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1 This Joint Stipulation of Settlement ("Agreement", "Settlement Agreement" 2 or "Stipulation") is made and entered into by and between Plaintiffs Veda 3 Woodard, Teresa Rizzo-Marino, and Diane Morrison on behalf of themselves and 4 the Settlement Class Members defined below (hereafter collectively referred to as 5 "Plaintiffs" or the "Class"), and Defendants Dr. Mehmet C. Oz, M.D., Zoco 6 Productions, LLC, Entertainment Media Ventures, Inc., and Harpo Productions, 7 Inc. (the "Media Defendants") (collectively the "Settling Parties") and resolves in 8 full the class action lawsuit (the "Action") as to the Media Defendants. Subject to 9 Court approval pursuant to the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and as 10 provided herein, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree that, in consideration for the 11 promises and covenants set forth in this Settlement Agreement and upon the entry 12 by the Court of a Final Judgment and Order Approving Settlement and the 13 occurrence of the Effective Date, the Action shall be settled and compromised 14 upon the terms and conditions contained herein.

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<u>RECITALS</u>

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

17 WHEREAS, on February 2, 2016, Plaintiff Veda Woodard filed a 1.1. 18 class action complaint in the United States District Court for the Central District of 19 California, Case No. 5:16-cv-00189-JGB-SP against Defendants Lee Labrada, 20 Labrada Bodybuilding Nutrition, Inc., Labrada Nutritional Systems, Inc., Dr. 21 Mehmet C. Oz, M.D., Entertainment Media Ventures, Inc., Zoco Productions, 22 LLC, Harpo Productions, Inc., Sony Pictures Television, Inc., Naturex, Inc. and 23 Interhealth Nutraceuticals, Inc. alleging causes of action for (1.) fraud and deceit; 24 (2.) Negligent Misrepresentation; (3.) Quasi-Contract/ Unjust Enrichment; (4.) 25 Violations of California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 26 17200, et seq.; (5.) Violations of California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. 27 Civ. Code §§ 1750 et seq.; (6.) Violations of California's False Advertising Law, 28 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500 et seq.; (7.) Breach of Express Warranty, Cal.

Comm. Code § 2313; and, (8.) Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability,
 Cal. Comm. Code § 2314.

1.2. WHEREAS, on April 4, 2016, the Media Defendants filed a Motion to
Dismiss Plaintiff Woodard's class action complaint (ECF No. 45) and on April 11,
2016 the Media Defendants filed a Special Motion to Strike Plaintiff Woodard's
Class Action Complaint pursuant to California Civil Procedure Code section
425.16 (California's "anti-SLAPP law"). (ECF No. 49).

8 1.3. WHEREAS, on April 18, 2016, Plaintiff Woodard filed a Motion to
9 Defer Ruling on the Media Defendants' Special Motion to Strike and for Leave to
10 Conduct Discovery Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(d). (ECF No.
11 60).

12 1.4. WHEREAS, on May 12, 2016, the Court entered an Order Granting in
13 Part and Denying in Part the Media Defendants' Motion to Dismiss with Leave to
14 Amend and Granting Plaintiff Woodard's Motion to Defer Ruling on the Media
15 Defendants' Special Motion to Strike and for Leave to Conduct Discovery. (ECF
16 No. 85).

17 1.5. WHEREAS, on June 2, 2016, Plaintiffs Veda Woodard Teresa Rizzo-18 Marino, and Diane Morrison (collectively the "Plaintiffs") filed a First Amended 19 Complaint against Defendants Lee Labrada, Labrada Bodybuilding Nutrition, Inc., 20 Labrada Nutritional Systems, Inc., Dr. Mehmet C. Oz, M.D., Entertainment Media 21 Ventures, Inc., Zoco Productions, LLC, Harpo Productions, Inc., Sony Pictures 22 Television, Inc., Naturex, Inc. and Interhealth Nutraceuticals, Inc. alleging causes 23 of action for (1.) fraud and deceit; (2.) Negligent Misrepresentation; (3.) Violations 24 of California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.; 25 (4.) Violations of California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 26 1750 et seq.; (5.) Violations of California's False Advertising Law, Cal. Bus. & 27 Prof. Code §§ 17500 et seq.; (6.) Breach of Express Warranty, Cal. Comm. Code § 28 2313; and, (7.) Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability, Cal. Comm. Code

§ 2314; (8.) Breach of Express Warranty, N.Y. U.C.C. § 2-313; (9.) Breach of
 Implied Warranty of Merchantability, N.Y. U.C.C. § 2-314; (10.) Breach of
 Express Warranties to Intended Third Party Beneficiaries; (11.) Violations of the
 Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2301, *et seq.*; (12.) Violations of
 New York's Unfair Trade Practices Law, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349; and (13.)
 Violations of New York's False Advertising Law, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 350.

7 1.6. WHEREAS, on June 24, 2016, the Media Defendants filed a Motion
8 to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 94).

9 1.7. WHEREAS, on March 10, 2017, the Court issued an Order Granting
10 in Part and Denying in Part the Media Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the First
11 Amended Complaint and dismissed Defendant Sony Pictures Television, Inc. from
12 the action with prejudice. (ECF No. 154).

13 1.8. WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and the Media Defendants attended three 14 mediation sessions before the Honorable Judge Leo S. Papas (Ret.) on September 15 26, 2017, December 13, 2017, and February 15, 2018. Judge Papas is a highly 16 experienced and well-regarded mediator who served as a Magistrate Judge for the 17 U.S. District Court, Southern District of California from 1991 to 2009, including a 18 tenure as the Presiding Judge from 2002 to 2007. The Parties submitted mediation 19 statements, supplemental statements and supporting documents in connection with 20 the mediation. Between the second and third mediation sessions, Judge Papas held 21 several private telephone caucuses with respective counsel. Judge Papas' 22 guidance with the negotiations between Class Counsel and the Media Defendants 23 resulted in an agreement in principle, which is now finalized as reflected in this 24 Settlement Agreement, which Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe provides 25 benefits to the Settlement Class, is fair, reasonable and adequate, and is in the best 26 interests of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members.

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1.9. WHEREAS, this Settlement Agreement was reached after extensive review of the underlying facts and after extensive arm's length negotiations

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between Class Counsel and counsel for the Media Defendants. During the
litigation of this Action, the parties have propounded and responded to several sets
of written discovery and produced several thousands of pages of documents and
electronic records. In addition, the Defendants have deposed each of the Class
Representatives and Class Counsel has deposed the Media Defendants' Fed. R.
Civ. P. 30(b)(6) designee and other personal.

1.10. WHEREAS, based upon the discovery and investigation to date and
evaluation of the facts and law relating to the matters alleged in the pleadings,
Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have agreed to settle, subject to court approval, the
claims asserted in the Action pursuant to the provisions of this Settlement
Agreement. In so doing, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have considered the terms of
this Stipulation, the numerous risks of continued litigation and other factors,
including but not limited to the following:

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- a. The expense and length of time necessary to prosecute this Action through trial;
- b. The uncertainty outcome at trial and the possibility of an appeal by either side following the trial;
- c. The possibility that a contested class might not be certified, and if
 certified, the possibility that such certification would be reversed on
 appeal;
 - d. The fact that the Media Defendants would file a motion for summary judgment that, if granted, would dispose of all or many of the claims in this Action;
 - e. The fact that the Media Defendants could prevail on their Special Motion to Strike; and
 - f. The benefits being made available to Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members under the terms of this Agreement.

1 WHEREAS, weighing the above factors, as well as all other risks and 1.11. 2 uncertainties of continued litigation and all factors bearing on the merits of 3 settlement, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel are satisfied that the terms and conditions 4 of this settlement are fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the 5 Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members.

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1.12. WHEREAS, the Media Defendants deny (a) any liability or any 7 wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever; (b) that they violated any applicable laws; (c) 8 that they owe any damages or compensation to anyone with respect to the facts or 9 claims asserted in the Action; and (d) that class certification for litigation purposes 10 is proper. Nevertheless, without admitting or conceding any liability, the Media 11 Defendants consider it desirable that the Action be resolved upon the terms and 12 conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement in order to avoid the expense, 13 risk, uncertainty, and interference with ongoing business operations inherent in any 14 litigation, and to obtain the releases as described herein. Any stipulations or 15 statements by the Media Defendants herein are made solely for settlement 16 purposes.

