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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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13 RICK MUSGRAVE, on behalf of himself,
14 and all others similarly situated, and the
general public,

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.
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18 QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC, a
Wisconsin limited liability company;
19 QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING CO.,
INC., a Wisconsin corporation; and DOES
20 1-15, inclusive,

21 Defendants.
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Case No. 3:15-cv-4505

**DEFENDANTS' NOTICE
OF REMOVAL**

23 Complaint Filed: March 24, 2015
24 Trial Date: None Set
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1 **TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE**
2 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:**

3 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, 1446, and
4 1453, Defendants Quincy Bioscience, LLC and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc.
5 (“Defendants”) hereby removes this action from the Superior Court of the State of
6 California for the County of Contra Costa to the United States District Court for the
7 Northern District of California, on the following grounds:

8 **STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND TIMELINESS OF REMOVAL**

9 1. On March 24, 2015, Plaintiff Rick Musgrave (“Plaintiff”) commenced an
10 action against Defendants in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County
11 of Contra Costa, Case Number C15-00532, by filing a Complaint entitled “*RICK*
12 *MUSGRAVE, on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the general public,*
13 *v. QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC, Wisconsin limited liability company; QUINCY*
14 *BIOSCIENCED HOLDING CO., INC., Wisconsin corporation; and DOES 1-15,*
15 *inclusive.*” A true and correct copy of this document is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
16 (See Declaration of Joshua G. Simon, “Simon Decl.”, ¶ 2.)

17 2. In his Complaint, Plaintiff seeks, among other things, to certify a putative
18 class that purports to include “[a]ll purchasers of Prevacen original capsules, Prevacen
19 Chewables, Prevacen Extra Strength, Prevacen Professional, and all
20 iterations/variations of the aforementioned products, for personal or household use and
21 not for resale in California from March 23, 2011 to the opt-Out or Objection Date (the
22 ‘Class Period’).” (Compl. ¶ 44.)

23 3. The Complaint purports to allege causes of action against Defendants for
24 supposed violations of Consumer Legal Remedies Act § 1750 *et seq.* and California
25 Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 and 17500 *et seq.*, based on Defendant’s
26 alleged improper labeling of the Prevacen® products.

27 4. On July 9, 2015, Defendants filed a General Denial and Affirmative
28 Defenses denying the allegations in the Complaint and reserving a number of

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1 affirmative defenses. A true and correct copy of the General Denial is attached hereto
2 as Exhibit 2. (Simon Decl., ¶ 3.)

3 5. On or about September 11, 2015, Defendants received Plaintiff's
4 Responses to Requests for Admission, Set One. (Simon Decl., ¶ 4.) A true and correct
5 copy of this document is attached as Exhibit A to the Simon Declaration. Plaintiff
6 admits that he is not a citizen of the State of Wisconsin and that he was not domiciled in
7 Wisconsin at the time he filed the Complaint in this matter. (See Simon Decl., ¶4,
8 Exhibit A, Responses to Requests for Admission Nos. 1–2.)

9 6. This removal is timely filed as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) as it is
10 brought within 30 days of service of Exhibit A to the Simon Declaration from which it
11 may be ascertained that the case is one which is removable.

12 **SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**

13 7. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332,
14 1441, and 1453. This Court specifically has jurisdiction under the Class Action
15 Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”), codified in part at 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(2) and
16 1453(b), because it is a civil action styled as a class action in which: (1) the number of
17 members of the proposed plaintiff class is not less than one hundred, in the aggregate;
18 (2) the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of
19 interest and costs; and (3) any member of the class of plaintiff is a citizen of a State
20 different from any defendant. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(2) and (d)(5).

21 **PLAINTIFF’S CASE IS STYLED AS A PUTATIVE CLASS ACTION** 22 **WITH A PROPOSED CLASS OF NOT LESS THAN 100 MEMBERS**

23 8. The Court has CAFA jurisdiction because this lawsuit is a putative class
24 action, and the proposed class comprises more than 100 individuals.

25 9. CAFA jurisdiction exists over any “class action” brought under any “State
26 statute or rule of judicial procedure authorizing an action to be brought by one or more
27 representative persons as a class action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(B). This case
28 constitutes a “class action” for purposes of removal because Plaintiff styles his

1 Complaint as a “Class Action,” and the Complaint seeks certification of a class pursuant
2 to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, a state statute that authorizes class actions
3 if the representative plaintiff can prove that the “parties are numerous, and it is
4 impracticable to bring them all before the court” (Compl., ¶¶ 20–34.) Thus, this
5 action qualifies as a class action under CAFA.

6 10. CAFA jurisdiction exists unless “the number of members of all proposed
7 plaintiff classes in the aggregate is less than 100.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(5)(A). CAFA
8 defines class members as “the persons (named or unnamed) who fall within the
9 definition of the proposed or certified class in a class action.” 28 U.S.C.
10 § 1332(d)(1)(D). This requirement is met here because Plaintiff seeks to represent a
11 class defined as “[a]ll purchasers of Prevacen original capsules, Prevacen Chewables,
12 Prevacen Extra Strength, Prevacen Professional, and all iterations/variations of the
13 aforementioned products, for personal or household use and not for resale in California
14 from March 23, 2011 to the opt-Out or Objection Date (the ‘Class Period’).” (Compl. ¶
15 44.) Plaintiff further alleges “the total number of Class members is at least in the tens
16 of thousands” (See Compl., ¶ 29.) Thus, on the face of the pleadings there are
17 more than 100 members in Plaintiff’s proposed class.

18 **THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EXCEEDS \$5 MILLION**

19 11. Under CAFA, “the claims of individual class members shall be aggregated
20 to determine whether the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000,
21 exclusive of interests and costs.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6). In determining the amount in
22 controversy, “a court must assume that the allegations in the complaint are true and
23 assume that a jury will return a verdict for the plaintiff on all claims made in the
24 complaint.” *Fong v. Regis Corp.*, No. C 13-04497 RS, 2014 WL 26996, *2 (N.D. Cal.
25 Jan. 2, 2014).

26 12. Where, as here, the Complaint does not specify the amount in controversy,
27 the Defendants must show “by a preponderance of the evidence, that the amount in
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1 controversy exceeds the statutory amount.” *Lewis v. Verizon Commc’ns, Inc.*, 627 F.3d
2 395, 397 (9th Cir. 2010).

3 13. As discussed above, Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a purported
4 class of consumers consisting of everyone in the State of California who, from four
5 years preceding the filing of this Complaint, purchased Prevacen® products. (*See*
6 Compl., ¶ 20.) Plaintiff also alleges that he seeks injunctive relief, actual damages,
7 restitution, punitive damages; and attorneys’ fees and costs. (Compl. ¶¶ 57, 70, 75,
8 Prayer for Relief.)

9 14. The Declaration of Mark Y. Underwood (the “Underwood Declaration”)
10 concurrently filed herewith, establishes that the amount in controversy exceeds the
11 jurisdictional limit. (*See* Underwood Decl., ¶¶ 6–7); *see also* *Abrego Abrego v. The*
12 *Dow Chem. Co.*, 443 F.3d 676, 690 (9th Cir. 2006) (courts may consider “summary-
13 judgment-type evidence relevant to the amount in controversy at the time of removal”).
14 Thus, although Defendants deny Plaintiff’s allegations of liability, injury, and damages
15 and will oppose certification of the putative class, taking Plaintiff’s allegations to be
16 true, this is a “civil action in which the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value
17 of \$5,000,000.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).

18 MINIMAL DIVERSITY IS MET

19 15. CAFA jurisdiction is met where “any member of a class of plaintiffs is a
20 citizen of a State different from any defendant.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A). That
21 requirement is met here. Defendants are now and have been, before and after the
22 commencement of this action, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of
23 the State of Wisconsin. (*See* Underwood Decl. ¶ 2.) Currently and before and since the
24 commencement of this action, Defendants have had their corporate headquarters and
25 principal place of business in Wisconsin. (*Id.* ¶¶ 3–4.) The Wisconsin headquarters is
26 and has been the place where the majority of Defendants’ corporate books and records
27 are located. (*Id.* at ¶ 3–4; *see generally*, *Hertz v. Friend*, 130 S.Ct. 1181, 1192 (Feb. 23,
28 2010) (“We conclude that ‘principal place of business’ is best read as referring to the

1 place where a corporation’s officers direct, control, and coordinate the corporation’s
2 activities” and, “in practice[,] it should normally be the place where the corporation
3 maintains its headquarters—provided that the headquarters is the actual center of
4 direction, control, and coordination, *i.e.*, the ‘nerve center’”).)

5 16. Defendants, before and after the commencement of this action, have not
6 had their headquarters, executive offices, or executive officers based in California. (*See*
7 *Underwood Decl.* ¶ 5.) Thus, Defendants are not now, and were not at the time of the
8 filing of the Complaint, citizens of California within the meaning of the Acts of
9 Congress relating to the removal of claims. Defendants are now and have been citizens
10 of Wisconsin for diversity purposes ever since this action commenced. 28 U.S.C. §
11 1332(c)(1).

