions included extensive briefing, declarations, and literally thousands of **16** 17 pages of exhibits, much of which was culled through review of the documents coded over the course of the case. The oppositions entailed hundreds of hours of work by attorneys and staff. 18 19 99. The Defendants' reply briefs were filed on October 24, 2011. (Doc. Nos. 3999, 20 4043, 4052). The Motions for Summary Judgment will be heard by this Court on November 4, 21 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Co-Lead Class Counsel will attend and present oral argument. 22 L. **Trial** 23 100. A trial against the non-settling Defendants is currently scheduled to begin on 24 February 13, 2012. The criminal trial against defendant AUO and its executives was recently 25 continued by the Court and will begin on January 9, 2012. Presumably, the Direct Purchaser trial date will be continued to follow shortly after the completion of the criminal case. 26 27 101. Substantial work will need to be completed in advance of trial, including:

preparing trial exhibits, preparing video from depositions for presentation at trial, writing and

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responding to motions *in limine*, drafting proposed *voire dire* questions, jury instructions and verdict forms, identifying and preparing witnesses, addressing admissibility issues, and other matters. Trial is anticipated to involve substantial time and expense. Appeals may follow as well.

#### M. Class Representatives

- 102. The class representatives in this action devoted substantial amounts of time and energy to assisting in the prosecution of this matter. Their help was essential to the success of this case. The class representatives each participated in this action, and all are deserving of an incentive award.
- 103. Plaintiff A.M. Photo & Imaging Center, Inc. participated in the action by, *inter alia*, preparing for and attending a one-day deposition, reviewing, preparing, and producing over 1939 pages of documents, preparing responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulting extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding, *inter alia*, the preparation of complaints and class certification papers. In addition, A.M. Photo & Imaging, Inc. is prepared to present testimony at trial.
- 104. Plaintiff CMP Consulting Services, Inc. ("CMP") participated in the action by, *inter alia*, preparing for and attending a one-day deposition, reviewing, preparing, and producing at least 5512 pages of documents, preparing responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulting extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding, *inter alia*, the preparation of complaints and class certification papers. CMP also submitted a verification for class certification. In addition, CMP Consulting Services, Inc. is prepared to present testimony at trial.
- 205. Plaintiff Crago, Inc. ("Crago") was the first-filed case in the country. Crago was extremely important to our early understanding of the case, and the drafting of the Consolidated Amended Complaint. The principal owner of Crago, Dave Allen, had operated the company and its predecessors since the 1970s, and had been a direct purchaser of many electronic components, including TFT-LCDs. He had been to Korea to meet with Samsung sales and manufacturing people, and had a very deep understanding of the Asian manufacturers. He continuously sent us materials and provided information to deepen our understanding of the case, and helped us write the research memo that was one of the bases for the Consolidated Amended Complaint. Mr. Allen MDL 3:07-md-1827 SI

gave an excellent deposition. He has a tremendous level of personal involvement and commitment to the case. He is eager to testify at trial, and will make a good witness, especially regarding the pretextual explanations for price increases that were given by the Defendants throughout the class period.

- 106. Plaintiff Home Technologies Bellevue, LLC ("HTB") prepared for and attended a one-day deposition, reviewed, prepared, and produced over 1200 pages of documents, prepared responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulted extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding the preparation of complaints and class certification papers. Executives from HTB met with Plaintiffs' Counsel on at least five occasions and HTB is prepared to present testimony at trial.
- 107. Plaintiff Nathan Muchnick, Inc. participated in the action by, *inter alia*, preparing for and attending a one-day deposition, reviewing, preparing, and producing at least 265 pages of documents, preparing responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulting extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding, *inter alia*, the preparation of complaints and class certification papers. In addition, Nathan Muchnick, Inc. is prepared to present testimony at trial.
- 108. Plaintiff Omnis Computer Supplies, Inc. participated in the action by, *inter alia*, preparing for and attending a one-day deposition, reviewing, preparing, and producing documents, preparing responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulting extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding, *inter alia*, the preparation of complaints and class certification papers. In addition, Omnis Computer Supplies, Inc. is prepared to present testimony at trial.
- 109. Plaintiff Orion Home Systems, LLC participated in the action by, *inter alia*, preparing for and attending a one-day deposition, reviewing, preparing, and producing at least 75 pages of documents, preparing responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulting extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding, *inter alia*, the preparation of complaints and class certification papers. In addition, Orion Home Systems, LLC is prepared to present testimony at trial.
- 110. Plaintiff Royal Data Services, Inc. prepared for and attended a one-day deposition, reviewed, prepared, and produced a comprehensive collection of accounting and purchase records, prepared responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulted regularly and extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding the preparation of complaints, class certification papers and

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additional responses to discovery. In addition, Royal Data is prepared to present testimony at trial.

- 111. Plaintiff Texas Digital Systems, Inc. ("TDS") was the sole representative for the entire sub-class of panel purchasers. A substantial amount of what we know and will be able to prove about those purchases comes from TDS. Its CFO, Brian Gray, gave a long deposition that comprehensively described the specification and purchasing processes. Mr. Gray and the President of TDS, Dennis Davidson, are both ready to testify at trial regarding their TFT-LCD purchases from Sharp, and the explanations of price increases that were given to them. TDS' participation is a key to the recovery for panel purchasers.
- 112. Plaintiff Univisions-Crimson Holding, Inc. ("UCH") prepared for and attended a one-day deposition, in which two company representatives were deposed. UCH also reviewed, prepared, and produced over 11,000 documents from two locations (comprising more than 78,000 pages), prepared responses to over 110 interrogatories, assisted in analyzing and compiling purchase records for more than 10,000 LCD purchases, and consulted extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding the preparation of complaints, class certification papers, and settlements. In addition, UCH is prepared to present testimony at trial.
- 113. Plaintiff Weber's World Company participated in the action by, *inter alia*, preparing for and attending a one-day deposition, reviewing, preparing, and producing documents, preparing responses to over 110 interrogatories, and consulting extensively with Plaintiffs' Counsel regarding, *inter alia*, the preparation of complaints and class certification papers. In addition, Weber's World Company is prepared to present testimony at trial.

#### N. Fees and Costs Incurred by PSWP

- 114. I am familiar with the Court's Pretrial Order No. 3, entered on July 13, 2007 (Doc. No. 224) which sets forth the record keeping requirements of Direct Purchaser Class Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel in this case; and, the requirement to submit to Liaison Counsel, on a monthly basis, contemporaneously-prepared attorney and paralegal-time and expense reports and expense records. The time and expenses that have been reported to Liaison Counsel by my firm have complied with the reporting requirements of the Court's Pretrial Order No. 3.
  - 115. The tasks which have been performed by my firm are described above. The total

1	hours and lodestar reported by firm, at historical rates, is \$21,739,658.25 and is summarized on				
2	Exhibit H hereto. All work reported by attorneys and paralegals on behalf of Direct Purchasers in				
3	this matter was performed on a wholly contingent basis. The historical rates set forth in Exhibit H				
4	are the applicable hourly rates in effect at the time work was performed. These rates are the same				
5	rates charged to hourly clients.				
6	116. My firm incurred costs in multiple categories totaling \$267,193.54. A description				
7	of the costs and the amounts is summarized in Exhibit I hereto. These costs were incurred on				
8	behalf of Direct Purchasers by my firm on a contingent basis, and have not been reimbursed.				
9	117. I have reviewed the time and expenses reported by my firm in this case which are				
10	included in the Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Incentive Awards,				
11	and I affirm that the they are true and accurate.				
12	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the				
13	foregoing is true and correct.				
14	Executed on October 28, 2011 at San Francisco, California.				
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## **EXHIBIT H**

Exhibit H
Re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation
Pearson, Simon, Warshaw & Penny, LLP.
Reported Hours and Lodestar Report thru 8/31/11