17 WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in long and hard-fought 1.13. 18 settlement negotiations. The combined result of the extensive negotiations is 19 memorialized in the terms set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

20 1.14. NOW, THEREFORE, without any admission or concession 21 whatsoever on the part of Plaintiffs of the lack of merit of this Action, or any 22 admission or concession of liability or wrongdoing or the lack of merit of any 23 defense whatsoever by the Media Defendants, it is hereby stipulated and agreed by 24 the undersigned, on behalf of Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, and the Media 25 Defendants that the Action and all claims of the Settlement Class be settled, 26 compromised, and dismissed on the merits and with prejudice, subject to Court 27 approval as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, on the terms and 28 conditions set forth herein and upon the Effective Date (as defined below).

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1 1.15. Each party to this Settlement Agreement affirms that the recitals 2 above as to such party are true and accurate as to such party and are hereby made a 3 part of this Settlement Agreement.

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II. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT**

5 Definitions

6 As used in this Settlement Agreement and the annexed exhibits 2.1. 7 hereto, the following terms and phrases have the following meanings, unless a 8 section or subsection of this Settlement Agreement or its exhibits provides 9 otherwise. Unless otherwise indicated, defined terms include the plural as well as 10 the singular. Other capitalized terms used in this Settlement Agreement but not 11 defined above shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Settlement 12 Agreement and the exhibits attached hereto.

13 "Action" means the civil action filed in the United States District A. 14 Court for the Central District of California, styled Veda Woodard et al., v. Lee 15 Labrada, et al., Case No. 5:16-cv-00189-JGB-SP.

16 "Settlement Agreement" means this Joint Stipulation of Settlement, B. including all Exhibits thereto. 17

18 C. "Authorized Claimant" means any Claimant who has timely and 19 completely submitted a Proof of Claim Form that has been reviewed and validated 20 by the Claims Administrator.

21 "Claim" means a request for relief pursuant to section 6.2(a) D. 22 submitted on a Proof of Claim Form by a Class Member to the Claims 23 Administrator.

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E. "Claims Deadline" means the date set by the Court in the Preliminary 25 Approval Order by which Settlement Class Members must submit a claim to obtain 26 the Class Benefits described in Section VI of this Settlement Agreement.

27 F. "Claim Form" or "Proof of Claim Form" means the documents to be 28 submitted by Claimants seeking payment pursuant to this Settlement Agreement

1 that will be available online at the Settlement Website, substantially in the form 2 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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"Claimant" means any Class Member who seeks a Settlement G Payment that submits a Claim Form pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

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"Claims Administration Expenses" means the fees and expenses H. incurred by the Claims Administrator in completing the claims administration process set forth in this Agreement.

8 I. "Claims Administrator" or "Settlement Administrator" means KCC, 9 LLC Administration, which will provide the Class Notice and administer the 10 claims process. Plaintiffs shall select a successor in the event one becomes 11 necessary, subject to approval by the Media Defendants, which approval shall not 12 be unreasonably withheld.

13 "Claim Deadline" or "Claim Period Close Date" means the date 120 J. 14 days (not including the day of the event) following the later of: (i) the last 15 published notice as identified in the Notice Plan; or (ii) establishment of the 16 Settlement Website.

17 K "Class Counsel" means, subject to Court approval to represent the 18 Settlement Class, the Law Offices of Ronald A. Marron, APLC and the law firm of 19 Cohelan, Khoury, and Singer and any attorneys at those firms assisting in the 20 representation of the Class in this Action.

21 L. "Class Notice" means the Court-approved notices to the Class to be 22 disseminated by the Claims Administrator as set forth in the Claims 23 Administrator's Notice Media Plan and in accordance with the Court's Preliminary 24 Approval Order, but which may be modified as necessary to comply with the 25 provisions of this Settlement Agreement, and which are to be provided to the Class 26 Members pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

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M. "Class Period" or "Settlement Class Period" shall mean and refer to
the time period beginning on February 2, 2012 and ending on the date until the
date of the Order of Preliminary Approval of this Agreement.

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N. "Class Representatives" means named Plaintiffs Veda Woodard, Teresa Rizzo-Marino, and Diane Morrison.

- O. "Class Representative Enhancement" or "Incentive Award" means
 any award sought by application to and approved by the Court that is payable to
 the Class Representatives and named Plaintiffs from the Settlement Fund for their
 role as the class representatives and/or named plaintiffs and for the responsibility
 and work attendant to those roles.
- P. "Court" means the United States District Court for the Central District
 of California.
- Q. "Defendants" or "Media Defendants" means Defendants Dr. Mehmet
 C. Oz, M.D., Zoco Productions, LLC, Harpo Productions, Inc., and Entertainment
 Media Ventures, Inc.
- R. "Defense Counsel" means the law firms of Jackson Walker, LLP and
 Ford, Walker, Haggerty, & Behar, LLP and any attorneys at those firms assisting
 in the representation of the Media Defendants in the Action.

19 S. "Escrow Account" means the escrow account managed by the Escrow
20 Agent, which shall be the sole escrow account for compensation of Class Members
21 under the Settlement Agreement.

- T. "Escrow Agent" means the agreed-upon entity to address and hold for
 distribution the funds identified in this Settlement Agreement. The Parties agree
 that KCC, LLC shall serve as the Escrow Agent and will place the Settlement
 Funds in an interest bearing account, subject to approval by the Court.
- U. "Fee and Expense Award" means the amount of any attorneys' fees
 and reimbursement of litigation expenses awarded to Class Counsel under their Fee
 Application based on their work prosecuting the Action and creating the benefits of

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1 this Settlement Agreement.

2 "Final Approval Date" or "Effective Date" means the first date that is V. 3 three business days after all of the following have occurred: (i) the Court has 4 entered an order granting final approval of the Settlement Agreement in 5 accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement; (ii) the time for any 6 challenge or objection to the Settlement Agreement, both in the Court and on 7 appeal, has elapsed; and (iii) the Settlement Agreement has become final, either 8 because no timely challenge or objection was made to it or because any timely 9 challenge or objection has been finally adjudicated and rejected. [For purposes of] 10 this paragraph, an "appeal" shall not include any appeal that concerns solely the 11 issue of Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and expenses and for Incentive 12 Awards to the Class Representatives.]

13 "Final Judgment" means the "Final Judgment and Order of Dismissal" W. 14 to be entered by the Court, which, among other things, fully and finally approves 15 the Settlement and dismisses the litigation with prejudice, and retains continuing 16 jurisdiction over the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the 17 settlement.

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Χ "Notice" or "Class Notice" means the Court approved "Notice of 19 Proposed Class Action Settlement" attached as Exhibits "A" and "D").

20 "Notice Date" or "Notice Deadline" means the date on which the Y. 21 Settlement Administrator completes the Online Notice, consistent with the 22 Preliminary Approval Order, to Settlement Class Members.

23 Z. "Objection" is the written communication that a Settlement Class 24 Member may file with the Court in order to object to this Agreement as provided 25 for in Section IV, 4.4 of this Settlement Agreement.

26 AA. "Objection/Exclusion Deadline" means the date the Court orders in its 27 Preliminary Approval Order, as referred to in Section 4.3 of this Agreement.

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1 "Party" or "Parties" means Plaintiffs and the Media Defendants in this BB. 2 litigation.

3 "Plaintiffs" means the class representatives, Veda Woodard, Teresa CC. 4 Rizzo-Marino, and Diane Morrison, on behalf of themselves and each of the 5 Settlement Class Members.