12 17. Plaintiff’s admission that he was not domiciled in Wisconsin at the time he
13 brought this action establishes that he was not a citizen of Wisconsin for diversity
14 purposes. (*See Simon Decl.*, ¶ 4, Exhibit A); *see also Grupo Dataflux v. Atlas Global*
15 *Group, LP*, 541 U.S. 567, 570 (“It has long been the case that the jurisdiction of the
16 court depends upon the state of things at the time of the action brought.”); *see also*
17 *Kanter v. Warner-Lambert Co.*, 265 F.3d 853, 857 (9th Cir.2001) (“The natural
18 person’s state citizenship is then determined by her state of domicile, not her state of
19 residence.”) Thus, at least some members of the putative class, namely Plaintiff, are a
20 citizen of a State (California) different than Defendants (Wisconsin).

21 18. The inclusion of “Doe” defendants in Plaintiff’s Complaint have no effect
22 on the ability to remove pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1441(a).

23 **EXCEPTIONS TO REMOVAL DO NOT APPLY**

24 19. This action does not fall within any exclusions to removal jurisdiction
25 recognized by 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(3), (4), and (9) or 28 U.S.C. § 1453(d). Under
26 § 1332(d)(3), a court may decline to exercise jurisdiction over a class action where
27 “greater than one-third but less than two-thirds of the members of all proposed plaintiff
28 classes in the aggregate and the primary defendants are citizens of the State in which the

1 action was originally filed” Here, because Defendants are Wisconsin
 2 organizations with their principle place of business in Wisconsin, this exclusion does
 3 not apply.

4 20. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(4)(A) requires a district court to decline jurisdiction
 5 where, among other things, “greater than two-thirds of the members of all proposed
 6 plaintiff classes in the aggregate are citizens of the State in which the action was
 7 originally filed . . . and at least one defendant is a defendant . . . who is a citizen of the State
 8 in which the action was originally filed” Similarly, § 1332(d)(4)(B) requires a
 9 district court to decline jurisdiction where “two-thirds or more of the members of all
 10 proposed classes in the aggregate, and the primary defendants, are citizens of the state
 11 in which the action was originally filed.” Here, Defendants are not citizens of
 12 California, and therefore neither of these exceptions applies.

13 21. In addition, this action does not fall within any of the other categorical
 14 exceptions under CAFA. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(9)(A), (B), and (C) (making
 15 exception for an action (1) “concerning a covered security;” (2) “that relates to the
 16 internal affairs or governance of a corporation or other form of business enterprise;”
 17 (3) “that relates to the rights, duties (including fiduciary duties), and obligations related
 18 to or created by or pursuant to any security”).

19 **ALL PROCEDURAL REQUISITES ARE SATISFIED**

20 22. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) allows civil actions brought in state court to be
 21 removed to the district court “embracing the place where such action is pending.” The
 22 Complaint was filed and currently is pending in the California Superior Court for the
 23 County of Los Angeles. This District is the proper venue for this action upon removal
 24 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because it is the District that embraces the county
 25 where the state court action was pending.

26 23. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all relevant process, pleadings,
 27 and orders are attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2. (Simon Decl., ¶¶ 1–2.)

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24. Defendants will promptly serve a notice of filing of removal, with a copy of the notice of removal annexed thereto, on Plaintiff's attorneys and will file such notice with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

CONCLUSION

25. For the foregoing reasons, Defendants hereby remove this case from the California Superior Court for the County of Contra Costa to this Federal District Court.

Dated: September 30, 2015

CALL & JENSEN
A Professional Corporation
Matthew R. Orr
Joshua G. Simon

By: /s/ Joshua G. Simon
Joshua G. Simon

Attorneys for Defendants Quincy Bioscience, LLC and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc.

DEMAND FOR JURY

Defendants Quincy Bioscience, LLC and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc. hereby demand a jury pursuant to FRCP 38(b) on all issues subject to a jury trial raised in the Complaint of Plaintiff.

Dated: September 30, 2015

CALL & JENSEN
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By: /s/ Joshua G. Simon
Joshua G. Simon

Attorneys for Defendants Quincy Bioscience, LLC and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc.



Exhibit 1

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**SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

(AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Wisconsin limited liability company
QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC; **QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING**
CO., INC.; and DOES 1-15, inclusive, Wisconsin Corporation

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

RICK MUSGRAVE, on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated,
and the general public

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STEPHEN H. NASH
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, CA

BY: _____
DEPUTY CLERK

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Wakefield Taylor Courthouse
725 Court Street, Martinez, CA, 94553

CASE NUMBER
(Número de Caso): **15-00532**

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Ronald A. Marron, 651 Arroyo Drive, San Diego, CA, 92103, (619) 696-9006

DATE: 3/23/15
(Fecha) **MAR 24 2015** Clerk, by **C. AGUILAR-JACALA**, Deputy
(Secretario) **(Adjunto)**

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)
(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).



NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

- as an individual defendant.
- as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
- on behalf of (specify):
under: CCP 416.10 (corporation) CCP 416.60 (minor)
 CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
 CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
 other (specify):
- by personal delivery on (date):

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| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Ronald A. Marron SBN: 175630 LAW OFFICES OF RONALD A. MARRON 651 Arroyo Drive San Diego, CA 92103 TELEPHONE NO: 619-696-9006 FAX NO: 619-364-6665 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Rick Musgrave | FOR COURT USE ONLY <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; opacity: 0.5;">FILED</div> 2015 MAR 24 A 11:50 STEPHEN H. NASH CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, CA BY: _____ CASE NUMBER: C 15 - 00388 JUDGE: _____ DEPT: _____ |
| SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Contra Costa STREET ADDRESS: 725 Court Street MAILING ADDRESS: 725 Court Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Martinez, 94553 BRANCH NAME: Wakefield Taylor Courthouse | |
| CASE NAME: Rick Musgrave v. Quincy Bioscience, LLC, et al. | |
| CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less) | Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402) |

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

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| Auto Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) Other P/DP/DWD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input type="checkbox"/> Other P/DP/DWD (23) Non-P/DP/DWD (Other) Tort <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-P/DP/DWD tort (35) Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (38) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15) | Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39) | Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43) |
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2. This case is is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision |
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. monetary b. nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): **Three**
5. This case is is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: **3/23/2015**
Ronald A. Marron

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

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| Auto Tort | Contract | Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403) |
| Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death | Breach of Contract/Warranty (06) | Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) |
| Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto) | Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) | Construction Defect (10) |
| Other P/DP/DWD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort | Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence) | Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) |
| Asbestos (04) | Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty | Securities Litigation (28) |
| Asbestos Property Damage | Other Breach of Contract/Warranty | Environmental/Toxic Tort (30) |
| Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death | Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09) | Insurance Coverage Claims (existing from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41) |
| Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24) | Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff | Enforcement of Judgment |
| Medical Malpractice (45) | Other Promissory Note/Collections Case | Enforcement of Judgment (20) |
| Medical Malpractice—Physicians & Surgeons | Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18) | Abstract of Judgment (Out of County) |
| Other Professional Health Care Malpractice | Auto Subrogation | Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) |
| Other P/DP/DWD (23) | Other Coverage | Sister State Judgment |
| Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) | Other Contract (37) | Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) |
| Intentional Bodily Injury/DP/DWD (e.g., assault, vandalism) | Contractual Fraud | Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes |
| Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress | Other Contract Dispute | Other Enforcement of Judgment Case |
| Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress | Real Property | Miscellaneous Civil Complaint |
| Other P/DP/DWD | Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14) | RICO (27) |
| Non-P/DP/DWD (Other) Tort | Wrongful Eviction (33) | Other Complaint (not specified above) (42) |
| Business Tort/Unfair Business Practices (07) | Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) | Declaratory Relief Only |
| Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08) | Writ of Possession of Real Property | Injunctive Relief Only (non-harassment) |
| Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13) | Mortgage Foreclosure | Mechanics Lien |
| Fraud (16) | Quiet Title | Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) |
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| Professional Negligence (25) | Unlawful Detainer | Miscellaneous Civil Petition |
| Legal Malpractice | Commercial (31) | Partnership and Corporate Governance (21) |
| Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal) | Residential (32) | Other Petition (not specified above) (43) |
| Other Non-P/DP/DWD Tort (35) | Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential) | Civil Harassment |
| Employment | Judicial Review | Workplace Violence |
| Wrongful Termination (36) | Asset Forfeiture (05) | Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse |
| Other Employment (15) | Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11) | Election Contest |
| | Writ of Mandate (02) | Petition for Name Change |
| | Writ—Administrative Mandamus | Petition for Relief From Late Claim |
| | Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter | Other Civil Petition |
| | Writ—Other Limited Court Case Review | |
| | Other Judicial Review (39) | |
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| | Notice of Appeal—Labor Commissioner Appeals | |

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15 **COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

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16 **RICK MUSGRAVE, on behalf of himself,
17 all others similarly situated, and the
18 general public,**

19 **Plaintiff,**

20 **v.**

21 **QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC, a
22 Wisconsin limited liability company;
23 QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING CO.,
24 INC., a Wisconsin corporation; and DOES
25 1-15, inclusive,**

26 **Defendants.**

Case No:

CLASS ACTION

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF
CALIFORNIA CONSUMER
PROTECTION STATUTES**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff RICK MUSGRAVE on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the general public
2 (“Plaintiff”) alleges against Defendants QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability
3 company; QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING CO., INC., a Wisconsin corporation; and DOES 1-15,
4 inclusive (“Defendants”) the following upon his own personal knowledge, or where there is no personal
5 knowledge, upon information and belief and the investigation of his counsel:

6 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7 1. Personal jurisdiction is derived from the fact that Defendants conduct business within the
8 State of California and within this judicial district. *See also* Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 410.10; Civ. Code §
9 1780(d).