Name:	Total Hours	Hourly Rate	Lodestar
PARTNERS:			
Clifford Pearson	49.80	\$500.00	\$24,900.00
Clifford Pearson	76.60	\$650.00	
Clifford Pearson	567.20	\$750.00	\$425,400.00
Clifford Pearson	507.10	\$780.00	\$395,538.00
Clifford Pearson	817.80	\$795.00	\$650,151.00
Gary Soter	3.20	\$500.00	\$1,600.00
Gary Soter	65.60	\$650.00	\$42,640.00
Gary Soter	0.50	\$750.00	
Daniel Warshaw	47.00	\$500.00	\$23,500.00
Daniel Warshaw	81.80	\$550.00	\$44,990.00
Daniel Warshaw	844.30	\$650.00	\$548,795.00
Daniel Warshaw	1356.50	\$675.00	\$915,637.50
Daniel Warshaw	583.50	\$685.00	
Bruce Simon	388.30	\$500.00	\$194,150.00
Bruce Simon	317.20	\$650.00	\$206,180.00
Bruce Simon	1735.50	\$750.00	\$1,301,625.00
Bruce Simon	1005.20	\$780.00	
Bruce Simon	886.90	\$795.00	\$705,085.50
OF COUNSEL:			
Alan Berg	13.50	\$750.00	\$10,125.00
Alan Berg	411.25	\$650.00	\$267,312.50
Alan Berg	1161.00	\$660.00	\$766,260.00
Alan Berg	444.00	\$700.00	\$310,800.00
Jonathan Watkins	1007.35	\$455.00	\$458,344.25
Jonathan Watkins	381.00	\$625.00	\$238,125.00
Jonathan Watkins	119.40	\$650.00	\$77,610.00
Jonathan Watkins	599.40	\$660.00	\$395,604.00
George Trevor	0.30	\$650.00	\$195.00
George Trevor	0.20	\$700.00	\$140.00
Robert Retana	748.30	\$660.00	\$493,878.00
Aaron Sheanin	462.60	\$660.00	\$305,316.00
ASSOCIATES:			
Esther Klisura	168.90	\$350.00	\$59,115.00
Esther Klisura	128.40	\$425.00	\$54,570.00
Esther Klisura	1141.70	\$455.00	\$519,473.50
Esther Klisura	669.00	\$525.00	\$351,225.00
Esther Klisura	9.50	\$570.00	\$5,415.00
Bobby Pouya	69.90	\$350.00	\$24,465.00
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Bobby Pouya	1607.00	\$475.00	\$763,325.00
Akane Tanaka	66.50	\$90.00	\$5,985.00
Akane Tanaka	187.95	\$455.00	\$85,517.25
Ashlei Vargas	238.85	\$425.00	\$101,511.25
Ashlei Vargas	690.65	\$455.00	\$314,245.75
Ashlei Vargas	92.80	\$475.00	\$44,080.00
Veronica Glaze	429.80	\$355.00	\$152,579.00
Veronica Glaze	1849.80	\$365.00	\$675,177.00
Veronica Glaze	1566.40	\$375.00	\$587,400.00
Alan Cyrlin	1617.60	\$455.00	\$736,008.00
Alan Cyrlin	3210.90	\$545.00	\$1,749,940.50
Alan Cyrlin	1161.60	\$640.00	\$743,424.00
Alex Turan	273.70	\$455.00	\$124,533.50
Jessica Grant	340.60	\$625.00	\$212,875.00
Jessica Grant	2200.60	\$650.00	\$1,430,390.00
William Newsom	23.90	\$365.00	\$8,723.50
William Newsom	131.80	\$375.00	\$49,425.00
Kyoko Yamada	1142.50	\$455.00	\$519,837.50
Katsuya Nishikawa	1628.80	\$455.00	\$741,104.00
Thomas Boardman	876.80	\$375.00	\$328,800.00
Brittany Kelley	1232.80	\$375.00	\$462,300.00
PARALEGALS:			
Natalie Halpern	1.50	\$175.00	\$262.50
Matthew Lusich	84.80	\$125.00	\$10,600.00
Matthew Lusich	630.90	\$150.00	\$94,635.00
Matthew Lusich	1108.10	\$175.00	\$193,917.50
Teri Harris	30.70	\$125.00	\$3,837.50
Lauren McAdams	21.40	\$125.00	\$2,675.00
Lauren McAdams	9.90	\$150.00	\$1,485.00
Alex Safyan	7.00	\$175.00	\$1,225.00
Steven Simon	107.25	\$125.00	\$13,406.25
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The Court, having reviewed Plaintiffs Kathy Sledge Lightfoot, Ronee Blakley, and Gary Wright's (collectively, "Plaintiffs") Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, and Incentive Awards, the pleadings and other papers on file in this action, and the statements of counsel and the parties, hereby finds that Plaintiffs' motion should be GRANTED.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. For purposes of this Order, except as otherwise set forth herein, the Court adopts and incorporates the definitions contained in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (Dkt. No. 96-1, Ex. A) ("Settlement Agreement").
- 2. The Court finds that Plaintiffs' requested fee award of \$2,875,000 is fair and reasonable in light of the results obtained by Plaintiffs' counsel in this case; the risks and complex issues involved, and the skill and high-quality work required to overcome them; the burdens borne by counsel in pursuing this litigation on a pure contingency basis; and the range of awards made in similar cases. The Court finds that the requested fee award, which represents the Ninth Circuit's benchmark of 25% of the Fund created by the Settlement Agreement, comports with the applicable law and is justified by the circumstances of this case.
- 3. The Court has confirmed the reasonableness of Plaintiffs' fee request by conducting a lodestar cross-check. The Court finds that Plaintiffs' counsel's reasonable lodestar as of December 31, 2014, the date they filed their Supplemental Declaration in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney Fees, Litigation Costs, and Incentive Awards was \$1,995,780.50 based on their historical hourly rates, and \$2,063,274.00 based on their current hourly rates. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' requested fee award represents a multiplier of 1.44 based on counsel's historical hourly rates and 1.39 based on their current hourly rates. This multiplier is within the range of multipliers awarded in similar complex class action cases and is well-justified here, given the novelty and difficulty of this litigation, counsel's skillful handling of the difficult factual and legal issues presented, the significant contingent risks in this case, and the quality of the result achieved.
- 4. The Court finds that Plaintiffs' counsel incurred a total of \$97,429.54 in litigation costs and expenses in prosecuting this litigation as of December 31, 2014. The Court finds that

these costs and expenses were reasonably incurred in the ordinary course of prosecuting this case
and were necessary given the complex nature and nationwide scope of the case. Accordingly, the
Court approves a payment to Plaintiffs' counsel in the amount of their total costs and expenses
incurred to reimburse them for such costs and expenses.
5. Finally, the Court approves an incentive award of \$10,000 each to current class

- representatives Kathy Sledge Lightfoot, Ronee Blakley, and Gary Wright, and to former class representatives Debra Sledge, Joan Sledge, and Kim Sledge Allen. In *Radcliffe v. Experion Information Solutions*, 715 F.3d 1157 (9th Cir. 2013), the Ninth Circuit instructed that making incentive awards, while permissible when not conditioned on class representatives' support for the settlement, "should not become routine practice." They must be "scrutinize[d]" carefully, so that they "do not undermine the adequacy of the class representatives." 715 F. 3d at 1160. Plaintiffs' application for incentive awards was carefully considered in light of these principles, and deemed reasonable and justified given: (1) the risks—reputational, financial, and otherwise—faced by the class representatives in bringing this lawsuit; and (2) the work performed and the active participation in the litigation and settlement processes by the class representatives on behalf of members of the class.
- 6. The attorneys' fees, costs, and incentive awards set forth in this Order shall be paid by Defendant Warner Music Group Corp. in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: January 12, 2015

Honorable Richard Seeborg United States District Judge

## EXHIBIT 6

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12	NORTHERN DISTR	CICT OF CALIFORNIA
13	IN RE: WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORP.	CASE NO. CV 12-0559-RS
14	DIGITAL DOWNLOADS LITIGATION	DECLARATION OF DANIEL L.
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Daniel L. Warshaw declares:

- 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner in the firm of Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP ("PSW"), attorneys of record for Plaintiffs Kathy Sledge Lightfoot, Ronee Blakley, and Gary Wright ("Plaintiffs") and the putative Class in this case.
- 2. I am one of the attorneys principally responsible for the handling of this matter. I am personally familiar with the facts set forth in this declaration. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.
- 3. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, and Incentive Awards.

#### I. THE WORK PERFORMED BY PEARSON, SIMON & WARSHAW, LLP

#### A. <u>Background and Experience</u>

- 4. PSW has been involved in litigating, trying, and settling dozens of complex class action cases in California and elsewhere. PSW has offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, and handles national and multi-national class actions that present cutting-edge issues in both substantive and procedural areas.
- 5. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the firm resume for PSW, which reflects the experience and accomplishments of the firm and the attorneys working on this case. PSW's firm resume reflects that the attorneys in this case have successfully adjudicated some of the largest and most important class action lawsuits in the United States.
- 6. I have recently served as one of the court-appointed interim lead counsel in several complex class actions, including in this district. For example, I served as co-lead counsel in *Wolph v. Acer America Corp.*, No. C 09-1314 (N.D. Cal.), a nationally certified class action involving defective Acer computers that resulted in a classwide settlement. I also served as co-lead counsel and played an integral role in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.) ("*TFT-LCD*"), where I negotiated the ESI protocol and managed a document review process that featured nearly 8 million documents in multiple languages and 136 reviewers. I currently serve as interim co-lead counsel in *In re Carrier IQ Consumer Privacy Litigation*, No. C-12-md-2330-EMC (N.D. Cal.) ("*Carrier IQ*"), a putative nationwide class action on behalf of

that was logging text messages and other sensitive information.