- 6 DD. "Person" means any individual, corporation or any other entity of any 7 nature whatsoever.
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- EE. "Preliminary Approval Date" means the date of entry of the Court's 9 order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement.
- 10 FF. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the Court's order to be entered 11 by the Court, substantially in the form of Exhibit E, preliminarily approving the 12 Settlement Agreement, certifying the Settlement Class, setting the due date of the 13 Final Approval Hearing approving the Settlement Notice Plan, and Claim Form, 14 and setting the Opt Out Date, Objection Date and Notice Date.
- 15 GG. "Products" and "Class Products" means the following Products 16 purchased by the Class Members: (A) any Green Coffee Bean Extract and/or 17 Garcinia Cambogia product from any manufacturer, including but not limited to 18 the Labrada Dual Action Fat Buster with Supercitrimax® Garcinia Cambogia and 19 the Labrada Fat Loss Optimizer with Svetol® Green Coffee Bean Extract, from 20 February 2, 2012 until the date notice is disseminated in this action, and saw any 21 fake ad purported to be sourced from or approved by Dr. Oz or Media Defendants; 22 or (B) any weight loss product, ingredient, and/or plant after viewing, at any time, 23 any portion of Episode 3-143, Episode 4-018, or Episode 4-052 of The Dr. Oz 24 Show, or viewing, at any time, any portion of Doctoroz.com on or after April 26, 25 2012 related to Green Coffee Bean Extract and/or Garcinia Cambogia, or after 26 seeing any fake ad purported to be sourced from or approved by Dr. Oz or Media 27 Defendants, even if it resulted in weight loss.
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1 "Released Claims" or "Class Released Claims" means any and all HH. 2 actions, claims, demands, rights, suits, and causes of action of whatever kind or 3 nature against the Released Persons, including damages, costs, expenses, penalties, 4 and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or equity 5 arising out of or relating to any act, failure to act, omission, misrepresentation, 6 statement, fact, event, transaction, matter, occurrence or allegation that were raised 7 or could have been raised in the Action, including allegations of false, misleading 8 or deceptive statements or misrepresentations or any other statements relating to 9 the purchase of (A) any Green Coffee Bean Extract and/or Garcinia Cambogia 10 product from any manufacturer, including but not limited to the Labrada Dual 11 Action Fat Buster with Supercitrimax[®] Garcinia Cambogia and the Labrada Fat 12 Loss Optimizer with Svetol® Green Coffee Bean Extract, from February 2, 2012 13 until the date notice is disseminated in this action, and saw any fake ad purported 14 to be sourced from or approved by Dr. Oz or Media Defendants; or (B) any weight 15 loss product, ingredient, and/or plant after viewing, at any time, any portion 16 of Episode 3-143, Episode 4-018, or Episode 4-052 of The Dr. Oz Show, or 17 viewing, at any time, any portion of Doctoroz.com on or after April 26, 2012 18 related to Green Coffee Bean Extract and/or Garcinia Cambogia, or after seeing 19 any fake ad purported to be sourced from or approved by Dr. Oz or Media 20 Defendants, even if it resulted in weight loss. The parties and each of them do 21 hereby assume the above-mentioned risks and agree that the settlement agreement 22 shall apply to all unknown or unanticipated results of the occurrences described 23 above, as well as those known and anticipated, and upon advice of counsel, each 24 party does hereby knowingly waive any and all rights and protections 25 under California Civil Code Section 1542 and like statutes from other states, which 26 section has been duly explained to the Settling Parties and states as follows:

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"A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of

1 2 executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor."

3 Additionally, Plaintiffs and all class members who do not timely opt out of 4 the defined class in the Settlement Agreement will covenant not to sue the 5 Released Parties.

6 II. "Released Persons" means Dr. Mehmet C. Oz, M.D., Zoco 7 Productions, LLC, Harpo Productions, Inc., Sony Pictures Television Inc., and 8 Entertainment Media Ventures, Inc., each, any and all of their respective past, 9 present, and future heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, 10 assigns, parent companies, owners, subsidiaries, divisions, joint venturers, entities 11 in which the Media Defendants have a controlling interest, holding companies, 12 employees, agents, consultants, marketing partners, resellers, lead generators, 13 telemarketers, independent contractors, insurers, reinsurers, directors, officers, 14 partners, principals, attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, investors, 15 investment bankers, underwriters, shareholders, auditors, legal representatives, 16 successors in interest, affiliates, trusts, and corporations; and each and all of the 17 past, present, and future officers, directors, principals, representatives, employees, 18 agents, shareholders, attorneys, successors, executors, and assigns of any of the 19 foregoing entities. ("Released Parties"). This release specifically excludes Non-20 Settling Defendants Interhealth Nutraceuticals, Inc., Naturex, Inc., Lee Labrada, 21 Labrada Bodybuilding Nutrition, Inc., and Labrada Nutritional Systems, Inc.

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JJ. "Request for Exclusion" means the written communication that must 23 be sent to the Settlement Administrator and postmarked on or before the 24 Objection/Exclusion Deadline by a Settlement Class Member who wishes to be 25 excluded from the Settlement Class.

26 KK. "Settlement Agreement" means this agreement, including its attached 27 exhibits (which are incorporated herein by reference), duly executed by Class 28 Counsel, Media Defendants' counsel and EMV counsel.

1 LL. "Settlement Class Member(s)" or "Member(s) of the Settlement 2 Class" or "Class Members" means: All persons in the United States who purchased 3 (A) any Green Coffee Bean Extract and/or Garcinia Cambogia product from any 4 manufacturer, including but not limited to the Labrada Dual Action Fat Buster with 5 Supercitrimax[®] Garcinia Cambogia and the Labrada Fat Loss Optimizer with 6 Svetol® Green Coffee Bean Extract, from February 2, 2012 until the date notice is 7 disseminated in this action, and saw any fake ad purported to be sourced from or 8 approved by Dr. Oz or Media Defendants; or (B) any weight loss product, 9 ingredient, and/or plant after viewing, at any time, any portion of Episode 3-143, 10 Episode 4-018, or Episode 4-052 of The Dr. Oz Show, or viewing, at any time, any 11 portion of Doctoroz.com on or after April 26, 2012 related to Green Coffee Bean 12 Extract and/or Garcinia Cambogia, or after seeing any fake ad purported to be 13 sourced from or approved by Dr. Oz or Media Defendants, even if it resulted in 14 weight loss.

15 Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) all judges and magistrates who have 16 presided or are presiding over this action (or the judge or Magistrate presiding over 17 the action through which this matter is presented for settlement); (2) the 18 defendants, defendants' subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors, 19 and any entity in which the defendants or their parents have a controlling interest 20 and their current or former officers, directors, and employees; (3) persons who 21 properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the class; and (4) 22 legal representatives, successors or assigns of any such excluded person.

MM. "Settlement Fund" means the amount to be deposited by the Media Defendants into the Escrow Account from which the Claims Administrator shall pay all expenses associated with Settlement as approved by the Court including without limitation, Class Notice, administration, Claims, the Settlement Payment, Class Representative Enhancement or Incentive awards and Class Counsel legal expenses and attorneys' fees, as described in Section VI.

1 NN. "Settlement Hearing" or "Fairness Hearing" means the hearing(s), to 2 be held after notice has been provided to the Settlement Class in accordance with 3 this Settlement Agreement (1) to determine whether to grant final approval to (a) 4 the certification of the Settlement Class, (b) the designation of Class 5 Representatives as the representatives of the Settlement Class, (c) the designation 6 of Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class, and (d) the Settlement 7 Agreement; (2) to consider whether to enter the Final Approval Order; and (3) to 8 rule on Class Counsel's Fee and Expense Award application. The Parties shall ask 9 the Court to schedule a date for the Settlement Hearing 120 days after the Court 10 enters the Preliminary Approval Order, and no sooner than 90 days after the date 11 the Motion for Preliminary Approval is filed to permit the necessary notices under 12 the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (28 U.S.C. §1715).

- 13 OO. "Settlement Notice and Other Administrative Costs" means all fees, 14 costs and expenses actually incurred by the Settlement Administrator in the 15 creation and dissemination of Class Notice, establishment of the Settlement 16 Website, and the processing, handling, reviewing, and paying of claims made by 17 Claimants.

18 PP. "Settlement Payment" means the amount to be paid to Authorized 19 Claimants as described in Section VI.

20 QQ. "Settlement Website" means the website to be created and maintained 21 by the Claims Administrator to provide the Settlement Class with information 22 relating to the Settlement, including relevant documents and electronic and 23 printable forms relating thereto, including the Claim Form which can be submitted 24 online through an Internet-based form or printed and mailed. The Settlement 25 Website shall be activated no later than ten (10) days after the Court enters the 26 Preliminary Approval Order.

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2.2. Other capitalized terms used in this Stipulation but not defined above
 2 shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Stipulation and the exhibits
 3 attached hereto.