10 2. The amount in controversy under this Complaint exceeds the minimal jurisdictional limit of
11 this Court, and the claims asserted in this Complaint are within the subject-matter jurisdiction of this Court.

12 3. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants (i) are authorized to conduct business in this
13 forum and have intentionally availed themselves of the laws and markets within forum through the promotion,
14 marketing, distribution and sale of its products in this venue; (ii) do substantial business in this district;
15 (iii) advertise to consumers residing in this district; and, (iv) the events and injuries complained of in this
16 Complaint occurred in the County of Contra Costa. *See also* Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 410.10; Civ. Code §
17 1780(d).

18 4. Defendants and other out-of-state participants can be brought before this Court pursuant to
19 California’s “long-arm” jurisdictional statute, Code of Civil Procedure § 410.10, as a result of Defendants’
20 substantial, continuous and systematic contacts with the State, and because Defendants have purposely availed
21 themselves of the benefits and privileges of conducting business activities within the State.

22 **THE PARTIES**

23 5. At all times relevant to this matter, Plaintiff was a resident of Pacheco, California, in Contra
24 Costa County, California.

25 6. On information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendants were Wisconsin
26 entities that maintained their principal place of business and corporate headquarters at 301 S. Westfield Road,
27 Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin.

28 7. Defendants are the manufacturer and seller of dietary supplements.

1 8. Defendants' packaging and labeling of the dietary supplements at issue in this complaint are
2 uniform throughout California and the United States.

3 9. Members of the putative class reside in California.

4 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times herein mentioned the
5 Defendants and Defendants' employees were the agents, servants and employees of the Defendants, acting
6 within the purpose and scope of that agency and employment.

7 11. Each of the DOE defendants is in some manner responsible for the incidents and conduct
8 alleged in this Complaint. Plaintiffs are unaware of the true names or capacities of the persons, or entities,
9 sued herein as DOEs 1 through 15, and therefore sue such Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are
10 informed and believed that each of the DOE Defendants is in some manner legally responsible for the damages
11 suffered by Plaintiffs and the members of the class as alleged herein. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint to
12 set forth the true names and capacities of these defendants when they have been ascertained, along with
13 appropriate charging allegations, as may be necessary.

14 12. In addition to selling its Products on the shelf in major retail stores, Defendants also distribute
15 its Products to online third party retailers for sale directly to consumers through online transactions, such as
16 amazon.com, drugstore.com, and target.com. Defendants conduct substantial business in California,
17 including, but not limited to, extensive on-the-shelf presence of the Products in hundreds of retail stores in
18 California, including major chain stores such as Walgreens, Target, CVS, Rite-Aid, and Walmart, among
19 others; and through online marketing through their website, www.prevagen.com, intended to reach consumers
20 in California, including offering online coupons to California consumers, and direct orders to any consumer
21 in California via the Internet.

21 BACKGROUND FACTS

22 13. Defendants manufacture, market and sell a purported memory pill branded as Prevagen, which
23 represents on its exterior packaging to be "Clinically Tested" to "Improve[] Memory," and to support "Healthy
24 Brain Function," "Sharper Mind," "Clearer Thinking" through a "Once Daily" capsule. Copies of the labels
25 are attached hereto as Exhibit A.
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1 14. Prevagen comes in four known formulas: the original Prevagen capsule, Prevagen Chewables,
2 Professional, and Extra Strength (the "Products" or, collectively, "Prevagen").¹

3 15. Defendants primarily advertise and promote the Products through labeling claims on the front
4 of the Products' package. Label descriptions on the Products' packaging, taken as a whole, represent there
5 are various benefits and characteristics to the Products. *See Ex. A (Product Packaging.)*

6 16. Defendants' Product advertising is also the subject of an extensive and comprehensive
7 marketing campaign in various media, including the Internet.

8 17. The purported active ingredient in Prevagen is apoaequorin, which originally was derived from
9 jellyfish, but which Defendants now allege to create synthetically. Original Prevagen and Prevagen
10 Chewables claim to have 10 mg of apoaequorin; Extra Strength 20 mg apoaequorin; and Professional 40 mg
11 apoaequorin.

12 18. In addition to the foregoing, Defendants represent that Prevagen "supplements these [proteins
13 that support our brain] during the natural process of aging;" "Prevagen ... is clinically shown to help with
14 mild memory problems associated with aging;" "Prevagen® contains apoaequorin, a protein which uniquely
15 supports critical brain functions;" "In clinical studies Prevagen® improved memory within 90 days;" "In a
16 computer assessed, double blinded, placebo controlled study, Prevagen® improved memory;" "a chart
17 claiming "Prevagen Improves Memory" by "7.5%" within "8 days," "10%" within "30 days," and "20%"
18 within "90 days." Defendants also claim: "Originally discovered in jellyfish, Prevagen® is now made in a
19 controlled scientific process;" and that the product was "[d]eveloped by university researchers and scientists
20 in Madison, Wisconsin." Defendants also reinforce their quick effectiveness of the Products through use of
21 an image of a clock next to the word Prevagen on each package. *See Ex. A.*

22 19. Moreover, Defendants use a seal depicting a brain in white on a blue background, double
23 surrounded by the words, "SUPPORTS HEALTHY BRAIN FUNCTION". *See id.*

24 20. Plaintiff was exposed to and reviewed the foregoing claims, taken as a whole, as listed *supra*
25 in paragraphs 13, 15, 17-19 (*see also Ex. A*), and relied on them when deciding to purchase Prevagen Extra
26 Strength at a Walgreens near his home in Pacheco, California in or around March 2014. He regularly

27 ¹ Plaintiff reserves the right to add other products manufactured, marketed and sold by Defendants for
28 purported brain or memory benefits, or other iterations of the Prevagen products, as discovery proceeds.

1 purchased and used the Product thereafter, buying it approximately 10-12 times from Walmart or Walgreens
2 stores near his home; and stopped taking it in around December 2014 because he did not think it was working.
3 Plaintiff paid approximately \$40-\$50 for each purchase of Prevagen.

4 21. Prevagen, however, is falsely and deceptively advertised because it does not work for the uses
5 described on the label, i.e., it does not support memory or brain function at all, much less in the time described
6 on the label. The Products are therefore worthless.

7 22. Indeed, the active ingredient in all Prevagen Products, apoequorin, cannot survive the
8 digestive tract and therefore can have no effect on the body.

9 23. Further, the Products are not "Clinically Tested." Only one clinical trial was performed, as
10 Defendants' own label admits (*see* Exhibit A, back of package referring to "a computer assessed, double-
11 blinded, placebo controlled study" but also claiming on the side label that the Products are backed by "clinical
12 studies," plural).

13 24. In addition, the researcher that performed that sole study that allegedly shows apoequorin
14 survives the digestive tract (UW-Milwaukee psychologist, James Moyer, Jr.) has stated that more tests would
15 be needed before any brain and memory function claims for apoequorin could be clinically supported.

16 25. Defendants' clinical trial(s) fell below the standards that would be applied by a reasonable
17 manufacturer of diet supplements to support its own products. The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC")
18 enforces OTC drug advertising and applies the same standards as any consumer product: a "reasonable
19 consumer" standard. The FTC requires OTC drug advertising to be truthful, non-deceptive, fair, and for
20 manufacturers to contain evidence that backs up their claims. Defendants here do not have such evidence,
21 despite advertising the Products as "Clinically Tested," possessing proof of effectiveness from "clinical
22 studies," and being "made in a controlled scientific process," "developed by university researchers and
23 scientists." *See* Ex. A.

24 26. Moreover, the only independent scientific studies on apoequorin in PubMed are for uses other
25 than brain function and memory. Therefore, there is no clinical testing and no clinical studies by which
26 Defendants can claim expert endorsement or establishment claims for Prevagen Products.

1 27. At all times relevant herein, Defendants had a duty to disclose additional information to
2 purchasing consumers, to correct all misunderstandings its omissions and misrepresentations created in the
3 minds of those consumers.

4 28. The active ingredient in apoeaquorin is not vitamin, mineral, amino acid, herb, botanical, or
5 other dietary substance to support the diet in human beings. Therefore, the Products are unlawfully labeled
6 as dietary supplements. *See* Exhibit B attached hereto (FDA warning letter issued to Defendants).

7 29. Further, Defendants' Products are unlawful new drugs because they purport to mitigate or cure
8 a disease -- memory loss. *See id.* But the Products are not supported by clinical trials and an approved new
9 drug application.

10 30. Because Defendants' Products are unlawful new drugs, they are in violation of the California
11 Sherman Law (Health & Safety Code §§ 109875, et seq.), which mirrors the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic
12 Act in all material respects (21 U.S.C. §§ 301, et seq.).