7. Of particular relevance here, I currently serve as interim co-lead counsel and counsel of record in two other putative class actions pending in this district involving the payment

consumers who allege privacy violations arising from software installed on their mobile devices

- of royalties to recording artists for Downloads/Mastertones. *See James v. UMG Recordings, Inc.*, *et al.*, No. 11-cv-1613-SI (interim co-lead counsel); *Davis v. Capitol Records, LLC, et al.*, No. 12-cv-1602-YGR (counsel for plaintiffs). In the *James* case in particular, thousands of recording contracts have been produced and reviewed, multiple dispositive and non-dispositive motions
- have been filed, and numerous depositions of key personnel have been taken. In *Davis*, over 6,000 contracts have recently been produced and will require analysis by counsel.
- 8. PSW attorneys have extensive experience in the litigation, trial, and settlement of other complex class actions, as well. Some significant cases in which PSW attorneys have served, or currently serve, as Class Counsel include the following:
- a. *TFT-LCD*. PSW served as co-lead counsel for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in *TFT-LCD*, a multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of thin film transistor liquid crystal display panels. In *TFT-LCD*, after reaching settlements with several defendants totaling over \$405 million, PSW partner Bruce L. Simon and his trial team tried the case to an \$87 million dollar verdict (before trebling) against Toshiba. Mr. Simon served as co-lead trial counsel, successfully marshaled numerous witnesses, and presented the opening argument. Another \$68 million was recovered for class members though settlements with Toshiba after trial and another defendant on the eve of trial, for a total recovery of \$473 million for the direct purchaser class.
- b. In re Potash Antitrust Litigation (No. II) ("Potash"), MDL No. 1996 (N.D. III.). PSW partner Bruce L. Simon served as interim co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in this multidistrict litigation arising from the price-fixing of potash sold in the United States. After defeating a motion to dismiss, Defendants appealed, and Mr. Simon argued before an en banc panel of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In an 8-0 decision, the en banc panel reversed the first panel decision and affirmed the denial of Defendants' motion to dismiss. Minn-Chem, Inc. v.

Agrium Inc., 683 F. 3d 845 (7th Cir. 2012). On June 12, 2012, the Court approved a \$90 million class settlement on behalf of direct purchaser plaintiffs.

PSW has been appointed as interim co-lead counsel in this multidistrict class action arising from antitrust violations in the trading market for credit default swaps (CDS). The case alleges that some of the largest banks and financial institutions in the world conspired to restrain trade and

*In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2476 (S.D.N.Y.).

eliminate competition in the CDS market in order to artificially inflate and maintain the

transaction costs of CDS trading.

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d. *In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2420 (N.D. Cal.). PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs in this multidistrict class action litigation arising from the price-fixing of lithium ion batteries. The case involves allegations of collusive activity by a cartel made up of the world's largest manufacturers of lithium ion batteries, which are used in everything from cellular phones to cameras, laptops and tablet computers.

For a more complete list of the notable cases in which PSW attorneys have held a leadership role, please see the firm resume attached hereto as Exhibit A.

#### B. <u>Litigation and Settlement of the Warner Action</u>

- 9. As stated above, PSW is counsel of record in two analogous class action lawsuits pending in this district, *James* and *Davis*. Prior to filing this action, PSW attorneys drew on their experience from the *James* litigation to develop a theory of the case and determine whether a class action was viable. The experience gained from *James* allowed PSW and the other firms composing Class Counsel (identified below) to conduct pointed research and investigation into this matter and to approach settlement negotiations with a wealth of knowledge.
- 10. From the outset, PSW assumed an active role in leading this litigation. PSW helped draft, review, and finalize Plaintiffs' initial complaint (Dkt. No. 1), engaged in multiple meet and confer conferences with defense counsel, and coordinated with the other firms involved in this case to create a cohesive leadership group to represent the Class.
  - 11. On June 1, 2012, facing competing motions for lead counsel, this Court

consolidated five related actions in this litigation and appointed Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP;
Lieff, Cabraser, Heimmann & Bernstein LLP; Phillips, Erlewine & Given LLP; Hausfeld LLP;
and Kiesel Law LLP as Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel (Dkt. No. 48). The Court appointed PSW
partner Bruce L. Simon as chairman of the leadership group. <i>Id</i> .

- 12. The firms comprising Lead Counsel and their supporting law firms (collectively, "Class Counsel") have significant combined experience in class action and music and entertainment litigation, and their expertise helped inform the settlement negotiations in this case. It was particularly important in forming the group of attorneys to represent the Class to include attorneys who are familiar with the music industry and have experience litigating similar class action lawsuits. I believe it was the skill and reputation of Class Counsel that facilitated an early settlement dialogue with counsel for WMG. This dialogue served as the catalyst for the multiple mediations that resulted in the extraordinary Settlement, which provides relief for past damages and prospective relief in the form of increased royalty rates for Class Members in perpetuity. The Settlement avoided protracted motion practice, discovery, and the risks of litigation.
- 13. I and other counsel for the parties in this case first participated in a face-to-face meeting at defense counsel's office on October 10, 2012. That meeting subsequently led to the parties retaining the Honorable Daniel Weinstein (Ret.) as a third party neutral and, over a period of many months, holding three mediation sessions and multiple smaller sessions. Those meetings, and many other meetings, telephone calls, and correspondence (with and without the presence of Judge Weinstein) ultimately resulted in the Settlement Agreement now before the Court.
- 14. I understand that the other firms composing Lead Counsel and the supporting law firms of Johnson & Johnson LLP, the Law Offices of Elliot Cahn, and the Law Offices of Leonard B. Simon will also be submitting time and expenses in this case on behalf of the work that their respective law firms performed. All time and expenses submitted on behalf of PSW are separate and non-duplicative of any time and expenses submitted by the other law firms.
- 15. PSW played a prominent role in this case. The majority of PSW's attorneys' time was spent on the following tasks:

Agreement was finalized and executed in December 2013, I and the attorneys at my firm

participated in extensive, hard-fought negotiations with defense counsel. The attorneys at PSW

spent many hours participating in meetings, telephone conversations, and correspondence with

Members and fair to WMG. I attended three mediation sessions, multiple smaller sessions, and

negotiations did not end at the broad terms of relief. Virtually every term of the Settlement was

defense counsel trying to craft a settlement that was simultaneously beneficial to the Class

numerous informal telephonic and personal meetings with defense counsel. Notably, the

**Settlement Related Activities:** From October 2012 until the Settlement

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b. Even after executing the Settlement in December 2013, PSW attorneys continued to work diligently on behalf of the Class. PSW retained Rust Consulting as Settlement Administrator; helped create a comprehensive notice plan that would reach as many Class Members as possible; met and conferred with defense counsel regarding their royalty systems in an effort to facilitate direct notice to Class Members through their royalty accounts; supervised the distribution of notice; and identified and dealt with any issues or questions relating to the notice

and claims process. In total, PSW spent 520.60 hours working on settlement related activities.

- c. <u>Pleadings/Motions</u>: PSW helped draft, review, and finalize Plaintiffs' initial complaint (Dkt. No. 1), Plaintiffs' Motion for Appointment of Interim Co-Lead Counsel (Dkt. No. 17), Plaintiffs' draft Opposition to WMG's Motion to Dismiss the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Causes of Action (unfiled), Plaintiffs' first and second amended consolidated complaints (Dkt. Nos. 56 and 95, respectively), and Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval (Dkt. No. 96). In total, PSW spent 404.30 hours working on pleadings, motions, and supporting documents in this case.
- d. Attorney Meeting/Strategy: PSW was instrumental in engaging and facilitating meetings of counsel to discuss litigation, management, and settlement strategy. In the early stages of the case, PSW worked tirelessly to build a consensus on a structured leadership group of five firms to represent the Class. Also throughout the early stages of the case, PSW served as the point-firm in meet and confer and litigation communications with defense counsel.

Once settlement negotiations began in earnest, PSW took the lead in discussions with defense counsel and coordinated with the other firms regarding those discussions. In total, PSW spent 99.30 hours working on attorney meeting and strategy.

e. <u>Case Management</u>: PSW managed Class Counsel to ensure the case was handled efficiently and no duplicative work was performed. PSW handled the case management duties in this case, including preparing for case management and status conferences with the Court, coordinating efforts among Class Counsel to move the case toward resolution, and making sure that deadlines and tasks were handled in an efficient and economical manner. In total, PSW spent 58.20 hours working on case management.

f. <u>Client Meeting</u>: I and the attorneys at PSW prepared for and participated in multiple meetings with the class representatives and their professional representatives. This included in-person meetings and travel/attendance by me personally at an all-day meeting with several of the class representatives and defense counsel in Arizona. Client meetings featured discussions relating to the progress of the case, the status of settlement negotiations, and the impact of the proposed settlement Plaintiffs' and other Class Members' rights. In total, PSW spent 33.80 hours working on client meeting.