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III. <u>CERTIFICATION OF A SETTLEMENT CLASS FOR</u> <u>SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY</u>

6 The Media Defendants hereby consent, solely for purposes of the 3.1 7 settlement set forth herein, to the certification of a nationwide Settlement Class 8 pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3) to the appointment of Class 9 Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class, and to the conditional approval of 10 Plaintiffs as suitable representatives of the Class; provided, however, that if this 11 Settlement Agreement fails to receive Court approval or otherwise fails to be 12 consummated, including, but not limited to, [the Judgment not becoming final as 13 provided in § IX of this Stipulation,] then the Media Defendants retain all rights 14 they had immediately preceding the execution of this Settlement Agreement to 15 object to the maintenance of this Action as a class action, and in that event, nothing 16 in this Settlement Agreement or other papers or proceedings related thereto shall 17 be used as evidence or argument by any Party concerning whether any aspect of 18 the Action including whether it alleges meritorious claims or may properly be 19 maintained as a class action.

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IV. APPROVAL PROCEDURES AND RELATED PROVISIONS

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Dismissal of Defendants

4.1. Plaintiffs shall request dismissal of Dr. Mehmet C. Oz M.D. and
Entertainment Media Ventures, Inc., with prejudice from the Action, and will
request such dismissal in their motion for final approval and at the hearing seeking
final approval of this Settlement Agreement.

26 Public Statements

4.2. Once the Court approves this Settlement Agreement, the Parties will
issue the agreed upon joint statement which includes, without limitation, language

that notes that Dr. Mehmet Oz M.D., and Entertainment Media Ventures, Inc.,
were previously dismissed with prejudice, and that Harpo Productions, Inc., and
Zoco Productions, LLC have not admitted wrongdoing but continue to deny
allegations of the complaint, attached hereto as Exhibit B. Plaintiffs are prohibited
from issuing any public statement regarding the underlying action and/or
settlement agreement without prior approval from the Media Defendants.

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Motion for Preliminary Approval and Good Faith Determination

4.3. Upon the execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties shall
concurrently file (1) a motion seeking a determination of good faith settlement
from the Court on Media Defendants' motion pursuant to Cal. Civ. P. 877.6, and
(2) a motion seeking Preliminary Approval of this Settlement, including all
Exhibits, and shall jointly move the Court for entry of an order, which by its terms
shall:

14 (a) Determine preliminarily that this Settlement Agreement falls within the
15 range of reasonableness meriting possible final approval and dissemination of
16 Class Notice to the Settlement Class;

17 (b) Determine preliminarily that the Class Representatives are members of the
18 Settlement Class and that, for purposes of the Settlement Agreement, they satisfy
19 the requirements of Rule 23 and that they adequately represent the interests of the
20 Settlement Class Members, and appoint them as the Class Representatives of the
21 Settlement Class;

(c) Conditionally certify the Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement
Agreement under Rule 23(b)(3) for settlement purposes only;

24 (d) Appoint the Law Offices of Ronald A. Marron, APLC and the law firm of
25 Cohelan Khoury & Singer as Class Counsel pursuant to Rule 23(g);

(e) Schedule the Final Approval Hearing to: (i) determine finally whether the
Settlement Class satisfies the applicable requirements of Rule 23 and should be
finally certified for settlement purposes only; (ii) review objections, if any,

regarding the Settlement Agreement; (iii) consider the fairness, reasonableness and
adequacy of the Settlement Agreement; (iv) consider Class Counsel's application
for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses; (v) determine the validity of
Requests for Exclusion and exclude from the Settlement Class those persons who
validly and timely opt out; and (vi) consider whether the Court shall issue the Final
Judgment and Order Approving Settlement and dismissing the Actions with
prejudice;

 $8 \parallel (f)$ Set a briefing schedule for the Final Approval Hearing;

9 $\|(g)\|$ Approve the proposed Class Notices and Notice Program;

 $10 \parallel (h)$ Approve the designation of KCC, LLC as the Settlement Administrator;

(i) Direct the Settlement Administrator to cause the Class Notices to be
disseminated in the manner set forth in the Notice Program on or before the Notice
Dates;

(j) Determine that the Class Notices and the Notice Program: (i) meet the
requirements of Rule 23(c)(3) and due process; (ii) are the best practicable notice
under the circumstances; (iii) are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances,
to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action, their right to
object to the proposed Settlement, opt out of the Settlement Class, or participate
within the timeframe provided herein; and (iv) are reasonable and constitute due,
adequate and sufficient notice to all those entitled to receive notice;

(k) Require each Settlement Class Member who wishes to opt out of the
Settlement Class to submit a timely written Request for Exclusion, on or before the
Opt Out and Objection Date, to the Claims Administrator, to Class Counsel, and to
Defendants' Counsel, as specified in Section VIII of this Settlement Agreement;

Rule that any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a timely
written Request for Exclusion will be bound by all proceedings, orders and
judgments in the Action;

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1 Require any Settlement Class Member who wishes to object to the fairness, (m) 2 reasonableness or adequacy of the Settlement Agreement, to the award of 3 Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, or to the Incentive Awards, to submit to the 4 Settlement Administrator and deliver to Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, 5 by the Opt Out and Objection Date, a statement of his or her objection, as well as 6 the specific reason for each objection, including any legal support the Settlement 7 Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention and any evidence the 8 Settlement Class Member wishes to introduce in support of his or her objection, 9 and to state whether the Settlement Class Member and/or his or her counsel wishes 10 to make an appearance at the Final Approval Hearing, or be forever barred from 11 separately objecting; and

12 $\|(n)\|$ Establish the following:

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(i) The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing;

(ii) The Notice Dates: The Parties propose that the Class
Settlement Notice Date be within forty-five (45) days after the entry of the
Preliminary Approval Order and at least fifty-five (55) days before the Final
Approval Hearing, and the Settlement Fund distribution be no more than sixty (60)
days after the Effective Date;

(iii) The Opt Out and Objection Date: The Parties propose that the
Opt Out and Objection Date be the date that is thirty (30) days prior to the Final
Approval Hearing;

(iv) Claims Deadlines: The Parties propose that the Claims
Deadline for submission of Claims be one-hundred thirty-five (135) days after the
Court first sets a date for the Final Approval Hearing.

25 4.4. Requests for Exclusion.

a. Any Settlement Class Member who does not wish to participate in this
Settlement Agreement must submit a Request for Exclusion to the Claims
Administrator stating an intention to be "excluded" from this Settlement. The

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1 request for exclusion must contain the Settlement Class Member's name, current 2 address, and telephone number. The Request for Exclusion must be either (i) 3 personally signed by the Settlement Class Member, dated and mailed to the Claims 4 Administrator and postmarked on or before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline, or 5 (ii) electronically signed by the Settlement Class Member, and submitted to the 6 Claims Administrator through the Settlement Website on or before the 7 Objection/Exclusion Deadline. So-called "mass" or "class" opt-outs shall not be 8 allowed. The date of the postmark on the return mailing envelope and/or the date 9 of online submission through the Settlement Website shall be the exclusive means 10 used to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. Any 11 Settlement Class Member whose request to be excluded from the Settlement Class 12 is approved by the Court will not be bound by this Settlement Agreement and will 13 or have no right to object, appeal or comment thereon.

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Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely submit a Request b. 15 for Exclusion as provided in the preceding paragraph shall be bound by all 16 subsequent proceedings, orders, and the Final Judgment in the, even if he or she 17 has pending, or subsequently initiates litigation, arbitration, or any other 18 proceeding against Defendants relating to the Released Claims.

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4.5. Objections to the Settlement

20 Any Settlement Class Member, on his or her own, or through an a. 21 attorney hired at his or her own expense, may object to the terms of the Settlement 22 or Class Counsel's application for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses 23 and/or the Incentive Awards. Any Objection must be in writing and include the 24 contents described in Paragraph (b) below, and must be filed with the Court and 25 sent to counsel for the Parties as set forth below via U.S. Mail and e-mail, on or 26 before the Objection/Exclusion Deadline or as the Court otherwise directs. Any 27 Objections not raised properly and timely are will be waived. Objections must be 28 sent to each of the following persons:

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1 objection; (ii) a detailed list of any other objections submitted by the Settlement 2 Class Member, or his/her counsel, to any class actions submitted in any court, 3 whether state or federal, in the United States in the previous five (5) years.