13 31. The Products are priced at \$50 and above. Hence, Defendants' unfair and deceptive practices
14 have enriched them at the expense of Plaintiff and consumers.

15 32. Absent the misrepresentations and omissions described herein, which are material to an
16 average consumer, Plaintiff would not have purchased Prevagen.

17 33. In purchasing a product that were falsely or deceptively advertised, Plaintiff suffered injury in
18 fact in the form of the lost purchase price of the Product.

19 34. Plaintiff seeks justice by means of this action to enjoin the ongoing deceptive practices
20 described herein.

21 35. Defendants' marketing and promotion of the Products was supported by false and misleading
22 claims containing material omissions and misrepresentations.

23 36. When purchasing the Product, Plaintiff was seeking a remedy that would provide the benefits
24 and had the endorsements, proof of efficacy, and characteristics that Defendants marketed, promised,
25 represented and warranted.

26 37. Plaintiff purchased the Product believing it had the sought after qualities based on the Product's
27 deceptive or false labeling, but the Product was actually unacceptable to him as it did not possess the benefits,
28 endorsements, proof, and characteristics as advertised.

1 38. Moreover, like all reasonable consumers, Plaintiff considers a label's compliance with federal
2 law a material factor in his purchasing decisions. Plaintiff is generally aware the federal government carefully
3 regulates OTC products and therefore has come to trust that information conveyed on packaged OTC product
4 labels is truthful, accurate, complete, and fully in accordance and compliance with federal law. As a result,
5 Plaintiff trusts he can compare competing products on the basis of their labeling claims, to make a purchasing
6 decision.

7 39. Like all reasonable consumers, Plaintiff would not purchase an OTC product he knew was
8 misbranded under federal law, *see* 21 U.S.C. § 343, which the federal government prohibits selling, *id.* § 331,
9 and which carries with its sale criminal penalties, *id.* § 333. Plaintiff could not trust that the label of a product
10 misbranded under federal law is truthful, accurate and complete.

11 40. Similarly, like all reasonable consumers and members of the class, Plaintiff would not purchase
12 an OTC product he knew was an illegally marketed new drug for which the FDA has not determined its safety
13 and efficacy.

14 41. In light of the foregoing, reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff, were and are likely to be
15 deceived by Defendants' advertising and marketing practices as detailed herein.

16 42. Further, Plaintiff purchased the Products instead of competing product(s) based on the false
17 statements, misrepresentations and omissions described herein.

18 43. Instead of receiving a product that had the benefits, advantages, endorsements, proof, and
19 characteristics as advertised, Plaintiff received a product worth much less, or which was worthless, because
20 the Product does not work; caused no effect or effects reversal of that advertised; and did not possess the
21 characteristics, benefits, endorsements, and proof of efficacy, as advertised by Defendants.

22 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

23 44. Plaintiff brings this class action for damages and other monetary relief on behalf of the
24 following class:

25 All purchasers of Prevacen original capsules, Prevacen Chewables, Prevacen Extra Strength,
26 Prevacen Professional, and all iterations/variations of the aforementioned products, for personal or
27 household use and not for resale, in California from March 23, 2011 to the Opt-Out or Objection
28 Date (the "Class Period"). Excluded from the consumer class are governmental entities, the
Defendants, any entity in which the Defendants have a controlling interest, its employees, officers,

1 directors, legal representatives, heirs, successors and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries or
2 affiliated companies, including parent corporations, class counsel and their employees; and the
3 judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case.

4 45. The proposed Class is so numerous that individual joinder of all its members is impracticable.
5 Due to the nature of the trade and commerce involved, however, Plaintiff believes the total number of Class
6 members is at least in the tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of persons in the United States.
7 While the exact number and identities of the Class members are unknown at this time, such information can
8 be ascertained through appropriate investigation and discovery. The disposition of the claims of the Class
9 members in a single class action will provide substantial benefits to all parties and to the Court.

10 46. There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved
11 affecting the Plaintiff and the Class and these common questions of fact and law include, but are not limited
12 to, the following:

- 13 a. Whether the claims discussed above are true, misleading, or reasonably likely to
14 deceive;
- 15 b. Whether Defendants' alleged conduct violates public policy;
- 16 c. Whether the alleged conduct constitutes violations of the laws asserted herein;
- 17 d. Whether Defendants engaged in false or misleading advertising;
- 18 e. Whether the Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to declaratory and injunctive
19 relief.

20 47. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class. Plaintiff and all
21 members of the Class have been similarly affected by the Defendants' common course of conduct since they
22 all relied on Defendants' representations concerning its Products and purchased the Products based on those
23 representations.

24 48. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiff has
25 retained counsel with substantial experience in handling complex class action litigation in general and
26 scientific claims, including for drug and diet supplements, in particular. Plaintiff and her counsel are
27 committed to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of the Class and have the financial resources to do
28 so.

1 49. Plaintiff and the members of the Class suffered and will continue to suffer harm as a result of
 2 the Defendants unlawful and wrongful conduct. A class action is superior to other available methods for the
 3 fair and efficient adjudication of the present controversy. Individual joinder of all members of the Class is
 4 impracticable. Even if individual Class members had the resources to pursue individual litigation, it would
 5 be unduly burdensome to the courts in which the individual litigation would proceed. Individual litigation
 6 magnifies the delay and expense to all parties in the court system of resolving the controversies engendered
 7 by Defendants course of conduct. The class action device allows a single court to provide the benefits of
 8 unitary adjudication, judicial economy, and the fair and efficient handling of all Class members' claims in a
 9 single forum. The conduct of this action as a class action conserves the resources of the parties and of the
 10 judicial system and protects the rights of the class members. Furthermore, for many, if not most, a class action
 11 is the only feasible mechanism that allows an opportunity for legal redress and justice.

12 50. Adjudication of individual Class members' claims with respect to the Defendants would, as a
 13 practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members not parties to the adjudication, and could
 14 substantially impair or impede the ability of other class members to protect their interests.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA'S CONSUMERS LEGAL REMEDIES ACT

California Civil Code §§ 1750, et seq.

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 17 51. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained
 18 above as if fully set forth herein.

19 52. This cause of action is brought pursuant to the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, California
 20 Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.* (the "Act"). Plaintiff is a consumer as defined by California Civil Code § 1761(d).
 21 The Products are goods within the meaning of the Act.

22 53. Defendants violated and continues to violate the Act by engaging in the following practices
 23 proscribed by California Civil Code §1770(a) in transactions with Plaintiff, which were intended to result in
 24 and did result in, the sale of the Products:

25 • Representing [the Products have]...characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities,
 26 which [the Products] do not have. (Civ. Code, § 1770, subd. (a) (5).)

1 • Representing [the Products] are of a particular standard, quality or grade... if they are of
2 another. (Civ. Code, § 1770, subd. (a) (7).)

3 • Advertising [the Products] ...with intent not to sell them as advertised. (Civ. Code, § 1770,
4 subd. (a) (9).)

5 • Representing [the Products] have been supplied in accordance with a previous representation
6 when it has not. (Civ. Code, § 1770, subd. (a) (16).)

7 54. Defendants violated the Act by representing through advertising of the Products as described
8 above, when they knew, or should have known, the representations and advertisements were false or
9 misleading.

10 55. Plaintiff reasonably relied upon the Defendants' representations as to the quality and attributes
11 of the Products.

12 56. Plaintiff was deceived by Defendants' representations about the quality and attributes of the
13 Products, including but not limited to the purported benefits of the Products, taken as a whole, that their
14 Products provide, *inter alia*, effective relief of various symptoms and ailments. Plaintiff would not have
15 purchased the Product had he known Defendants' claims were untrue.

16 57. Pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(a), Plaintiff seeks an order of this Court enjoining
17 Defendants from continuing to engage in unlawful, unfair, or deceptive business practices and any other act
18 prohibited by law; and for actual damages, restitution, and punitive damages to Plaintiff and the Class.

19 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW**

21 ***California Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.***

22 58. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained
23 above as if fully set forth herein.

24 59. California's Unfair Competition Law, Business and Professions Code § 17200 (the "UCL")
25 prohibits any "unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising." For the reasons discussed above,
26 Defendants has engaged in unfair, deceptive, untrue and misleading advertising in violation of the UCL.

27 60. The UCL also prohibits any "unlawful... business act or practice." Defendants violated the
28 UCL's prohibition against engaging in unlawful acts and practices by, *inter alia*, making the representations

1 and omissions of material facts, as set forth more fully herein, and by violating among others, California Civil
2 Code §§ 1572, 1573, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1770, California Health and Safety Code §§ 109875, *et seq.*
3 (“Sherman Law”), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 12601, *et seq.* (“Fair Packaging and Labeling Act”), California
4 Commercial Code § 2313(1), and the common law. Such conduct is ongoing and continues to this date. *See*
5 Exs. 2-3.

6 61. Plaintiff reserves the right to allege other violations of law, which constitute other unlawful
7 business acts or practices.

8 62. California Business and Professions Code § 17200 also prohibits any “unfair... business act or
9 practice.”