16. Below is a comprehensive breakdown of the number of hours and attorneys' fees expended by PSW on various tasks in this case:

Category	Hours	Lodestar	
Attorney Meeting / Strategy	99.30	\$66,887.50	
Case Management	58.20	\$38,561.00	
Court Appearances	13.10	\$9,366.50	
Discovery	2.10	\$1,603.50	
Document Review	3.70	\$2,645.50	
Experts - Work or Consult	8.60	\$6,473.00	
Client Meeting	33.80	\$24,031.00	

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Research	13.70	\$9,659.50
Pleadings / Motions	404.30	\$220,471.50
Settlement	520.60	\$367,960.00
Total	1,157.40	\$747,659.00

17. While no formal discovery was served in this action, significant information was exchanged as part of the mediation process. For example, Class Counsel requested and reviewed internal WMG documentation in order to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of Plaintiffs' claims and determine the fairness of the Settlement amount. In addition, the Settlement Agreement allowed Class Counsel to engage in confirmatory discovery to verify the information provided by WMG throughout the mediation process. To that end, Class Counsel has engaged a forensic accounting firm, Prager Metis CPAs, LLC, to assist in confirmatory discovery.

- 18. In creating a Fund of up to \$11,500,000 available to Class Members, the parties agree that the Settlement in this case is worth at least \$11,500,000. I believe that the value of the prospective relief, in the form of increased royalty payments to Settlement Class Members *in perpetuity*, is the most important and substantial aspect of the Settlement. The prospective relief makes the Settlement worth potentially much more than \$11,500,000, as the Class Members and their heirs will benefit from the increased royalty rates for as long as their music is being purchased.
- 19. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the Amended Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement in *Shropshire v. Sony Music Entm't*, No. 06-cv-3252-GBD (S.D.N.Y.). Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of the Amended Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement in *Youngbloods v. BMG Music*, No. 07-cv-2394-GBD (S.D.N.Y.). Collectively, these cases will be referred to herein as the "Sony digital downloads" litigation.
- 20. The Settlement in this case even more outstanding when compared to the settlement in the Sony digital downloads litigation. That settlement created a fund of \$7.95 million, less attorneys' fees of \$2.65 million for a net sum of \$5 million. With respect to prospective relief, artists with at least 28,500 total U.S. downloads on iTunes received a 3%

increase in their applicable royalty rate, with no floor or cap. Artists with under 28,500 total U.S. downloads on iTunes must have had at least \$18,000 in royalty earnings within two consecutive royalty accounting periods *and* notified Sony in writing of their right to prospective relief. The settlement provided no prospective relief for foreign sales.

21. By contrast, the Settlement here created a Fund of \$11.5 million, which even after subtracting Plaintiffs' proposed fee award and all other administrative and legal costs, has a net value of approximately \$8 million. This is significant given that WMG's share of the digital music market in 2013 was 17.1%, while Sony's share was 22.3%. The prospective relief in the Settlement has no restrictions based on the number of downloads and provides a 5% increase in Class Members' U.S. sales royalty rate, with a floor of 10% and a cap of 14%, and a 2.5% increase (based on a formula) in Class Members' foreign sales royalty rate, subject to the 14% cap.

#### II. PSW'S LODESTAR FOR WORK PERFORMED IN THIS LITIGATION

- 22. A true and correct summary of the total hours billed on this case and the hourly rates for PSW's employees through present is attached in a Summary Report as Exhibit D. The report indicates a total lodestar of \$747,659.00, reflecting a total of 1,157.40 hours. This summary was prepared from contemporaneous time records reflecting the historical rates of PSW attorneys and paralegals. These rates are the same rates charged by PSW to hourly clients in this district and elsewhere. All work reported by attorneys and paralegals on behalf of the Class Members in this case was performed on a wholly contingent basis.
- 23. Based on current hourly rates, PSW's total lodestar is \$790,541.00. Combined, Class Counsel's total lodestar, based on historical hourly rates, is \$1,767,712.50. Based on current hourly rates, Class Counsel's total lodestar is \$1,835,206.00. Class Counsel's requested fees in this case represent a modest multiplier on their lodestar of 1.567 based on their current hourly rates, and 1.626 based on their historical hourly rates.

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See http://musicandcopyright.wordpress.com/2014/05/06/umg-and-wmg-see-gains-in-recorded-

- 25. I anticipate that PSW will incur additional attorneys' fees in this matter by conducting ongoing confirmatory discovery and working with experts related to that discovery; drafting and revising Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval; responding to Class Member objections (if any); continuing to supervise the claims process; and preparing for and attending the Fairness Hearing on October 2, 2014.
- 26. The hourly rates charged by PSW in this case are the standard hourly fees charged by our attorneys and paralegals. These hourly rates have been approved by courts presiding over actions brought by PSW, including cases reflected in the firm resume. Of particular note are two decisions, *TFT-LCD* and *Potash*, approving the hourly rates for the work performed by PSW attorneys.
- 27. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the Amended Order Granting Direct Purchaser Class Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Incentive Awards in *TFT-LCD*. The Court in *TFT-LCD* approved the application of PSW for a 30% fee award representing over \$120 million in attorneys' fees and approved the hourly rates of attorneys Clifford H. Pearson, Bruce L. Simon, Daniel L. Warshaw, Bobby Pouya, William J. Newsom, and Alexander R. Safyan. These hourly rates were set forth and attached to the Declaration of PSW partner Bruce L. Simon, a true and correct copy of which is attached in relevant part hereto as Exhibit F.<sup>2</sup>

at an hourly rate of \$175 per hour.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Unrelated exhibits have been removed from the Declaration of Bruce L. Simon.

- 28. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of the Amended Order Granting Direct Purchaser Class Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Class Representative Incentive Awards in *Potash*. The Court in *Potash* approved the application of PSW for over \$30 million in attorneys' fees and approved the hourly rates of attorneys Clifford H. Pearson, Bruce L. Simon, Daniel L. Warshaw, Bobby Pouya, William J. Newsom, and Alexander R. Safyan. These hourly rates were set forth and attached to the Declaration of PSW partner Bruce L. Simon, a true and correct copy of which is attached in relevant part hereto as Exhibit H.
- 29. Based on my experience and practice, I believe the hourly rates charged by PSW are consistent with the rates charged in the San Francisco legal community for attorneys of similar caliber and experience.

#### III. THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY PSW

- 30. A true and correct summary of the expenses incurred by PSW during the course of this litigation is attached in a Summary Report as Exhibit I. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of my firm. The expense summary was prepared based on expense vouchers, check records, and other documents and are an accurate record of the firm's out of pocket expenses.
- 31. The expense summary indicates a total of \$40,960.60 in expenses incurred by PSW to date in connection with the prosecution of this litigation. I believe these expenses were reasonable and necessary given the complex nature and nationwide scope of the case. Class Counsel are currently incurring additional expert costs relating to confirmatory discovery. I will submit a supplemental declaration in advance of the hearing on Plaintiffs' motion indicating the final accounting of costs.
- 32. PSW established a litigation fund for this matter. As indicated in Lead Counsel's declarations filed concurrently herewith, \$25,000 was contributed to the litigation fund. The litigation fund was used to make \$4,826.25 in payments to JAMS for mediation services; \$10,000 to Prager Metis CPAs, LLC for expert fees; and \$165.72 for banking fees associated with establishing the litigation fund account. The account currently has a balance of \$10,008.03. I

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anticipate that the account will have a zero balance before the October 2, 2014 hearing due to expert fees relating to confirmatory discovery. I will provide the Court with a supplemental declaration updating the accounting in advance of the hearing.

#### IV. THE INCENTIVE AWARDS SOUGHT BY PLAINTIFFS

33. Plaintiffs in this litigation request an incentive award of \$10,000 each for current class representatives, Kathy Sledge Lightfoot, Gary Wright, and Ronee Blakley, and former class representatives, Debra Sledge, Joan Sledge, and Kim Sledge Allen. I believe an incentive award of \$10,000 each for the current and former class representatives is reasonable. These awards are especially justified in this case by the time and effort the class representatives dedicated to the Class and the reputational risks they faced in associating their names with a well-publicized class action lawsuit against a major record company. More than a typical class representative, the class representatives here faced significant risks in pursuing a class action lawsuit against a major music label like WMG. Moreover, the class representatives were actively engaged in the litigation, commented on and participated in the settlement process, and were advocates for the Class Members throughout the process.

### V. <u>CLASS MEMBERS' REACTION TO THE SETTLEMENT AND CURRENT CLAIM STATISTICS</u>

34. PSW has received periodic status reports of the claims and settlement statistics from the Settlement Administrator throughout the claims period. Although the claims period will not be completed until May 31, 2014, the reaction to the Settlement Agreement has been exceedingly positive. As of May 14, 2014 (with more than two weeks left in the claims period), the Settlement Administrator had received 749 Claim Forms, 9 opt-out requests, and 0 objections.