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The filing of an Objection allows Class Counsel and The Media C. 5 Defendants' Counsel to take the objector's deposition consistent with the Federal 6 Rules of Civil Procedure at an agreed upon location, and to seek any documentary 7 evidence or other tangible things that are relevant to the Objection. Failure by an 8 objector to make himself or herself available for a deposition or otherwise comply 9 with expedited discovery requests may result in the Court striking the objector's 10 objection and otherwise denying the objector the opportunity to make an Objection 11 or be further heard.

12 d. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to file and serve timely a 13 written Objection containing all of the information listed above in the previous 14 paragraphs, including notice of his/her intent to appear at the final approval 15 hearing, shall not be permitted to object to the Settlement and shall be foreclosed 16 from seeking any review of the Settlement Agreement or the terms of the 17 Settlement Agreement by any means, including but not limited to an appeal.

18 The Media Defendants have the right, at their sole option, to withdraw e. 19 from the Settlement Agreement if the Requests for Exclusion exceed 10%. Further, 20 the Media Defendants have the right to withdraw from this Settlement Agreement 21 if this term is not approved by the Court. If Media Defendants withdraw approval 22 of the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Fund shall be promptly returned to the 23 Media Defendants. Any reasonable costs incurred by the Class Administrator prior 24 to that time will be borne equally by the Media Defendants and the Plaintiffs, such 25 that Plaintiffs shall promptly reimburse one-half of such costs to the Media 26 Defendants.

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1 Cooperation

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2	4.6.	The Settling Parties and their counsel agree to cooperate fully with		
3	one another	and to use their best efforts to effectuate the Settlement, including		
4	without lin	itation, in seeking Preliminary Approval and Final Approval of the		
5	Settlement Agreement and the settlement embodied herein, carrying out the terms			
6	of this Settlement Agreement, and promptly agreeing upon and executing all such			
7	other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the			
8	Court of the Settlement Agreement. The Parties shall cooperate in good faith and			
9	undertake all reasonable actions and steps in order to accomplish the events			
10	described in this Settlement Agreement.			
11	V. <u>CLASS NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT</u>			
12	General Te	erms		
13	5.1.	The Class Notice shall:		
14	a.	inform Settlement Class Members that, if they do not exclude		
15		themselves from the Class, they may be eligible to receive the relief		
16		under the proposed settlement;		
17	b.	contain a short, plain statement of the background of the Litigation,		
18		the Class certification and the proposed settlement;		
19	c.	describe the proposed settlement relief outlined in this Stipulation;		
20	d.	explain the impact of the proposed settlement on any existing		
21		litigation, arbitration or other proceeding; and		
22	e.	state that any relief to Settlement Class Members is contingent on the		
23		Court's final approval of the proposed settlement.		
24	f.	state the Plaintiffs' counsel will seek an award of attorneys fees and		
25 26		expenses from the Settlement Funds.		
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5.2. Following Preliminary Approval, all activity in the Action shall be 2 stayed except to the extent necessary to effectuate this Agreement unless and until 3 this Settlement Agreement is terminated pursuant to its terms and conditions.

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Notice to State and Federal Officials. In compliance with the attorney 5.4 5 general notification provision of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), 6 28 U.S.C. §1715, within ten (10) days after the motion for Preliminary Approval is 7 filed, the Claims Administrator and/or The Media Defendants shall cause notice of 8 this proposed Settlement Agreement to be served on the Attorney General of the 9 United States, and the attorneys general of each state or territory in which a 10 Settlement Class Member resides. Defendants shall file with the Court a 11 certification stating the date(s) on which the CAFA notices were sent. The Claims 12 Administrator and/or The Media Defendants will provide Class Counsel with any 13 substantive responses received in response to any CAFA notice served by it.

- 14 5.5 Notice to the Settlement Class Members. Upon Preliminary Approval 15 of this Agreement, the Claims Administrator shall cause the Settlement Notice to 16 be made as follows and as set forth below:
- 17 Print Publication Notice. On or before the Notice Deadline, the a 18 Claims Administrator will cause Notice, in the form approved by the Court, to be 19 published based on KCC's Notice Plan with publication strategy which is attached 20 hereto as Exhibit D.

21 Settlement Website. On or before the Notice Deadline, the Settlement b. 22 Administrator shall establish the Settlement Website, from which Settlement Class 23 Members may download or print the Website Notice, a complete copy of this 24 Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order and submit a Claim Form. The 25 Settlement Website shall include the deadlines for filing claims, requests for 26 exclusion from the Settlement Class, Objections and the Final Approval Date and 27 other information pertaining to the Settlement, a voice recorded IVR with FAQ's 28 and an interactive function that permits Settlement Class Members to download a

Claim Form online and/or to file a Claim Form via the website or by mail and postmarked by the Claims Deadline. The Claims Administrator shall establish the
Settlement Website using a website name to be mutually agreed upon by the
Parties. The website shall be operative no later than the Notice Date and shall be
accessible for a period of not fewer than five (5) days following the expiration of
the time for submissions of claims.

7 Toll-Free Interactive Voice Response ("IVR"). On or before the C. 8 Notice Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall establish a Toll-Free IVR 9 phone number with script recordings of information about this Settlement, 10 including information about the Claim Form, utilizing the relevant portions of the 11 language contained in the Notice and Claim Form. The phone number shall remain 12 open and accessible through the Claim Deadline. The Settlement Administrator 13 shall make reasonable provision for Class Counsel to be promptly advised of 14 recorded messages left on the phone number by potential Settlement Class 15 Members concerning the Action and/or this Settlement Agreement, so that Class 16 Counsel may timely and accurately respond to such inquiries; provided however, 17 the Settlement Administrator shall review the recorded messages before providing 18 them to Class Counsel, and if one or more of the messages requests a blank Claim 19 Form or other similar administrative assistance only, then the Settlement 20 Administrator shall handle such administrative request(s), but the Settlement 21 Administrator shall provide all other messages to Class Counsel for any further 22 response to the Settlement Class Member.

- 5.6 Retention of Class Action Settlement Administrator. Subject to Court
 Approval, KCC, LLC shall be retained as the Class Action Settlement
 Administrator to help implement the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement.
- 5.7 Responsibilities of Settlement Administrator: The Settlement
 Administrator will help implement the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement. The
 Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for administrative tasks, including,

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1 without limitation, (a) arranging, as set forth in this Section and in the Preliminary 2 Approval Order, for distribution of Class Notice (in the form approved by the 3 Court) and Claims Forms (in the form approved by the Court) to Settlement Class 4 Members, (b) answering inquiries from Settlement Class Members and/or 5 forwarding such written inquiries to Class Counsel or their designee, (c) receiving 6 and maintaining on behalf of the Court and the Parties any Settlement Class 7 Member correspondence regarding Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement 8 Agreement, (d) posting notices on the Settlement Website, Claim Forms, and other 9 related documents, (e) receiving and processing claims and distributing Settlement 10 Payments, and (f) answering inquiries and providing information reasonably 11 requested by the Media Defendants and (g) otherwise assisting with 12 implementation and administration of the Settlement Agreement terms.

5.8 General Claims Administration and Review of Claims. The Claims
Administrator shall be responsible for reviewing and administering all claims to
determine their validity. The Claims Administrator shall reject any claim that does
not comply in any material respect with the instructions on the Claim Form or the
terms of this Agreement, or is submitted after the Claim Period Close Date.

18 5.9 Claims Process. The Claims Administrator shall retain copies of all 19 Claims submitted and all documentation of claims approved or denied and all 20 Settlement Payments made. The Claims Administrator agrees to be subject to the 21 direction and authority of the Court with respect to the administration of the 22 Settlement and the payment of refunds for Accepted Claims pursuant to the terms 23 of this Agreement. Upon determining that a Claim submitted pursuant to this 24 Agreement is valid and determining the amount of Settlement Payment, the Claims 25 Administrator shall notify The Media Defendants and Class Counsel of that 26 determination. The Media Defendants shall have 30 days following this notice to 27 challenge the claim. The Media Defendants shall be permitted to submit to the 28 Claims Administrator, with a copy to Class Counsel, any information

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demonstrating that the submitted Claim is not valid. The Claims Administrator
may then contact the Settlement Class Member who submitted the claim to request
any further information. The Claims Administrator shall then make a final
determination that is not challengeable by any Party.