10 63. Defendants’ acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and nondisclosures as alleged
11 herein also constitute “unfair” business acts and practices within the meaning of the UCL in that its conduct
12 is substantially injurious to consumers, offends public policy, and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, and
13 unscrupulous as the gravity of the conduct outweighs any alleged benefits attributable to such conduct. Such
14 conduct is ongoing and continues to this date.

15 64. Plaintiff alleges violations of consumer protection, unfair competition and truth in advertising
16 laws in California resulting in harm to consumers. Plaintiff asserts violation of the public policy of engaging
17 in false and misleading advertising, unfair competition and deceptive conduct towards consumers. This
18 conduct constitutes violations of the unfair prong of the UCL. Such conduct is ongoing and continues to this
19 date.

20 65. There were reasonable alternatives available to Defendants to further its legitimate business
21 interests, other than the conduct described herein.

22 66. The UCL also prohibits any “fraudulent business act or practice.”

23 67. Defendants’ claims, nondisclosures (i.e., omissions), and misleading statements, as more fully
24 set forth above, were false, misleading and/or likely to deceive the consuming public within the meaning of
25 the UCL. Such conduct is ongoing and continues to this date.

26 68. Defendants’ conduct caused and continues to cause substantial injury to Plaintiff. Plaintiff has
27 suffered injury in fact as a result of Defendants’ unfair conduct.

1 69. Defendants has thus engaged in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business acts and practices and
2 false advertising, entitling Plaintiff to injunctive relief against Defendants, in the form of modified labeling
3 claims and as set forth in the Prayer for Relief.

4 70. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17203, Plaintiff seeks an order requiring
5 Defendants to immediately cease such acts of unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices and requiring
6 Defendants to engage in a corrective advertising campaign.

7 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA FALSE ADVERTISING LAW**

9 *California Business and Professions Code §§ 17500, et seq.*

10 71. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained
11 above as if fully set forth herein.

12 72. Plaintiff has standing to pursue this claim as Plaintiff has suffered injury in fact as a result of
13 Defendants' actions as set forth herein. Specifically, prior to the filing of this action, Plaintiff purchased the
14 Products in reliance upon Defendants' marketing claims. Plaintiff used the Products as directed, but the
15 Products did not work as advertised, nor provided any of the promised benefits.

16 73. Defendants' business practices as alleged herein constitute unfair, deceptive, untrue, and
17 misleading advertising pursuant to California Business and Professions Code §§ 17500, *et seq.* because
18 Defendants have advertised their Products in a manner that is untrue or misleading, or that is known to
19 Defendants to be untrue or misleading.

20 74. Defendants' wrongful business practices have caused injury to Plaintiff.

21 75. Pursuant to section 17535 of the California Business and Professions Code, Plaintiff seeks an
22 order of this court enjoining the Defendants from continuing to engage in deceptive business practices, false
23 advertising, and any other act prohibited by law, including those set forth in the complaint.

24 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

25 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendants as to each and every cause of action,
26 including:

- 27 A. An order certifying this class as a class action, appointing Plaintiff its class representative
28 and her counsel as class counsel;

- 1 B. An order awarding declaratory and injunctive relief as permitted by law or equity,
2 including enjoining Defendants from continuing the unlawful practices as set forth herein;
3 C. An order compelling Defendants to engage in a corrective advertising campaign, including
4 to notify all members of the class, to inform the public concerning the true nature of their
5 Products;
6 D. For her UCL claims, an order requiring Defendants to make restitution to the Class;
7 E. An order awarding attorneys' fees and costs to Plaintiff and the Class; and
8 F. An order providing for all other such equitable relief as may be just and proper.

9 **JURY DEMAND**

10 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

11 Dated: March 23, 2015

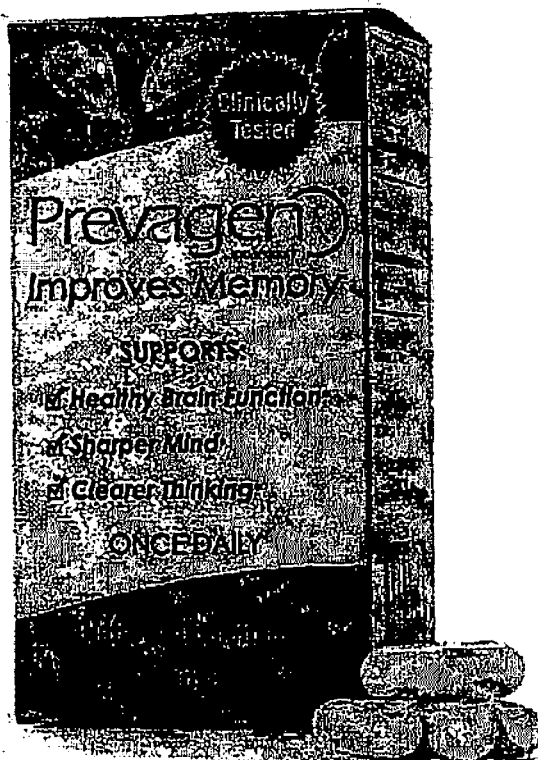


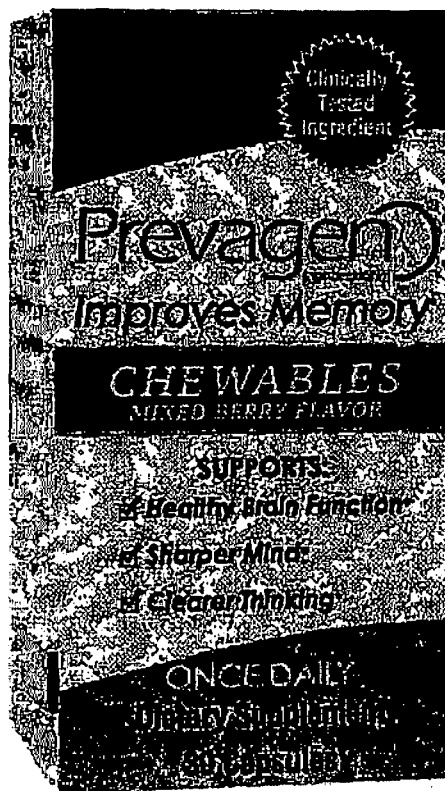
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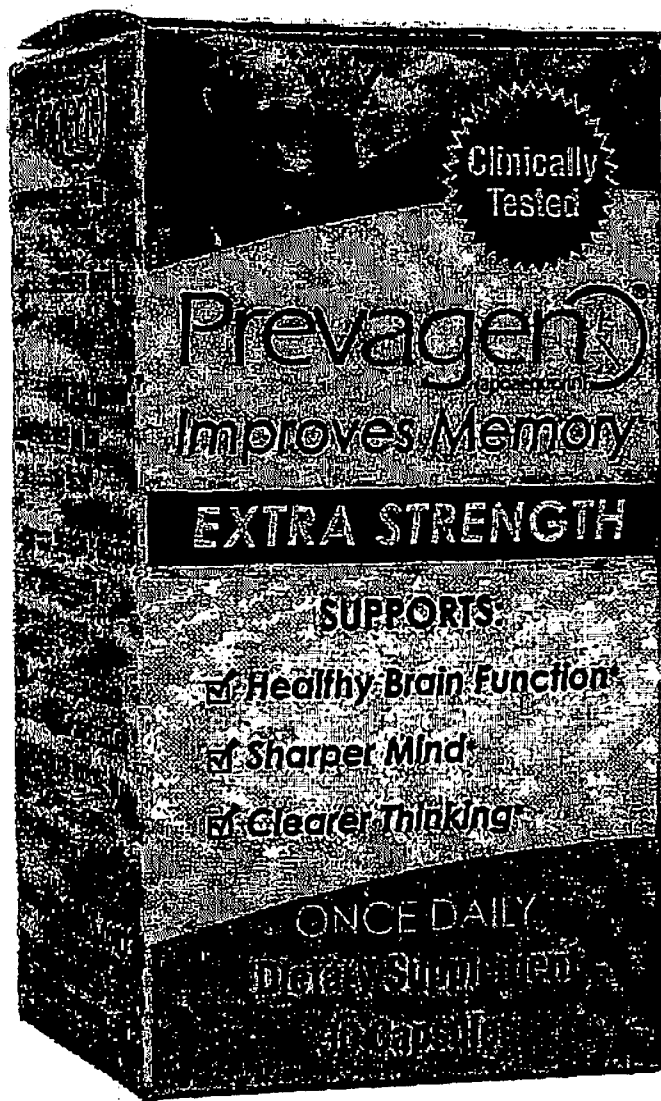
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EXHIBIT A







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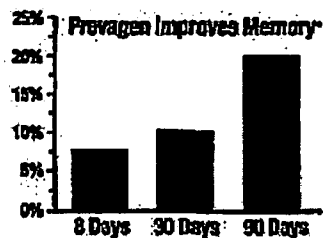
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In a computer assessed, double-blinded, placebo controlled study, Prevagen® improved memory.*



Originally discovered in jellyfish, Prevagen® is now made in a controlled scientific process. Developed by university researchers and scientists in Madison, Wisconsin.

*These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease.