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1	35. Based on my professional experience, and taking into consideration the risks of				
2	continued litigation as compared to the relief granted by the Settlement, I believe that the				
3	Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Class.				
4	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California and the United States of				
5	America that the foregoing is true and correct.				
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## EXHIBIT D

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May 15, 2014

Re: IN RE: WARNER MUSIC GROUP CORP. DIGITAL DOWNLOADS

LITIGATION

Case No.: C12-00559 RS

#### Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP Lodestar By Category Using Historic Rates

<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Total</u>
Attorney Meeting /		
Strategy	99.3	\$66,887.50
Case Management	58.2	\$38,561.00
Court Appearance	13.1	\$9,366.50
Discovery	2.1	\$1,603.50
Document Review	3.7	\$2,645.50
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Client Meeting	33.8	\$24,031.00
Research	13.7	\$9,659.50
Pleadings / Motions	404.3	\$220,471.50
Settlement	520.6	\$367,960.00
TOTAL	1157.4	\$747,659.00

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#### Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP Lodestar Using Historical Rates

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Clifford H. Pearson	Senior Partner	100.2	\$835.00	\$83,667.00
Daniel L. Warshaw	Senior Partner	633	\$715.00	\$452,595.00
Daniel L. Warshaw	Senior Partner	64.3	\$775.00	\$49,832.50
Bruce L. Simon	Senior Partner	52.2	\$835.00	\$43,587.00
Bruce L. Simon	Senior Partner	2.5	\$895.00	\$2,237.50
Bobby Pouya	Associate	13.2	\$475.00	\$6,270.00
William J. Newsom	Associate	73.9	\$375.00	\$27,712.50
Alexander R. Safyan	Associate	177	\$375.00	\$66,375.00
Alexander R. Safyan	Associate	39	\$385.00	\$15,015.00
Ellowene Grant	Paralegal	2.1	\$175.00	\$367.50
TOTAL (Historical)		1157.4		\$747,659.00

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Case No.: C12-00559 RS

#### Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP Lodestar Using Current Rates

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Title</u>	<b>Hours</b>	Rate	<u>Total</u>
Clifford H. Pearson	Senior Partner	100.2	\$835.00	\$83,667.00
Daniel L. Warshaw	Senior Partner	697.3	\$775.00	\$540,407.50
Bruce L. Simon	Senior Partner	54.7	\$895.00	\$48,956.50
Bobby Pouya	Associate	13.2	\$475.00	\$6,270.00
William J. Newsom	Associate	73.9	\$375.00	\$27,712.50
Alexander R. Safyan	Associate	216	\$385.00	\$83,160.00
Ellowene Grant	Paralegal	2.1	\$175.00	\$367.50
TOTAL (Current)		1157.4		\$790,541.00

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#### Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP Litigation Expenses

Assessment to Litigation Fund	\$	1,000.00
Conference Call Charges	\$	1.35
Court Call Fee	\$	30.00
Delivery services/messengers	\$	983.87
Meals	\$	910.67
Mediation Fees	\$3	32,529.25
Online research	\$	635.65
Photocopy Charges	\$	617.50
Postage	\$	6.83
Travel	\$	4,245.48

TOTAL EXPENSES \$40,960.60

## EXHIBIT 7

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9	COUNTY OF LOS ANGEL	ES, CENTRAL CIVIL WEST
10	COLIN HIGGINS PRODUCTIONS, LTD.,	CASE NO. BC499180 (related to BC499179, BC499181, BC499182, BC500040, and
11	Plaintiff,	BC540146)
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proposed Settlement Agreement; Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Incentive

counsel; and good cause appearing, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

the Settlement Agreement, as modified herein.

Awards; the points and authorities and declarations in support thereof as well as the arguments of

This matter came on for review on December 11, 2015. The Court, having considered the

The Court, for purposes of this Order, adopts the terms and definitions set forth in

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The Court finds that Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP, Johnson & Johnson LLP, Kiesel Law LLP and Boucher LLP's ("Class Counsel") lodestar, based on their historical hourly rates, is \$1,278,122.03. The Court finds that this amount is reasonable based upon the amount of

Counsel's skill and effort in dealing with the complex issues presented by this case; and the substantial benefit obtained for the Class, the Court finds that Class Counsel is entitled to a

work performed by Class Counsel. In light of the novelty and difficulty of this action; Class

lodestar multiplier of 3.39 for an award of attorneys' fees in this case of \$4,333,333.33.

The Court also finds that Class Counsel have incurred \$19,893.20 in litigation costs 3. in connection with this litigation. These costs were reasonably incurred in the ordinary course of prosecuting this case and necessary given the complex nature and scope of the case. The Court finds that Class Counsel are entitled to be reimbursed for these costs.

The Court further approves an incentive award of \$10,000.00 to each of the class 4. representatives, Colin Higgins Productions, Ltd., Indigo, Inc. and Lynn Unger Children's Trust (collectively, "Plaintiffs"). These incentive awards are justified by: (1) the risks Plaintiffs faced in bringing this lawsuit, financial and otherwise; (2) the amount of time and effort spent on this case by Plaintiffs; and (3) the benefits Plaintiffs helped obtain for the Class Members under the Settlement Agreement.

1	5. The attorneys' fees, costs and incentive awards set forth in this Order shall be paid
2	and distributed in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
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COLIN HIGGINS PRODUCTIONS, LTD. V. UNIVERSAL CITY STUDIOS, LLC.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. My business address is 15165 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 400, Sherman Oaks, California 91403. I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to the within action;

On December 16, 2015, I served the following document(s) entitled [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND INCENTIVE AWARDS on ALL INTERESTED PARTIES in this action by the method(s) described below:

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL VIA CASE ANYWHERE: In accordance with the Court's ruling governing Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC499179 and related actions requiring all documents to be served upon interested parties via Case Anywhere Service system. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 16, 2015, at Sherman Oaks, California.

Mul S-bell Melissa S. Williams

## EXHIBIT 8

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11	Plaintiff,	BC540146)
12	VS.	CLASS ACTION
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14 15 16	Defendant.	PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND INCENTIVE AWARDS
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#### I, Daniel L. Warshaw, hereby declare:

- I am an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner in the firm of Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP ("PSW"), one of the law firms representing Plaintiffs Colin Higgins Productions, Ltd. ("CHP"), Indigo, Inc. ("Indigo") and Lynn Unger Children's Trust ("LUCT") (collectively, "Plaintiffs") and the Class in this action.
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of the Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Incentive Awards. I am personally familiar with the facts set forth in this declaration. If called as a witness I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein.
- 3. I believe that the Settlement in this case adequately addresses and remedies the claims of Class Members arising from Universal City Studios, LLC's ("Universal") home video accounting practices, and is fair, reasonable and adequate. This Settlement would not have been possible without the substantial efforts of Plaintiffs and Class Counsel (identified below), and therefore justifies the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees, litigation costs and incentive awards.
- 4. This was a novel and complex class action lawsuit that attacked the method by which Universal accounted for and paid home video profit participation on numerous motion pictures to Plaintiffs and Class Members. The lawsuit against Universal was filed concurrently with similar class action lawsuits against other major motion picture studios that have been related and are currently pending before this Court. Recognizing the challenging issues and contingent risks involved in this litigation, PSW associated with co-counsel from Johnson & Johnson LLP, Kiesel Law LLP and Boucher LLP (together with PSW, "Class Counsel") all of whom have experience in entertainment, complex and class action litigation. Johnson & Johnson LLP, in particular, is an entertainment-focused law firm, with substantial experience in representing clients with disputes relating to profit participation.
- 5. The law firms comprising Class Counsel essentially functioned as an executive committee that managed the litigation and assigned specific tasks to the appropriate responsible attorneys. Class Counsel took steps to avoid the duplication of labor, including limiting attorney

1	assignments, appeara	ances and other tasks to only those necessary. A partner from each Class		
2	Counsel firm was responsible for managing the attorney work in this case to ensure there was no			
3	duplicative work and that maximum efficiency was achieved. This meant that where appropriate			
4	only one attorney among the four firms had primary responsibilities relating to specific projects.			
5	Based on these protocols, which were implemented by Class Counsel throughout the litigation, I			
6	believe that the hours and work performed by PSW in this litigation were reasonable and			
7	necessary.			
8	A. The V	<b>Work Performed by PSW in This Litigation</b>		
9	6. Durin	g the course of this litigation, PSW participated in each facet of the case,		
10	including:			
11	a.	Pre-litigation investigation, research, interviews and preparation for the		
12	lawsuit;			
13	b.	Drafting the relevant pleadings, including Plaintiffs' initial, First Amended		
14	and Second Amended	d Complaints, and Plaintiffs' oppositions to Universal's demurrer and motion		
15	to strike;			
16	c.	Handling hearings, including on Universal's demurrer and motion to strike,		
17	status conferences and preliminary approval of the Settlement;			
18	d.	Conducting discovery, including drafting Plaintiffs' discovery to Universal		
19	preparing for and defending Plaintiffs' depositions and reviewing documents produced by			
20	Universal;			
21	e.	Settlement related activities, including taking the primary responsibility in		
22	settlement discussion	as and participating in mediation sessions, drafting the Settlement Agreement		
23	drafting the class not	ice documents and responding to Class Member inquiries;		
24	f.	Drafting Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Settlement and		
25	Motion for Attorneys	s' Fees, Costs and Incentive Awards; and		
26	g.	Case management and litigation strategy, including the distribution of		
27	assignments and development of a litigation plan.			

7. Since Universal does not openly disclose its accounting methodologies, the prelitigation phase of this lawsuit required a significant amount of investigation and analysis.