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5.10 The contract with the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall obligate the Class Action Settlement Administrator to abide by the following performance standards:

8 i. the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall accurately and
 9 neutrally describe, and shall train and instruct its employees and agents to
 10 accurately and objectively describe, the provisions of this Settlement Agreement in
 11 communications with Settlement Class Members;

ii. the Class Action Settlement Administrator shall provide prompt,
accurate, and objective responses to inquiries from Class Counsel, The Media
Defendants, or The Defendants' Counsel.

5.11. All disputes relating to the Settlement Administrator's ability and
need to perform its duties shall be referred to the Court, if necessary, which will
have continuing jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of this Agreement, until
all payments and obligations contemplated by the Settlement Agreement have been
fully carried out.

5.12. Declaration of Compliance. Within five (5) calendar days of the
Claims Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall provide the Parties with a
declaration attesting to completion of the notice process set forth in this section.

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VI. <u>SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION</u>

6.1. Class Benefits. Class Counsel and Class Representatives believe the
Settlement Agreement confers substantial benefits upon the Class, as identified
below, particularly as weighed against the risk associated with the inherent
uncertain nature of a litigated outcome; the complex nature of the Action in which
Class Counsel have reviewed internal and confidential documents; the difficulty

and complexity of calculating actual economic harm attributable to allegedly false
representations related to the Media Defendants; and the length and expense of
continued proceedings through additional fact depositions, expert depositions, third
party document productions and depositions, summary judgment briefing, trial and
appeals. Based on their evaluation of such factors, Class Counsel and Class
Representatives have determined that the Settlement Agreement, based on the
following terms, is in the best interests of the Class.

- 8 6.2 The settlement includes cash payments or monetary relief and non9 monetary relief as set forth below.
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1. Monetary Relief.

a. With Proof of Purchase. For class members who submit a claim with
receipts that show a purchase of a Class Product, the class members will receive
\$30.00 cash for each product purchased to be paid from the Settlement Fund,
subject to 6.21.d below.

b. Without Proof of Purchase. For class members who submit a claim
without a receipt for purchase of Class Product, The Media Defendants will
provide \$30.00 cash for each product purchased, to be paid from the Settlement
Fund, with a limit of \$90.00 per household, subject to 6.21.d below.

c. Claimants may seek reimbursement by submitting a Claim Form
either by mail or electronically. Each Claim Form will be signed (electronic or
manual) under penalty of perjury. The actual amount paid to individual Claimants
will depend upon the number of valid claims made. Adequate and customary
procedures and standards will be used by the Class Action Settlement
Administrator to prevent the payment of fraudulent claims and to pay only
legitimate claims.

d. Insufficient or Excess Funds. If the total amount of eligible claims
exceeds the Settlement Fund, then each claim's award shall be proportionately
reduced. In the event that there is any remaining cash amount in the Settlement

1 Fund after payment of Notice and Claim Administration Expenses, Attorneys' 2 Fees, any necessary taxes, tax expenses, and any Court-approved service award to 3 Plaintiffs as well as the tallied amount of all Authorized Claims, the Settlement 4 Administrator shall divide the remaining cash amount equally by the number of 5 Authorized Claimants and shall pay each such Authorized Claimant his or her 6 share of the remaining cash amount. If after all valid claims (plus other authorized) 7 fees, costs and expenses) are paid and money remains in the settlement fund after 8 *pro rata* distribution to Authorized Claimants, any remaining settlement funds 9 thereafter will be awarded cy pres to the Consumers Union subject to Court 10 approval.

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Non-Monetary Relief

a. The Media Defendants agree not to re-air Episode 3-143, Episode 4018, or Episode 4-052 of *The Dr. Oz Show* ("Episodes"), and to remove all clips of
these Episodes from *doctoroz.com*.

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3. Settlement Fund.

a. The Media Defendants will cause to be paid the amount of
\$5,250,000.00 into a settlement fund held in an escrow account, no later than
thirty-five (35) days following the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

19 b. The Settlement Fund shall be applied to pay in full and in order: (i) 20 any necessary taxes and tax expenses; (ii) all costs associated with the Class Action 21 Settlement Administration, including costs of providing notice to the Class 22 Members and processing claims and all costs relating to providing the necessary 23 notices in accordance with the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 24 1715; (iii) any Fee and Expense Award made by the Court to Class Counsel under 25 § VIII, 8.2; (iv) any class representative Incentive Award made by the Court to the 26 Class Representatives under § VIII, 8.3; and (v) payments to authorized Claimants 27 and any others as allowed by this Stipulation and to be approved by the Court. The 28 Settlement Fund represents the limit and extent of the Media Defendants' (and any

1 || Released Person's) monetary obligations under this Settlement Agreement.

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Delivery of Payments to Settlement Class Members

a. The Class Action Administrator shall send a correspondence to any applicable Settlement Class Member explaining the rejection of any Claim no later than fifteen (15) days after the Effective Date. Settlement Class Members' time to appeal any such rejection shall expire forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date.

b. The Class Action Administrator will send payment directly to the
eligible Settlement Class Member in accordance with the following schedule:

9 i. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the entry of a Final Approval
10 Order and Judgment and exhaustion of any appeals, the Settlement Administrator
11 will process direct credit or payment via any of the following options including
12 PayPal, Venmo, Amazon, or electronic Automated Clearing House ("ACH")
13 transactions.

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ii. If Settlement Class Members affirmatively opt for physical check payments, checks will be sent out 120 calendar days after entry of Final Approval.

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5. Claim Form Availability

a. The Claim Form will may be completed and submitted online at the
Settlement Website. The Claim Form may also be requested by calling the toll-free
number provided by the Class Action Settlement Administrator or by writing to the
Class Action Settlement Administrator.

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6. Eligibility for Monetary Relief

a. To be eligible for Monetary Relief under § VI, 6.2(1) of this
Agreement, the Settlement Class Member must timely submit a signed and
completed Claim Form containing his or her name, mailing address and email
address.

b. To be eligible, Claim Forms must be postmarked or submitted online
no later than 120 days following the later of: (i) the last published notice identified
in the Notice Plan; or (ii) the establishment of the Settlement Website.

VII. <u>RELEASES</u>

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7.1 As of the Effective Date, and except as to such rights or claims
created by the Settlement, and each Settlement Class Member, and each of their
heirs spouses, guardians, executors, administrators, representatives, agents,
attorneys, insurers, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall
be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment shall have, fully,
finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims
against the Released Persons.

9 7.2 In connection with the Released Claims, each Settlement Class
10 Member shall be deemed to have forever waived any and all provisions, rights, and
11 benefits conferred by §1542 of the California Civil Code and any statute, rule, and
12 legal doctrine similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code § 1542,
13 which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS
WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO
EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING
THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST
HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT
WITH THE DEBTOR.

20 The Class Representatives for themselves and the Settlement Class Members 21 understand and acknowledge the significance of these waivers of § 1542 of the 22 California Civil Code and any similar, comparable or equivalent statute, rule or 23 doctrine. In connection with the release and waivers herein, the Class 24 Representatives and the Settlement Class Members acknowledge that they are 25 aware they may hereafter discover facts in addition to, or different from, those 26 facts that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of 27 the Settlement, but that it is their intention to release fully, finally and forever, all 28 Released Claims, excluding personal injury claims, with respect to the Released

1 Persons, and in furtherance of such intention, the releases of the Released Claims 2 will remain in effect notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such 3 additional or different facts.

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7.3 The Final Judgment shall further provide for and effect the release of 5 all actions, causes of action, claims, administrative claims, demands, debts, 6 damages, costs, attorneys' fees, obligations, judgments, expenses, compensation, 7 or liabilities, in law or in equity, whether now known or unknown, contingent or 8 absolute, that Defendants now have against Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, 9 or Class Counsel by reason of any act, omission, harm, matter, cause or event 10 whatsoever arising out of the initiation, prosecution, or settlement of the *Woodard* 11 Litigation or the claims and defenses asserted in the Action.