BACK LABEL



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October 16, 2012

WARNING LETTER

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Refer to MIN 13 - 0:

Mark Y. Underwood
President
Quincy Bioscience Manufacturing Inc.
301 S. Westfield Road, Suite 200
Madison, Wisconsin 53717

Dear Mr. Underwood:

This letter concerns your products Prevacen, which is labeled to contain 10 mg apoeaquorin, Prevacen Extra Strength, labeled to contain 20 mg apoeaquorin, and Prevacen Professional, labeled to contain 40 mg apoeaquorin. These products are labeled as dietary supplements.

FDA reviewed your websites at www.prevagen.com, www.prevagenES.com, www.prevagenpro.com, www.hopetrials.com, www.prevagenreviews.com, www.quincybioscience.com, www.facebook.com/prevagen and www.youtube.com/user/prevagen in August 2012. Based on this review the agency has determined that your products Prevacen, Prevacen Extra Strength, and Prevacen Professional are being promoted for conditions that cause these products to be drugs under section 201(g)(1)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), 21 U.S.C. § 321(g)(1)(B). The therapeutic claims on your websites (see "Unapproved New Drugs" section below) establish that these products are drugs because they are intended for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease. In addition, statements on your www.hopetrials.com website establish that Quincy Bioscience has been sponsoring clinical trials to investigate the use of apoeaquorin to treat or prevent disease for which there is no investigational new drug application (IND) in effect. The investigation and marketing of your products for these uses violates the Act.

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Under 21 U.S.C. §§ 331(d) and 355(a), a new drug may not be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce unless an FDA-approved application is in effect for it. Apoaquorin is not approved as a drug for marketing in the United States, and is not exempt from this requirement pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(i), which governs the use of investigational new drugs. You may find the Act and related regulations through links on FDA's home page at <http://www.fda.gov>¹.

It has also come to our attention that the apoaquorin used in your Prevagen products is produced synthetically. According to your website www.quincybioscience.com, "Apoaquorin is no longer extracted from the jellyfish, rather rapidly dividing host cells are 'taught' to grow the unique protein. The end result is the exact composition of apoaquorin without any of the heavy metal pollution that jellyfish may be exposed to in the ocean." According to information in documents you provided to FDA, the apoaquorin used in your Prevagen products is produced from (b)(4).

Section 201(ff)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 321(ff)(1), defines "dietary ingredient" as a vitamin, mineral, amino acid, herb or other botanical, or dietary substance for use by man to supplement the diet by increasing the total dietary intake, or a concentrate, metabolite, constituent, extract or combination of any dietary ingredient from the preceding categories. Apoaquorin synthetically produced from (b)(4) is not a vitamin, mineral, amino acid, herb or other botanical, or dietary substance for use by man to supplement the diet by increasing the total dietary intake. Further, apoaquorin synthetically produced from (b)(4) is not a concentrate, metabolite, constituent, or extract of any dietary ingredient, nor is it a combination of dietary ingredients. Therefore, the synthetically produced apoaquorin used in your Prevagen products is not a dietary ingredient as defined in section 201(ff)(1) of the Act.

According to the labels of your Prevagen products, they contain no other dietary ingredient. Therefore, these products do not meet the definition of a dietary supplement, which requires that the product contain one or more dietary ingredient. See section 201(ff)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 321(ff)(1). Accordingly, you Prevagen products could not be marketed as dietary supplements even if they were intended only to affect the structure or function of the body and not for use in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease.

Unapproved New Drugs

Examples of some of the claims made in videos posted on your website <http://www.prevagen.com/watch/>:

- "[F]irst and only dietary supplement that...protects the brain cells from death.... If you do just take one supplement, this may be the one to consider to protect and preserve your brain" (Healing Quest video at 2:40).

Regarding the use of pictures and videos on your websites, we remind you that an image may be considered a claim to diagnose, mitigate, treat, cure, or prevent disease if, in the context in which it is presented, the image suggests that the product has an effect on a disease or diseases. See, e.g., Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR), 101.93(g)(2)(iv)(E).

Your website www.prevagenreviews.com also contains claims in the form of personal testimonials, including:

- "My mother died of Alzheimer's disease.... I thought it was happening to me being too forgetful and so on. When I heard the commercial and them talking about this [Prevagen], it's the first product that I've ever ordered this way.... It proved to be very helpful...in a very short time. This is the first product I guess I've probably ever used that I could absolutely say it's miraculous for the short time I've been on it. I know my thinking and everything is more clearer and so on, just like it says" (testimonial from Rebecca R. from Phoenix).
- "I had a severe car accident that gave me a head injury where I could not remember things at all and Prevagen sounded exactly like what I needed. After about a month...I started noticing that I was recalling things much easier, things that I hadn't before.... Prevagen has made a huge, huge difference" (testimonial from Paul C. from Apple Valley).

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Examples of some of the claims observed on your Facebook page at www.facebook.com/prevagen:

- "Prevagen will restore for you the lost protein so that you can gain your dignity back.... Alzheimer's disease is a heartache on any family. Dementia is tough to be around people that have dementia, let alone have it yourself. Prevagen gives you back your dignity and gives you back the proteins that are so precious that we use. No side effects whatsoever, doesn't matter what drugs you're on, this is a safe natural supplement" (Dr. Jan McBarron video at 1:16).

Furthermore, the "Research" and "Science" sections of your various websites marketing these products cite or link to a number of articles about the usefulness of the ingredient apoaequorin (sometimes referred to on your websites as "aequorin") [1] or the Prevagen products in treating and preventing diseases. When scientific references are used commercially by the seller of a product to promote the product to consumers, such references may become evidence of the product's intended use. Under 21 CFR 101.93(g) (2)(iv)(C), a citation of a publication or reference in the labeling of a product is considered to be a claim about disease treatment or prevention if the citation refers to a disease use, and if, in the context of the labeling as a whole, the citation implies treatment or prevention of a disease. The following are examples of citations to scientific references used to market your Prevagen products for disease treatment and prevention on your websites:

- Undated poster accessed via link on <http://www.prevagenpro.com/practitioners/science>: "Neuroprotective Effects of Aequorin on Hippocampal CA1 Neurons Following Ischemia. Julia A. Detert, Patrick K. Tao, Liviu Bunaciu, Melody L. Schmidt, & James R. Moyer, Jr., Departments of Psychology and Biological Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee."
- Study report manuscript accessed via link on <http://www.prevagenpro.com/practitioners/science>: "Aequorin Protects Adult and Aging Hippocampal CA1 Neurons From Ischemic Cell Death. Julia A. Detert, Melody L. Schmidt, Nicholas D. Kampa, Patrick K. Tao, & James R. Moyer Jr., Departments of Psychology and Biological Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee."
- Unpublished abstract accessed via link on <http://www.prevagenpro.com/practitioners/science> and posted at <http://www.prevagen.com/research/apoaequorin-increases-brain-cell-survival>: "Neuroprotection of hippocampal CA1 neurons from ischemic cell death using the calcium binding protein aequorin. J. A. Detert, J. D. Heisler, E. L. Hochstetter, T. M. Van Langendon, J. R. Moyer, Jr., Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Presented at The Society For Neuroscience; 2009."
- Study report manuscript accessed via links at <http://www.prevagen.com/research> and <http://www.prevagenpro.com/practitioners/science>: "The Effects of the Calcium Binding Protein Apoaequorin on Memory and Cognitive Functioning in Older Adults. Mark Underwood, Peggy Sivesind Taylor Gabourie. Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association, July 1, 2011, Vol. 7, Issue 4, Supplement, Page e65."

Your Prevagen, Prevagen Extra Strength, and Prevagen Professional products are not generally recognized as safe and effective for the above referenced uses and, therefore, these products are "new drugs" under section 201(p) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 321(p). New drugs may not be legally marketed in the United States without prior approval from FDA as described in section 505(a) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 355(a). FDA approves a new drug on the basis of scientific data submitted by a drug sponsor to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective.

Your Prevagen products are offered for conditions that are not amenable to self-diagnosis and treatment by individuals who are not medical practitioners; therefore, adequate directions for use cannot be written so that a layperson can use these drugs safely for their intended purposes. Therefore, your products are also misbranded within the meaning of section 502(f)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 352(f)(1), in that the labeling fails to bear adequate directions for use. The introduction of a misbranded drug into interstate commerce is a violation of section 301(a) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 331(a).

Clinical Investigations Which Require an IND

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Statements on your website www.hopetrials.com describe clinical trials you have been conducting to study apoaeguorin for use in treating or preventing a variety of diseases:

- "HOPE Trials research consists of a variety of human trials measuring the effect of apoaeguorin...a unique compound, originating from a jellyfish, that helps to regulate intracellular calcium levels and alleviate the toxic effects of excess calcium in the brain.... Numerous investigators have linked a variety of medical conditions to ineffectual control of calcium levels. While neurodegenerative disorders, inflammatory diseases, auto-immune conditions and endocrine disorders affect the body in different ways...they often have a common denominator, a loss of the ability to closely regulate the excessive influx of calcium ions."

FDA regulations (21 CFR Part 312) contain procedures and requirements governing the use of investigational new drugs. Specifically, the regulations require that a sponsor submit an investigational new drug application (IND) to the FDA if the sponsor intends to conduct a clinical investigation with an investigational new drug, 21 CFR 312.20(a), and have an IND in effect before the investigational drug is administered to study subjects, 21 CFR 312.20(b).