Additional pre-litigation investigation and analysis focused on determining the common issues that made this case suitable for class adjudication.

- 8. PSW and its co-counsel drafted the original complaint against Universal on behalf of Plaintiff CHP, which was filed on January 16, 2013. Universal challenged the complaint by filing a demurrer and motion to strike. PSW worked with its co-counsel to oppose these motions and prepare for the hearing on June 24, 2013. The Court overruled Universal's demurrer and denied its motion to strike, both in their entirety. PSW then assisted with the filing of Plaintiffs' subsequent complaints by reviewing and revising Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, filed on December 17, 2013, and the operative Second Amended Complaint, filed on June 4, 2014.
- 9. PSW drafted Plaintiffs' discovery to Universal, including Special Interrogatories, Requests for Admissions and Requests for Production of Documents. Universal objected to these requests and sought to limit the production of class discovery. PSW participated in the necessary meet and confer efforts and motion practice to obtain this discovery, then reviewed and analyzed Universal's responses and documents once they were produced.
- 10. Universal's production included more than 9,000 pages of documents encompassing all contracts, profit participation statements and correspondence relating to the named Plaintiffs' films and documents relating to a random sample of other films in the Class. PSW participated in the negotiation of the parameters of Universal's production relating to the random sample of films in the Class, attempting to ensure that the production was fairly representative of all of the films in the Class.
- 11. PSW prepared for and defended class representative depositions of the President and Chief Executive Officer of Plaintiff Indigo, Jennifer Lee Pryor, and the Co-Trustee of Plaintiff LUCT, James L. Caskey.
- 12. On June 6, 2014, Universal filed a motion for summary adjudication as to Plaintiffs' conversion cause of action. PSW sought discovery including depositions and written

discovery in support of the opposition to Universal's motion, and worked on the motion to compel the discovery when Universal resisted producing it. Universal withdrew its motion for summary adjudication on August 27, 2014, after the Court held that Plaintiffs could depose Universal's employees in support of their opposition to Universal's motion.

- 13. PSW participated in the initial settlement discussions with Universal, which resulted in a face-to-face meeting at PSW's office on October 20, 2014. During this meeting, the parties exchanged information regarding their respective claims and defenses. The parties did not exchange settlement proposals or discuss settlement figures during this initial conference.
- 14. After the first meeting, the parties retained the Hon. Louis M. Meisinger (Ret.) of ADR Services to serve as a mediator. PSW prepared for and participated in the parties' all-day mediation with Judge Meisinger on November 21, 2014. The parties could not reach a settlement during this initial session, but agreed to continue their settlement negotiations. In the months following the initial session, PSW participated in multiple smaller sessions, meetings and correspondence both with and without Judge Meisinger. These negotiations involved all aspects of the settlement, and were conducted by PSW and its co-counsel at all times with the interests of the Class Members in mind.
- 15. Once the parties reached an agreement on the settlement terms, PSW worked on drafting the detailed Class Action Settlement Agreement. Given the complex nature of this class action, drafting the Settlement Agreement took significant care and effort. The parties finally executed a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement on April 30, 2015.
- 16. PSW researched and drafted Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Settlement Agreement and supporting documents. PSW also took the lead in handling the hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval.
- 17. At the July 15, 2015 preliminary approval hearing, the Court instructed the parties to make certain changes to the Settlement Agreement and notice documents; set a schedule for implementation of the Settlement; and set a further preliminary approval hearing on August 11, 2015. Plaintiffs submitted a supplemental report to the Court in advance of the August 11, 2015

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<sup>1</sup> PSW's contemporaneous time records are being lodged with the Court.

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**Hours** 

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23. The hourly rates charged by PSW in this case are the standard hourly rates charged by our attorneys and paralegals. These hourly rates have been approved by courts presiding over actions brought by PSW, including cases reflected in the firm resume (referenced below). Of particular note are two decisions, *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.) and *In re Potash Antitrust Litigation (II)*, MDL No. 1996 (N.D. Ill.), approving the hourly rates for the work performed by PSW attorneys. A description of these and other cases can be found in PSW's firm resume and in more detail below.

Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct summary of the expenses incurred by PSW during the course of this litigation. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of my firm. The expense summary was prepared based on expense vouchers, check records and other documents and is an accurate record of the firm's out-of-pocket expenses. The summary report attached as Exhibit C indicates a total of \$3,422.48 in costs incurred directly by PSW. Not included in this total are the shared expenses which were paid from a common litigation fund maintained by all of the firms. Those sums, such as for transcripts, filing fees, service, etc., are reflected in the expense report of Johnson & Johnson, RESTRANTION OF DANIEL LAWARD AND STRANTION OF DANIEL LAWARD AND STRANTIO

complex nature and scope of the case.

#### C. PSW's Experience, Qualifications and Views on the Settlement

25. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of PSW's firm resume, which reflects the experience and accomplishments of the firm and the attorneys working on this case. PSW's firm resume reflects that the attorneys in this case have successfully adjudicated some of the largest and most important class action lawsuits in the United States and have obtained approximately *three billion dollars* in settlements and verdicts in a wide range of complex cases.

LLP. I believe that all of the litigation expenses incurred were reasonable and necessary given the

- 26. For example, PSW currently serves as Co-Lead Counsel in *In re Credit Default Swaps Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2476 (S.D.N.Y.), an antitrust class action alleging an anticompetitive conspiracy by the largest international banks and financial institutions in the world to fix the price of credit default swaps. That case recently resulted in \$1.86 billion in settlements that are pending approval by the trial court, making it one of the largest civil lawsuit settlements in history.
- 27. PSW also served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs in *In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.). In that case, we helped secure a settlement of over \$400 million for the Class and obtained an \$87 million verdict, before trebling, following a five-week trial against the only remaining defendant in the case, Toshiba Corporation and its related entities. The court in that case approved PSW's hourly rates and granted their full request for a 30% fee award, which was higher than the Ninth Circuit's benchmark of 25%.
- 28. PSW attorneys served as class counsel in *James v. UMG Recordings, Inc.*, Case No. 11-cv-01613-SI (N.D. Cal.) and *In re Warner Music Group Corp. Digital Downloads Litigation*, Case No. CV 12-0559-RS (N.D. Cal.) ("*WMG*"), nationwide class actions brought on behalf of recording artists and producers who alleged that they were systematically underpaid royalties by the record companies UMG and Warner Music Group. In groundbreaking class

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action settlements, PSW helped secure both past relief and future relief in perpetuity for eligible class members who receive royalties from the defendant record companies.

- 29. In addition to those listed above, PSW has served as lead or co-lead counsel in some of the most advanced and cutting-edge class actions in the country, including: In re Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2420 (N.D. Cal.); In re Potash Antitrust Litigation (II), MDL No. 1996 (N.D. Ill.); In re Carrier IO Consumer Privacy Litigation, MDL No. 2330 (N.D. Cal.); and Senne v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball et al., Case No. 3:14-cv-00608 (N.D. Cal.).
- 30. Based on my experience and practice, I believe the hourly rates charged by PSW are consistent with the rates charged in the Los Angeles legal community for attorneys of similar caliber and experience.
- 31. Based further on my experience in similar class action litigation, I believe that the proposed settlement in this case is fair, reasonable and adequate and in the bests interests of the Class Members.
- 32. The Settlement here provides \$26 million in total compensation to the Class by creating: (1) a \$13 million Settlement Fund, which will be used to credit the accounts of Recouped Class Members; and (2) a separate \$13 million Accounting Relief Fund, which will be used to credit the accounts of Unrecouped Class Members. Because the Class Members will receive the full benefits of the Settlement (\$13 million in cash and \$13 million in accounting credits), I believe that the value of the Settlement can be accurately monetized at \$26 million.
- 33. The Settlement only calls for a *cy pres* distribution to the Motion Picture & Television Fund of uncashed settlement checks if the amount does not justify the cost of a second distribution. I and my co-counsel have carefully considered the proposed cy pres remedy, and the goal in formulating this proposal was to make a grant to an organization that represents the interests of absent Class Members. Here, those Class Members are individuals who were alleged to not have been paid the amounts of money due to them for their work in the film industry over multiple decades. The proposed cy pres recipient, the Motion Picture & Television Fund, has

requested funds to support and maintain long-term projects that will provide substantial benefits and a variety of services to economically disadvantaged Class Members who worked in the entertainment industry. Neither I nor my firm have any interest or involvement in the governance or work of the Motion Picture & Television Fund.

34. I believe that the requested incentive awards of \$10,000 to each of the class representatives are reasonable and justified by, *inter alia*, the time and effort the class representatives dedicated to this case and the risks they faced in associating their names with a high-profile class action lawsuit against a major movie studio. In the *WMG* class action that alleged the underpayment of royalties to professionals in the music industry, a California federal district court recently approved \$10,000 incentive awards to each of the six current and former class representatives. I served as co-lead counsel in the *WMG* case, and believe that there are significant parallels to this case that warrant these incentive awards to the class representatives. A true and correct copy of the Court's Order approving the incentive awards in *WMG* is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 13, 2015, at Sherman Oaks, California.