12 Notwithstanding the above, the Court shall retain continuing jurisdiction 7.4 13 over the Parties and the Settlement Agreement with respect to the future 14 performance of the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and to assure that all 15 payments and other actions required of any of the Parties by the Settlement are 16 properly made or taken. All Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court 17 for purposes of implementing and enforcing the terms embodied in this Settlement 18 Agreement.

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VIII. CLASS COUNSEL'S ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, EXPENSES, AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE INCENTIVE AWARDS

21 8.1 The award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses shall be made from the 22 Settlement Fund to Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members as set forth above. 23 Class Counsel shall make, and Media Defendants agree not to oppose, an 24 application for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses in the Action not to 25 exceed 33% of the Settlement Fund. In the event that the Court manifests a specific 26 concern as to requested Attorneys' Fees as serving as a primary basis to deny 27 approval of the proposed Settlement, the Media Defendants may submit comment 28 and/or potential objection to the fee request, but only after good faith meet and

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1 confer with Class Counsel as to the Media Defendants' specific basis for comment 2 or objection to the fee request. Class Counsel, in their sole discretion, shall be 3 responsible for allocating and distributing the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses award 4 to Class Counsel. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and any 5 order of the Court, the Fee and Expense Award awarded by the Court to Class 6 Counsel shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund within ten (10) days after the date 7 of the Court's Order granting final approval, subject to Class Counsel providing an 8 undertaking for repayment in the event the District Court order approving the 9 settlement and fee award does not become final following an appeal, if any. Such 10 payment will be in lieu of any statutory fees that Plaintiffs and/or their attorneys 11 might otherwise have been entitled to recover from the Media Defendants.

8.2 Class Counsel shall have the sole and absolute discretion to allocate
and distribute the Court's Fee and Expense Award among Plaintiffs' Counsel and
any other attorneys for Plaintiffs.

15 8.3 Class Counsel may ask the Court for the award of an Incentive Award
16 from the Settlement Fund to each of the Class Representatives as follows:
17 \$5,000.00 to Plaintiff Veda Woodard, \$7,500.00 to Plaintiff Teresa Rizzo-Marino,
18 and \$5,000.00 to Plaintiff Diane Morrison. Any Incentive Awards approved by the
19 Court shall be paid from the Settlement Fund within ten (10) days after the
20 Effective Date.

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IX. <u>CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT, EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL,</u> <u>CANCELLATION, OR TERMINATION</u>

9.1 The Effective Date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the first date
after which all of the following events and conditions have been met or have
occurred:

A) The Court has made a determination that the Settlement Agreement
was entered into in good faith pursuant to Cal. Civ. P. 877.6 and has been entered
thereon;

(B) The Court has preliminarily approved this Settlement Agreement and
 entered the Preliminary Approval Order, including but not limited to conditionally
 certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only;

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(C) The Court has entered the Final Judgment;

5 (D) That no more than 10% Requests for Exclusion are received by the
6 Claims Administrator on or before the Opt-Out Date; and

7 **(E)** Unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing to waive all or any 8 portion of the following provision, there has occurred: (i) in the event there is a 9 properly and timely filed Objection to entry of the Final Judgment, the expiration 10 (without the filing or noticing of an appeal) of the time to appeal from the Final 11 Judgment; (ii) the final dismissal of all appeals from the Final Judgment; (iii) 12 affirmance on appeal of the Final Judgment in substantial form; (iv) if a ruling or 13 decision is entered by an appellate court with respect to affirmance of the Final 14 Judgment, the time to petition for rehearing or re-argument, petitions for rehearing 15 en banc and petitions for certiorari or any other form of review with respect to such 16 ruling or decision has expired; or (v) if a petition for rehearing or re-argument, 17 petitions for rehearing en banc and petitions for certiorari or any other form of 18 review with respect to the Final Judgment is filed, the petition has been denied or 19 dismissed or, if granted, has resulted in affirmance of the Final Judgment in 20 substantial form.

9.2 If all of the conditions specified in §IX of this Settlement Agreement
are not met, then this Settlement Agreement shall be canceled and terminated
unless Class Counsel and Defendants mutually agree in writing to proceed with
this Settlement Agreement.

9.3 In the event that this Settlement Agreement is not approved by the
Court or the settlement set forth in herein is terminated or fails to become effective
in accordance with its terms, the Parties shall be restored to their respective presettlement positions in the Action, including with regard to any agreements

1 concerning tolling and similar agreements, and this entire Settlement Agreement 2 shall become null and void. The Settlement Fund shall be promptly returned to the 3 Media Defendants. Any reasonable costs incurred by the Class Administrator prior 4 to that time will be borne equally by the Media Defendants and the Plaintiffs, such 5 that Plaintiffs shall promptly reimburse one-half of such costs to the Media 6 Defendants.

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X. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

8 10.1 The Parties hereto and their undersigned counsel agree to undertake 9 their best efforts and mutually cooperate to promptly effectuate this Settlement 10 Agreement and the terms of the Settlement set forth herein, including taking all 11 steps and efforts contemplated by this Settlement Agreement and any other steps 12 and efforts which may become necessary by order of the Court or otherwise.

13 10.2 The undersigned counsel represent that they are fully authorized to 14 execute and enter into the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement on 15 behalf of their respective clients.

16 10.3 This Settlement Agreement contains the entire agreement among the 17 Parties hereto and supersedes any prior agreements or understandings between 18 them. Except for § I, all terms of this Settlement Agreement are contractual and not 19 mere recitals and shall be construed as if drafted by all Parties. The presumption 20 found in California Civil Code section 1654 (and equivalent, comparable or 21 analogous provisions of the laws of the United States of America or any state or 22 territory thereof, or of the common law or civil law) that uncertainties in a contract 23 are interpreted against the party causing an uncertainty to exist hereby is waived by 24 all Parties.

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10.4 The terms of this Settlement Agreement are and shall be binding upon 26 each of the Parties, their agents, attorneys, employees, successors and assigns, and 27 upon all other Persons claiming any interest in the subject matter through any of 28 the Parties, including any Settlement Class Member.

1 10.5 Whenever this Settlement Agreement requires or contemplates that
2 one Party shall or may give notice to the other, notice shall be provided by
3 facsimile, email and/or next day (excluding Sunday) express delivery service as
4 follows:

If to Plaintiffs, then to:

Ronald A. Marron LAW OFFICES OF RONALD A. MARRON 651 Arroyo Drive San Diego, CA 92103 Telephone: (619) 696-9006 Email: ron@consumersadvocates.com

If to the Media Defendants, then to:

- Charles L. Babcock JACKSON WALKER, LLP 1401 McKinney Suite 1900
- 1401 McKinney Suite 1900 Houston, Texas 77010 Telephone: 713.752.4200

Facsimile: 713.752.4221 Email: *cbabcock@jw.com*

- 17 10.6 The time periods and/or dates described in this Settlement Agreement 18 with respect to the giving of notices and hearings are subject to approval and 19 change by the Court or by the written agreement of Class Counsel and the Media 20 Defendants' Counsel, without notice to Settlement Class Members. The Parties 21 reserve the right, by agreement and subject to the Court's approval, to grant any 22 reasonable extension of time that might be needed to carry out any of the 23 provisions of this Settlement Agreement.
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10.7 All time periods set forth herein shall be computed in business days if seven days or less, and calendar days if eight days or more, unless otherwise expressly provided. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Settlement Agreement or by order of the Court, the day of the act, event or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The

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1 last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a 2 Sunday or a legal holiday, or, when the act to be done is the filing of a paper in 3 Court, a day in which weather or other conditions have made the Office of the 4 Clerk or the Court inaccessible, in which event the period shall run until the end of 5 the next day as not one of the aforementioned days. As used in this subsection, 6 "legal holiday" includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, 7 Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus 8 Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and any other day 9 appointed as a holiday by the President or the Congress of the United States.

10 10.8 The Parties, their successors and assigns, and their attorneys
11 undertake to implement the terms of this Settlement Agreement in good faith and
12 to use good faith in resolving any disputes that may arise in the implementation of
13 the terms of this Stipulation.