A clinical investigation is defined as "any experiment in which a drug is administered or dispensed to, or used involving, one or more human subjects," 21 CFR 312.3(b). Our investigation, including an inspection of your headquarters and warehouse facility at 301 S. Westfield Road in Madison, Wisconsin, between October 24 and December 22, 2011, indicates that you initiated and were responsible for the conduct of clinical investigations of apoaeguorin, an investigational drug. Accordingly, you were the sponsor and were required to have an IND in effect before proceeding with the clinical investigations of apoaeguorin.

As noted above, the Act provides that a new drug may not be introduced or delivered for introduction into interstate commerce without prior approval, 21 U.S.C. § 355(a). Apoaeguorin is not approved as a drug for marketing in the United States, and is not exempt from this requirement pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 355(i), which governs the use of investigational new drugs. Therefore, your use of the unapproved new drug apoaeguorin in conducting a clinical investigation without an investigational new drug application in effect is a violation of section 505(a) of the Act and prohibited by section 301(d) of the Act. Further, you violated 21 CFR 312.20 by administering the investigational new drug apoaeguorin to subjects without an IND in effect.

The violations cited in this letter are not intended to be an all-inclusive statement of violations that exist in connection with your products. You are responsible for investigating and determining the causes of the violations identified above and for preventing their recurrence or the occurrence of other violations. It is your responsibility to ensure that your firm complies with all requirements of federal law and FDA regulations.

You should take prompt action to correct the violations cited in this letter. Failure to promptly correct these violations may result in legal action without further notice, including, but not limited to, seizure and injunction. The Act authorizes the seizure of illegal products and injunction against manufacturers and distributors of those products, 21 U.S.C. §§ 332 and 334.

Firm's Response to Inspectional Observations on Claims and IND Issues

At the end of FDA's inspection of your headquarters and warehouse facility in Madison, Wisconsin, our investigator issued a list of inspectional observations on Form FDA 483 and met with you and Mr. Mark Roeder, Technical and Quality Manager, to discuss the use of therapeutic claims on your websites and in other promotional materials, among other concerns (see "Comments on Other Inspectional Observations and Firm Response"). You responded on January 13, 2012, promising corrective action; however, a current review of your websites reveals the continued use of therapeutic claims for your Prevagen products and the continued use of apoaeguorin in clinical trials without an IND. Therefore, your response is inadequate.

Comments on Other Inspectional Observations and Firm's Response

Because your products are labeled as dietary supplements, FDA initially evaluated them under the laws and regulations governing dietary supplements, including the adverse event reporting and recordkeeping requirements for dietary supplements in section 761 of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 379aa-1, and the current good manufacturing practice (CGMP) regulations for dietary supplements in 21 CFR Part 111. As noted on the

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list of inspectional observations issued to your headquarters and warehouse facility in Madison, Wisconsin on December 22, 2011, our inspection of that facility revealed that you failed to report serious adverse events associated with your Prevacen products to FDA, as required by section 761(b)(1) of the Act. Specifically, you failed to report to FDA adverse events like seizures, strokes, and worsening symptoms of multiple sclerosis that had been reported to your firm as being associated with use of Prevacen products. Some of these adverse events resulted in hospitalization. In total, our inspection found records of more than 1000 adverse events and product complaints that had been reported to your firm between May 2008 and December 1, 2011. Some of these involved heart arrhythmias, chest pain, vertigo, tremors, and syncope (fainting), in addition to the seizures, strokes, and worsening of multiple sclerosis already mentioned. As of the beginning of the inspection, only two of these adverse events had been reported to FDA or investigated by your firm.

After our investigators discussed the adverse event reporting requirements for dietary supplements with firm representatives, you submitted two additional reports of serious adverse events to FDA while the inspection was still in progress. We also acknowledge receipt of your January 13, 2012, response to the list of inspectional observations issued to the Madison, Wisconsin, facility which documented your investigations of a number of additional adverse events reported to you. Your January 13, 2012, response also included adverse event reports on Form FDA 3500A for those adverse events that your investigation determined to be serious, as well as a revised standard operating procedure (SOP) for documenting and grading the severity of adverse events reported to your firm and documentation of retraining that you conducted for employees who take reports of adverse events.

A separate FDA inspection of your manufacturing and laboratory facility at 2010 Pinehurst Drive in Middleton, Wisconsin, between October 24 and December 22, 2011, documented that you failed to comply with the CGMP requirements for dietary supplements in several important respects, as noted on the list of inspectional observations issued on Form FDA 483 (the 483) at the end of that inspection. For example, you failed to perform identity testing for finished batches of Prevacen products manufactured between January 2011 and August 2011; did not complete all steps in the master manufacturing record for certain batches; failed to establish and/or follow written procedures for certain laboratory operations; failed to establish release criteria for several manufacturing steps where control is necessary to ensure that specifications for identity, purity, strength, and composition are met; and omitted required elements from your master manufacturing record.

We acknowledge your response dated January 13, 2012, reporting that identity testing is now being performed on all finished batches of your products, describing updates to your master manufacturing record and existing SOPs and the creation of new SOPs to address other observations from the 483, and reporting the results of batch investigations and testing performed in response to the 483. If your Prevacen products were dietary supplements, we would consider your response with regard to our CGMP and adverse event reporting observations to be adequate, but because the products are drugs, the CGMP and adverse event reporting requirements for drugs apply.

Within 15 working days of receipt of this letter, please notify this office in writing of the specific steps that you have taken to correct the violations cited above. Include an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of violations, as well as copies of related documentation. If you cannot complete the corrective actions within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and when you will complete the corrections.

Your written response should be directed to the attention of Compliance Officer Demetria L. Lueneburg at the address listed above. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Lueneburg at (612) 758-7210.

Sincerely,
/S/

Michael Dutcher, DVM
Director
Minneapolis District

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xc: Mark Y. Underwood
President
Quincy Bioscience Manufacturing Inc.
2010 Pinehurst Drive
Middleton, WI 53562

[1] A review of your websites and other product labeling revealed that you use the terms "apoequorin" and "aequorin" interchangeably at times to refer to the ingredient that you manufacture and sell in varying strengths in your Prevagen products. In fact, however, apoequorin and aequorin are distinct chemical entities. Apoequorin is an apoprotein found in aequorin, which also contains the prosthetic group coelenterazine.

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Note: If you need help accessing information in different file formats, see Instructions for Downloading Viewers and Players.

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4. b. Provide a brief statement of the case, including any damages. (If personal injury damages are sought, specify the injury and damages claimed, including medical expenses to date [indicate source and amount], estimated future medical expenses, lost earnings to date, and estimated future lost earnings. If equitable relief is sought, describe the nature of the relief.)

(If more space is needed, check this box and attach a page designated as Attachment 4b.)

5. Jury or nonjury trial

The party or parties request a jury trial a nonjury trial. (If more than one party, provide the name of each party requesting a jury trial):

6. Trial date

- a. The trial has been set for (date):
- b. No trial date has been set. This case will be ready for trial within 12 months of the date of the filing of the complaint (if not, explain):

c. Dates on which parties or attorneys will not be available for trial (specify dates and explain reasons for unavailability):

7. Estimated length of trial

The party or parties estimate that the trial will take (check one):

- a. days (specify number):
- b. hours (short causes) (specify):

8. Trial representation (to be answered for each party)

The party or parties will be represented at trial by the attorney or party listed in the caption by the following:

- a. Attorney:
- b. Firm:
- c. Address:
- d. Telephone number:
- e. E-mail address:
- f. Fax number:
- g. Party represented:

Additional representation is described in Attachment 8.

9. Preference

This case is entitled to preference (specify code section):

10. Alternative dispute resolution (ADR)

a. ADR information package. Please note that different ADR processes are available in different courts and communities; read the ADR information package provided by the court under rule 3.221 for information about the processes available through the court and community programs in this case.

- (1) For parties represented by counsel: Counsel has has not provided the ADR information package identified in rule 3.221 to the client and reviewed ADR options with the client.
- (2) For self-represented parties: Party has has not reviewed the ADR information package identified in rule 3.221.

b. Referral to judicial arbitration or civil action mediation (if available).