Daniel L. Warshaw

# EXHIBIT B

## PEARSON, SIMON & WARSHAW, LLP

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Statement Date: October 12, 2015

Account No.: 5408.00001

Colin Higgins Productions, Ltd. v. Universal City Studios, LLC

Timekeeper	Hours	Rate	Lodestar
Alexander L. Simon - Law Clerk	0.475	\$175.00	\$83.13
Alexander R. Safyan - Associate	31.975	\$375.00	\$11,990.63
Alexander R. Safyan - Associate	12.600	\$385.00	\$4,851.00
Alexander R. Safyan - Associate	70.400	\$475.00	\$33,440.00
Benjamin E. Shiftan - Associate	6.300	\$395.00	\$2,488.50
Bobby Pouya - Associate	65.700	\$475.00	\$31,207.50
Bobby Pouya - Associate	71.300	\$495.00	\$35,293.50
Bobby Pouya - Associate	102.520	\$635.00	\$65,100.20
Clifford H. Pearson - Senior Partner	2.900	\$835.00	\$2,421.50
Clifford H. Pearson - Senior Partner	63.300	\$895.00	\$56,653.50
Clifford H. Pearson - Senior Partner	7.800	\$985.00	\$7,683.00
Daniel L. Warshaw - Senior Partner	40.525	\$715.00	\$28,975.38
Daniel L. Warshaw - Senior Partner	80.020	\$775.00	\$62,015.50
Daniel L. Warshaw - Senior Partner	104.060	\$870.00	\$90,532.20
Ellowene J. Grant - Paralegal	3.700	\$175.00	\$647.50
Ellowene J. Grant - Paralegal	2.300	\$225.00	\$517.50
TOTAL	665.875		\$433,900.53

# EXHIBIT C

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Category	Amount
Photocopies	\$834.30
Telephone Conference Calls	\$16.74
Online Research - Westlaw	\$1,534.81
Delivery Service / Messengers	\$177.13
Postage	\$6.90
Mileage	\$246.46
Travel / Parking	\$134.73
Meals	\$237.64
Hearing Transcripts	\$19.73
Litigation Support Vendors (Case Anywhere / Court House	\$44.80
News)	
Court Fees	\$169.24
TOTAL	\$3,422.48

# EXHIBIT 9

LAW OFFICES

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July 20, 2016

Re: Sciortino v. PepsiCo, Inc.

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Case No.: 3:14-cv-00478-EMC

## **COSTS AND EXPENSES**

Copies	\$430.80
Telephone	\$16.44
Online Research	\$662.12
Delivery Services / Messengers	\$609.54
Postage	\$502.63
Mileage	\$13.56
Travel	\$6,396.55
Meals	\$1,010.23
Court Fees	\$400.00
Hearing Transcripts	\$169.60
Litigation Support Vendor	\$2,250.00
Experts	\$1,500.00
Arbitrators / Mediators	\$7,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$112.55

\$21,374.02

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 13 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 14 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 15 Case No. 14-CV-478-EMC, consolidated for STACY SCIORTINO, et al., pretrial purposes with Case Nos. 14-713, 14-16 1099, 14-1105, 14-1192, 14-1193, 14-1316, Plaintiffs, 14-2023 17 v. [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING 18 FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION PEPSICO, INC., **SETTLEMENT** 19 Defendant. 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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The Court has considered the Class Action Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), dated April 19, 2016, the Parties' motion for an order finally approving the Settlement Agreement, the record in this Action, the arguments and recommendations made by counsel, and the requirements of the law. The Court finds and orders as follows:

### FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. The Settlement Agreement is approved under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement it incorporates appear fair, reasonable, and adequate, and its terms are within the range of reasonableness. The Settlement Agreement was entered into at arm's-length by experienced counsel after extensive negotiations spanning months, including with the assistance of a third-party mediator, the Hon. Ronald M. Sabraw (Ret.). The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is not the result of collusion.

#### II. **DEFINED TERMS**

2. For purposes of this Final Judgment and Order ("Order"), the Court adopts all defined terms as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

#### III. **NO ADMISSIONS**

3. Neither this Order nor the Settlement Agreement constitutes or shall be used as an admission of wrongdoing by any of the Released Persons or to establish a violation of any law or duty, nor shall it constitute an admission that the 4-methylimidazole ("4-MEI") in the Covered Products (or in other foods or beverages) poses any risk to human health or requires any disclosure or warning to consumers.

#### IV. **JURISDICTION**

4. For purposes of the Settlement of the Action, the Court finds it has subject matter and personal jurisdiction over the Parties, including all Settlement Class Members, and venue is proper.

### V. CLASS CERTIFICATION OF RULE 23(B)(2) CLASS FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY

5. The Court finds and concludes that, for the purposes of approving this Settlement only, the proposed Rule 23(b)(2) Settlement Class meets the requirements for certification under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: (a) the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all

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members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law or fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims or defenses of Plaintiff are typical of the claims or defenses of the Settlement Class; (d) Plaintiff and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class because Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to the Settlement Class, and has retained counsel who are experienced and competent to prosecute this matter on behalf of the Settlement Class; and (e) the Defendant has acted on grounds that apply generally to the Settlement Class, so that final injunctive relief is appropriate respecting the Settlement Class as a whole.

- 6. The Settlement Agreement was reached after extensive investigation and motion practice in the Action, and was the result of protracted negotiations conducted by the Parties, over the course of several months, including with the assistance of a mediator, the Hon. Ronald M. Sabraw (Ret.). Plaintiff and Class Counsel maintain that the Action and the claims asserted therein are meritorious and that Plaintiff and the Class would have prevailed at trial. Defendant denies the material factual allegations and legal claims asserted by Plaintiff in this Action, maintains that a class would not be certifiable under any Rule, and that Plaintiff would not prevail at trial. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties have agreed to settle the Action pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, after considering, among other things: (a) the substantial benefits to Plaintiff and the Settlement Class under the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (b) the uncertainty of being able to prevail at trial; (c) the uncertainty relating to Defendant's defenses and the expense of additional motion practice in connection therewith; (d) the issues relating to proving damages on an individual Class Member basis; (e) the attendant risks of litigation, especially in complex actions such as this, as well as the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation; and (f) the desirability of consummating the Settlement promptly in order to provide effective relief to Plaintiff and the Settlement Class.
- 7. The Court accordingly certifies, for settlement purposes only, a Class under Rule 23(b)(2), consisting of all individuals in the United States and all U.S. territories (including, but not limited to, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the other territories and possessions of the United States), who purchased one or more of the Covered Products from January 23, 2010, until the date of the preliminary approval of the settlement of this litigation. Excluded from the Class are: (a) persons or

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entities who purchased the Covered Products for the purpose of resale or distribution; (b) persons who are employees, directors, officers, and agents of Defendant or its parent or subsidiary companies; (c) governmental entities; and (d) any judicial officer hearing this Action, as well as their immediate family members and employees.

8. Additionally, the Court finds that there are inherent risks in certifying a Rule 23(b)(3) damages class and that were Plaintiff to seek certification of a Rule 23(b)(3) damages class, she would face challenges that include, but are not limited to, the difficulties caused by individual variances in the consumption of PepsiCo products, proving a violation of Proposition 65 on a classwide basis, proving economic injury on a class-wide basis, and the absence of any affirmative statements by PepsiCo on the Product labels about 4-MEI during the Class Period.

#### VI. **NOTICE**

9. Because the provision of notice is discretionary for a settlement class certified under Rule 23(b)(2) and because Settlement Class Members are not releasing claims for personal injury, wrongful death, or damages, no notice is required for the Class. See, e.g., Lilly v. Jamba Juice Co., No. 13-cv-02998-JST, 2015 WL 1248027, at \*9 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 18, 2015); Kim v. Space Pencil, Inc., No. 11-cv-03796-LB, 2012 WL 5948951, at \*4 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 28, 2012).

#### VII. **CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASES**

- 10. This Order constitutes a full, final and binding resolution between Plaintiff on behalf of herself and the Settlement Class Members and PepsiCo, and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, joint venturers, directors, officers, employees, and attorneys and each entity to whom they directly or indirectly distribute or sell the Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees (together, "Released Persons") of any claims based on or relating in any way to the alleged presence of, or labeling for, 4-MEI and/or caramel color in any Covered Products that could have been brought prior to the Effective Date. This Release shall be applied to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- 11. Upon the Effective Date and by operation of this Order, Plaintiff will fully, finally, and forever release any and all claims, including personal injury and damages, known and unknown, as well as provide a waiver under California Civil Code Section 1542. Plaintiff is forever enjoined

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27 28 from taking any action seeking injunctive and/or declaratory relief against PepsiCo based on the Released Claims.