- 14 10.9 This Settlement Agreement may be amended or modified only by a
 15 written instrument signed by Class Counsel and any of the Media Defendants'
 16 Counsel. Amendments and modifications may be made without additional notice to
 17 the Settlement Class Members unless such notice is required by the Court.
- 18 10.10 Neither this Settlement Agreement nor any act performed or 19 document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement: (i) 20 is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the 21 validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Media 22 Defendants, or of the propriety of Class Counsel maintaining the Litigation as a 23 class action; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or 24 evidence of, any fault or omission of the Media Defendants in any civil, criminal, 25 or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal, 26 except that the Media Defendants may file this Stipulation or the Judgment in any 27 action that may be brought against any Released Person in order to support a 28 defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel,

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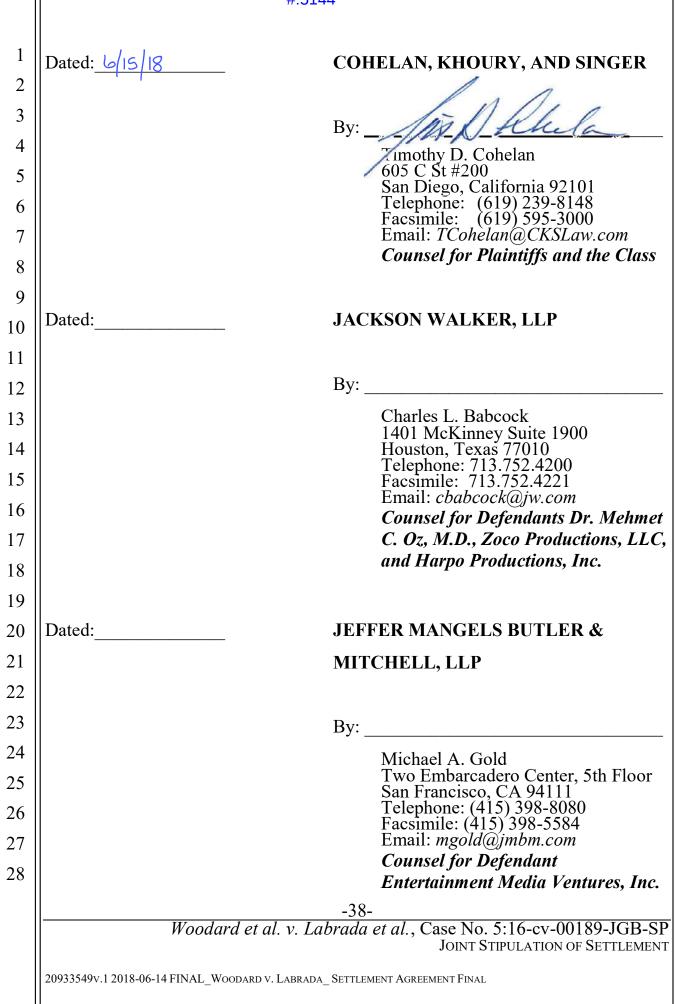
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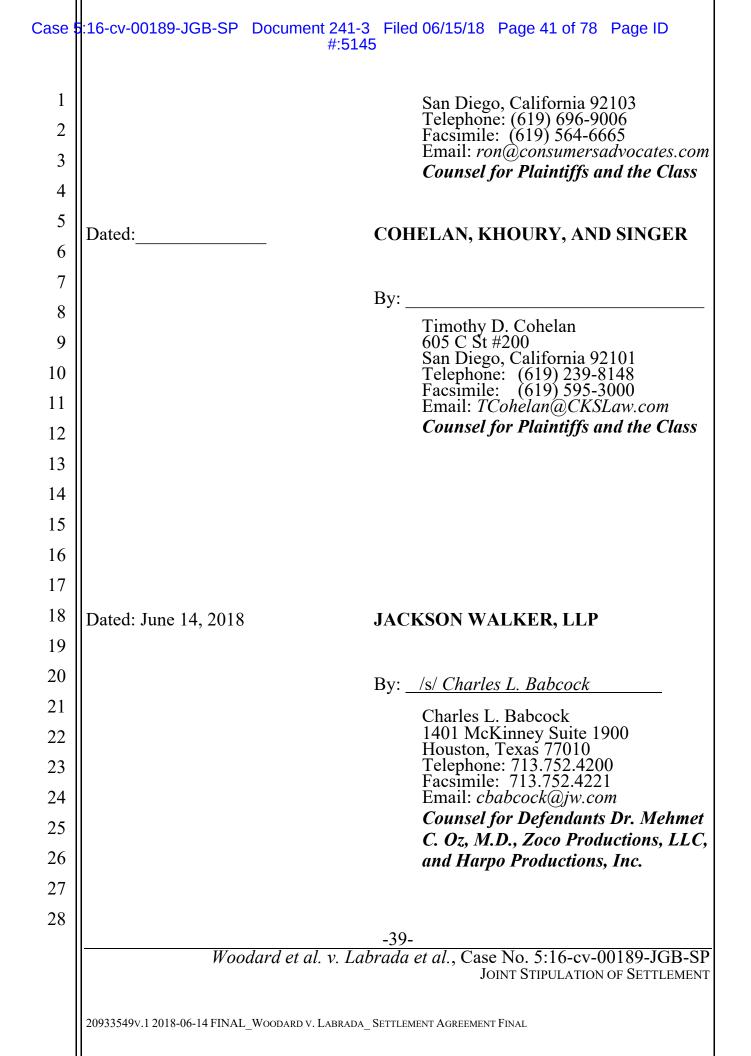
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1	release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, or reduction or any other theory of			
2	claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.			
3	10.11 The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the implementation			
4	and enforcement of the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and all Parties hereto			
5	submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing			
6	the settlement embodied in this Settlement Agreement.			
7	10.12 This Settlement Agreement shall be deemed to have been executed			
8	upon the last date of execution by the undersigned.			
9	10.13 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of			
10	which shall constitute an original.			
11	IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Settlement			
12	Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.			
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14	UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:			
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16	Dated: <u>6/15/2018</u> LAW OFFICES OF RONALD A. MARRON			
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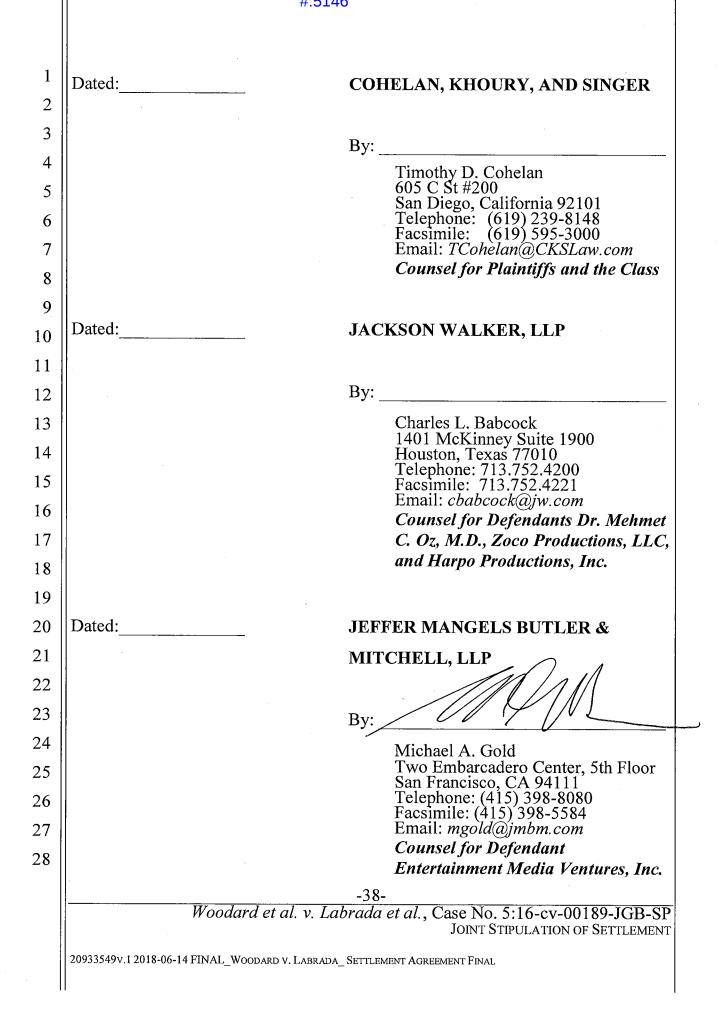


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