- (1) This matter is subject to mandatory judicial arbitration under Code of Civil Procedure section 1141.11 or to civil action mediation under Code of Civil Procedure section 1775.3 because the amount in controversy does not exceed the statutory limit.
- (2) Plaintiff elects to refer this case to judicial arbitration and agrees to limit recovery to the amount specified in Code of Civil Procedure section 1141.11.
- (3) This case is exempt from judicial arbitration under rule 3.811 of the California Rules of Court or from civil action mediation under Code of Civil Procedure section 1775 et seq. (specify exemption):

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10. c. Indicate the ADR process or processes that the party or parties are willing to participate in, have agreed to participate in, or have already participated in (check all that apply and provide the specified information):

| | The party or parties completing this form are willing to participate in the following ADR processes (check all that apply): | If the party or parties completing this form in the case have agreed to participate in or have already completed an ADR process or processes, indicate the status of the processes (attach a copy of the parties' ADR stipulation): |
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| (1) Mediation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation session not yet scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation session scheduled for (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Agreed to complete mediation by (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation completed on (date): |
| (2) Settlement conference | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement conference not yet scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement conference scheduled for (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Agreed to complete settlement conference by (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement conference completed on (date): |
| (3) Neutral evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral evaluation not yet scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral evaluation scheduled for (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Agreed to complete neutral evaluation by (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral evaluation completed on (date): |
| (4) Nonbinding judicial arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial arbitration not yet scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial arbitration scheduled for (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Agreed to complete judicial arbitration by (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial arbitration completed on (date): |
| (5) Binding private arbitration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Private arbitration not yet scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> Private arbitration scheduled for (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Agreed to complete private arbitration by (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Private arbitration completed on (date): |
| (6) Other (specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> ADR session not yet scheduled <input type="checkbox"/> ADR session scheduled for (date): <input type="checkbox"/> Agreed to complete ADR session by (date): <input type="checkbox"/> ADR completed on (date): |

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11. Insurance

- a. Insurance carrier, if any, for party filing this statement (*name*):
- b. Reservation of rights: Yes No
- c. Coverage issues will significantly affect resolution of this case (*explain*):

12. Jurisdiction

Indicate any matters that may affect the court's jurisdiction or processing of this case and describe the status.

- Bankruptcy Other (*specify*):

Status:

13. Related cases, consolidation, and coordination

- a. There are companion, underlying, or related cases.
 - (1) Name of case:
 - (2) Name of court:
 - (3) Case number:
 - (4) Status:
- Additional cases are described in Attachment 13a.
- b. A motion to consolidate coordinate will be filed by (*name party*):

14. Bifurcation

- The party or parties intend to file a motion for an order bifurcating, severing, or coordinating the following issues or causes of action (*specify moving party, type of motion, and reasons*):

15. Other motions

- The party or parties expect to file the following motions before trial (*specify moving party, type of motion, and issues*):

16. Discovery

- a. The party or parties have completed all discovery.
 - b. The following discovery will be completed by the date specified (*describe all anticipated discovery*):
- | <u>Party</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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- c. The following discovery issues, including issues regarding the discovery of electronically stored information, are anticipated (*specify*):

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17. Economic litigation

- a. This is a limited civil case (i.e., the amount demanded is \$25,000 or less) and the economic litigation procedures in Code of Civil Procedure sections 90-98 will apply to this case.
- b. This is a limited civil case and a motion to withdraw the case from the economic litigation procedures or for additional discovery will be filed (if checked, explain specifically why economic litigation procedures relating to discovery or trial should not apply to this case):

18. Other issues

- The party or parties request that the following additional matters be considered or determined at the case management conference (specify):

19. Meet and confer

- a. The party or parties have met and conferred with all parties on all subjects required by rule 3.724 of the California Rules of Court (if not, explain):
- b. After meeting and conferring as required by rule 3.724 of the California Rules of Court, the parties agree on the following (specify):

20. Total number of pages attached (if any): _____

I am completely familiar with this case and will be fully prepared to discuss the status of discovery and alternative dispute resolution, as well as other issues raised by this statement, and will possess the authority to enter into stipulations on these issues at the time of the case management conference, including the written authority of the party where required.

Date:

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

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 (SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY)

 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

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Additional signatures are attached.

Exhibit 2

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7 and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc.

8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA
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11 RICK MUSGRAVE, on behalf of himself, and all
12 others similarly situated, and the general public,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC, a Wisconsin
limited liability company; QUINCY
16 BIOSCIENCE HOLDING CO., INC., a
Wisconsin corporation; and DOES 1-15,
17 inclusive,

18 Defendants.

Case No. C15-00532

Assigned for all purposes to:
Hon. Barry P. Goode, Dept. 17

**GENERAL DENIAL AND AFFIRMATIVE
DEFENSES OF QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC
AND QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING
CO., INC.**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

19 Complaint Filed: March 24, 2015
20 Trial Date: None Set

21 Quincy Bioscience, LLC and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc. ("Defendants"), in response
22 to Plaintiff Rick Musgrave's ("Plaintiff") unverified Class Action Complaint ("Complaint"), hereby
23 answers the allegations of the Complaint as follows:

24 **GENERAL DENIAL**

25 Pursuant to *California Code of Civil Procedure* section 431.30(d), Quincy Bioscience, LLC
26 and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc. ("Defendants") deny, generally and specifically,
27 conjunctively and disjunctively, each and every allegation of the Complaint, and each and every cause
28 of action contained and asserted therein. Defendants further deny that it is or will be liable to Plaintiff

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1 to any degree and in any sum whatsoever. Defendants further deny, generally and specifically, that
2 Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount alleged, or in any sum, or that Plaintiff is entitled to any
3 relief at all, by reason of any wrongful act or omission or purported act or omission of Defendants.
4 Defendants further deny that this case is appropriate for class or representative treatment.

5
6 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

7 Without admitting any of the facts alleged in the Complaint, Defendants further allege the
8 following separate and independent affirmative defenses, without prejudice to Defendants' right to
9 argue that Plaintiff bears the burden of proof or persuasion as to any one or more of said defenses.

10
11 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12 Plaintiff fails to state a claim and/or sufficient facts upon which relief can be granted.
13 Plaintiff's Complaint fails to allege the time, place, manner and substance regarding her purported
14 reliance on Defendants' alleged representations.

15
16 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

17 Defendants' compliance with FDA and FTC regulations is a complete and/or partial defense to
18 Plaintiff's claims.

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20 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 Plaintiff's claims are preempted by federal law.

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23 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

24 Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of primary jurisdiction.

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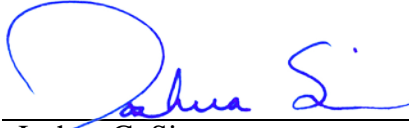
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FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Certain additional defenses to the Complaint, or to one or more of the purported causes of action contained therein, may be available to Defendants. However, these additional defenses require discovery before they can be properly alleged. Defendants will move to amend its Answer, if necessary, to allege such defenses once they have been ascertained or according to proof at that time.

Dated: July 9, 2015

CALL & JENSEN
A Professional Corporation
Matthew R. Orr
Joshua G. Simon

By: 
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Attorneys for Defendants Quincy Bioscience, LLC
and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc.

DEMAND FOR JURY

Defendants Quincy Bioscience, LLC and Quincy Bioscience Holding Co., Inc. hereby demand a jury on all issues raised in the Complaint of Plaintiff.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 700, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

On July 9, 2015, I served the foregoing document described as **GENERAL DENIAL AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC AND QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING CO., INC.** on the following person(s) in the manner indicated:

SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

(BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE) I am causing the document(s) to be served on the Filing User(s) through the Court's Electronic Filing System.

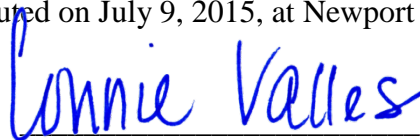
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(BY FEDEX) I am familiar with the practice of Call & Jensen for collection and processing of correspondence for delivery by overnight courier. Correspondence so collected and processed is deposited in a box or other facility regularly maintained by FedEx that same day in the ordinary course of business. On this date, a copy of said document was placed in a sealed envelope designated by FedEx with delivery fees paid or provided for, addressed as set forth herein, and such envelope was placed for delivery by FedEx at Call & Jensen, Newport Beach, California, following ordinary business practices.

(BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION) On this date, at the time indicated on the transmittal sheet, attached hereto, I transmitted from a facsimile transmission machine, which telephone number is (949) 717-3100, the document described above and a copy of this declaration to the person, and at the facsimile transmission telephone numbers, set forth herein. The above-described transmission was reported as complete and without error by a properly issued transmission report issued by the facsimile transmission machine upon which the said transmission was made immediately following the transmission.

(BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION) I served electronically from the electronic notification address of _____ the document described above and a copy of this declaration to the person and at the electronic notification address set forth herein. The electronic transmission was reported as complete and without error.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
2 true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on July 9, 2015, at Newport Beach, California.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

RICK MUSGRAVE, on behalf of himself, and all others similarly situated, and the general public

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Contra Costa (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Ronald A. Marron, Law Offices of Ronald A. Marron, APLC 651 Arroyo Drive, San Diego, CA 92103 / (619) 696-9006

DEFENDANTS

QUINCY BIOSCIENCE, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company; QUINCY BIOSCIENCE HOLDING CO., INC.,

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Wisconsin (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known) Matthew R. Orr, Joshua G. Simon, Call & Jensen 610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 700, Newport Beach, CA 92660 (949) 717-3000

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Table with columns for Plaintiff (PTF) and Defendant (DEF) citizenship: Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State, Foreign Nation.

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Large table with categories: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from Another District, 6 Multidistrict Litigation

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, 1446, and 1453. Brief description of cause:

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 5,000,000.00 CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE 09/30/2015 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD /s/ Joshua G. Simon

IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (Civil L.R. 3-2)

(Place an "X" in One Box Only) SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND SAN JOSE EUREKA

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerk(s) in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the six boxes.
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.
- Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.