- 12. Upon the Effective Date and by operation of this Order, the Settlement Class Members will fully, finally, and forever release any and all claims for injunctive and/or declaratory relief of any kind or character, at law or equity, known or unknown, preliminary or final, under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) or any other federal or state law or rule of procedure, from the beginning of the Class Period until and including the Effective Date, based on or relating in any way to the alleged presence of, or labeling for, 4-MEI and/or caramel color in any Covered Products. Settlement Class Members do not release claims for personal injury, wrongful death, or damages.
- 13. Upon the Effective Date and by operation of this Order, PepsiCo will release, waive, and discharge all legal claims, causes of action, cross-claims, or counter-claims against Plaintiff, the Settlement Class Members, Class Counsel, the attorneys of record in any of the actions consolidated in the Action, arising from or related to the Covered Products and claims at issue in the Action or in any of the actions consolidated into the Action.
- 14. Compliance with the terms of this Order, including the Target Levels, resolves any issue during the Class Period concerning compliance by the Released Persons with any law relating in any way to the alleged presence of, or labeling for, 4-MEI and/or caramel color in any Covered Products. The Settlement Agreement and this Order shall be the exclusive remedy for any and all Released Claims of Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members. Accordingly, Settlement Class Members shall be forever enjoined by this Order from initiating, asserting, or prosecuting against Released Persons in any federal or state court or tribunal any and all Released Claims.

## VIII. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF</u>

15. Specification Levels. On or before May 5, 2016, PepsiCo shall ensure that the specifications it provides to its supplier(s) of caramel coloring require that, in order for any individual shipment to be accepted by PepsiCo for use in the Covered Products shipped for sale in the United States on or after July 5, 2016, the level of 4-MEI in the caramel coloring must fall within a minimum and maximum range such that the midpoint of that range shall be a level of 4-MEI that—taking into account the caramel color content in the formulation of each Individual Covered Product—results in

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a 4-MEI concentration of no more than 81 parts per billion for all Covered Products, measured by the weighted average pursuant to the protocol described below in paragraph 17. PepsiCo shall continue its program of research, development, and implementation of technologies and methods intended to reduce the presence of 4-MEI in the Covered Products shipped for sale in the United States.

- 16. <u>Target Level and Target Date</u>. Specifically, PepsiCo shall ensure that the level of 4-MEI in its Covered Products shipped for sale in the United States on or after the Target Date is no more than the level of 100 parts per billion, measured by the weighted average pursuant to the protocol described below in paragraph 17. PepsiCo shall not be considered to have achieved the Target Level if, as of the Target Date:
  - The weighted average (pursuant to the protocol described in paragraph 17(e)) (a) of the 4-MEI in Group I of the Covered Products exceeds the Target Level; or
  - (b) The weighted average (pursuant to the protocol described in paragraph 17(e)) of the 4-MEI in Group II of the Covered Products exceeds the Target Level; or
  - The average of the 4-MEI concentration in any Individual Covered Product, as (c) determined in accordance with the protocol described in paragraph 17, exceeds the Target Level by more than 15 percent; or
  - (d) The 4-MEI concentration in any single unit of any Individual Covered Product exceeds the Target Level by more than 50 percent.

#### 17. Testing.

(a) Testing for 4-MEI shall be performed using High-Performance Liquid Chromatography coupled with Tandem Mass Spectrometry (HPLC-MS/MS). To compensate for matrix effects, the test method shall use deuterated 4-MEI surrogate, solid phase extraction (SPE) to isolate 4-MEI and the deuterated surrogate from the carbonated soft drink matrix, and standard addition calibration. PepsiCo shall utilize the test methodology described in "Simultaneous Quantitation of 2-Acetyl-4-tetrahydroxybutylimidazole, 2- and 4-Methylimidazoles, and 5-Hydroxymethylfurfural in Beverages by Ultrahigh-Performance Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry" by Jinyuan Wang and William C. Schnute (60 J. Agric. Food Chem. 917-921 (2012)).

- Representative samples of each of the ten units of Individual Covered Products (b) to be tested for purposes of demonstrating compliance with the Target Level shall be taken pursuant to the Sampling Methodology.
- (c) The weighted average for all Covered Products shall be calculated by the following formula: Multiply the unweighted average of the 4-MEI concentration (established by the Sampling Methodology) of all Individual Covered Products within a Group by that Group's fraction of total sales volume (net of returns) for both Groups to be included in the weighted average of the Covered Products, and thereafter sum the two adjusted concentrations for both.
- (d) The weighted average for a Group of Covered Products shall be calculated by the following formula: Multiply the average of the 4-MEI concentration (established by the Sampling Methodology) of each Individual Covered Product within a Group by that Individual Covered Product's fraction of the total sales volume (net of returns) for all Individual Covered Products within the Group, and thereafter sum the adjusted concentrations for each Individual Covered Product.
- (e) The average for an Individual Covered Product shall be calculated by the following formula: Sum the 4-MEI concentration (established by the Sampling Methodology) of each sample of the Individual Covered Product and divide by the number of samples.
- (f) For purposes of determining the concentration in a single unit of any Individual Covered Product, the testing protocol set forth in this paragraph 17 shall be used on one single-size can or bottle in a case containing 24 such units, with the remaining 23 units in such case retained for no less than 60 days following communication of the test result to the opposing Party so that, should a dispute arise concerning the validity of the testing, the opposing Party, on request, may test up to 12 of such units at its own expense.
- For the purposes of computing weighted averages, sales volume for each (g) Group and for total sales volume for the Covered Products shall be based upon the most current 52-week IRI InfoScan data (in dollars, net of returns) for the United States available to PepsiCo as of the date of sampling.

- (h) All specifications, formulations, and test results of 4-MEI concentrations, including sales volumes of any or all of the Covered Products, shall be considered confidential information that is proprietary to PepsiCo and not subject to public disclosure.
- (i) Testing of Covered Products to demonstrate compliance with this Paragraph shall be conducted and/or supervised by either (i) a third party under contract to and paid by PepsiCo, or (ii) PepsiCo itself under a protocol previously agreed upon by the Parties.
- (j) A weighted average of the samples that is at or below the Target Level with a 95% confidence level, i.e., p<0.05, using stratified random sampling, shall be deemed in compliance with the terms of this Order.
- 18. Extension of Target Date. PepsiCo shall endeavor in good faith, using commercially and technologically reasonable efforts to achieve the Target Level in the Covered Products shipped for sale in the United States by the Target Date. However, at least 60 days prior to the Target Date, PepsiCo may initiate a meet and confer session with Class Counsel and Plaintiff regarding a possible extension of the Target Date. Upon timely application to the Court prior to the passing of the Target Date, and for good cause shown based on PepsiCo's diligence and good faith efforts as well as reported progress to date, the Settlement Agreement shall be then modified to extend the Target Date by no more than 2 months.
- 19. <u>Duration of Injunction</u>. Nothing in this Order shall prevent PepsiCo from implementing the changes referenced in paragraphs 15-17 of this Order (or other product changes) prior to the Effective Date. The terms and requirements of the injunctive relief described in paragraphs 15-17 of this Order shall expire on the earliest of the following dates: (a) five (5) years after the Effective Date; or (b) the date upon which there are changes to any state and/or federal statute, regulation, policy, and/or code in the future that would impose other, further, different and/or conflicting obligations or duties on PepsiCo with respect to the Covered Products.
- 20. Additional Changes to Covered Products. This Order shall not preclude PepsiCo from making further changes to the Covered Products: (a) that PepsiCo reasonably believes are necessary to comply with any statute, regulation, or other law of any kind; and/or (b) that are necessitated by

product and/or ingredient changes, and/or that are necessary to ensure that PepsiCo provides accurate descriptions of its products.

21. Verification. Within 60 days following the Target Date, PepsiCo shall provide Class Counsel with a verification that PepsiCo has achieved the Target Level for the Covered Products by the Target Date. During the remaining term of this injunction as provided in Paragraph 19, Class Counsel shall have the right to request two (2) additional verifications that PepsiCo has complied with its obligations to meet the Target Level for the Covered Products.

#### IX. **ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES**

22. The Court's decision regarding the payment of attorneys' fees and expenses to Class Counsel is addressed in a separate order.

### X. AUTHORIZATION TO PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGREEMENT

23. By this Order, the Parties are hereby authorized to implement the terms of the Settlement Agreement. After the date of entry of this Order, the Parties may by written agreement effect such amendments, modifications, or expansions of the Settlement Agreement and its implementing documents (including all exhibits thereto) without further notice to the Settlement Class or approval by the Court if such changes are consistent with terms of this Order and do not materially alter, reduce, or limit the rights of Settlement Class Members under the Settlement Agreement.

#### XI. **RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

24. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over any claim relating to the Settlement Agreement (including all claims for enforcement of the Settlement Agreement and/or all claims arising out of a breach of the Settlement Agreement) as well as any future claims by any Settlement Class Member relating in any way to the Released Claims.

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1		XII.	FINAL JUI	DGMENT A	ND DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE			
2	25. By operation of this Order, this Action is hereby dismissed with prejudice. A separate							
3	judgment shall be entered pursuant to Rule 58 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.							
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6	DATED:			, 2016	The Honorable Edward M. Chen			
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