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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

COURTENAY ARNESON, an individual, on
behalf of herself and on behalf of all persons
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BAHN THAI, INC. (dba Thai Basil Café /
Veg Café & Bar), a California Corporation;
and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No: 34-2021-00295429

**[PROPOSED] PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL ORDER**

Hearing Date: January 11, 2021

Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m.

Reservation ID: 2602238

Judge: Shama H. Mesiwala
Dept.: 53

Trial Date: Not Set
Action Filed: February 26, 2021

1 The Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement by Plaintiff Courtenay
2 Arneson (“Plaintiff”) came on for hearing before this Court, the Honorable Shama H. Mesiwala
3 presiding. The Court, having considered the papers submitted in support of the motion,
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HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

5 1. The Court preliminarily approves the Stipulation of Settlement of Class Action
6 Claims and Release of Claims (“Settlement Agreement” or “Agreement”) a true and correct
7 copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit “1”**. This is based on the Court’s determination
8 that the Settlement Agreement is within the range of possible final approval, pursuant to the
9 provisions of Section 382 of the California Code of Civil Procedure and California Rules of
10 Court, rule 3.769.

11 2. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Agreement, and all
12 terms defined therein shall have the same meaning in this Order as set forth in the Agreement.

13 3. Subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Total Settlement Amount
14 that Defendant shall pay is ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
15 (\$130,000.00). It appears to the Court on a preliminary basis that the settlement amount and
16 terms are fair, adequate, and reasonable as to the entire Settlement Class when balanced against
17 the probable outcome of further litigation relating to certification, liability, and damages issues.
18 It further appears that investigation and research have been conducted such that counsel for the
19 Parties are able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions. It further appears to the Court
20 that settlement at this time will avoid substantial additional costs by all Parties, as well as avoid
21 the delay and risks that would be presented by the further prosecution of the litigation. It further
22 appears that the Settlement has been reached as the result of intensive, serious, and non-
23 collusive arms-length negotiations.

24 4. The Court preliminarily finds that the Settlement appears to be within the range of
25 reasonableness of a settlement that could ultimately be given final approval by this Court. The
26 Court has reviewed the monetary recovery that is being granted as part of the Settlement and
27 preliminarily finds that the monetary settlement awards made available to the Settlement Class
28 are fair, adequate, and reasonable when balanced against the probable outcome of further

1 litigation relating to certification, liability, and damages issues.

2 5. The Court recognizes that Plaintiff and Defendant stipulate and agree to
3 certification of a class for settlement purposes only. This stipulation will not be deemed
4 admissible in this or any other proceeding should this Settlement not become final. For
5 settlement purposes only, the Court conditionally certifies the following Settlement Class:

6 “All non-exempt employees who are or previously were employed
7 by defendant BAHN THAI, INC. d.b.a. Thai Basil Café/Veg Café &
8 Bar) (“Defendant”) in California during the period between February
9 26, 2017 and September 17, 2021 (“Class Period”). The Class
10 Members excludes any Class Member who submits a timely and
11 valid request for exclusion”

12 6. The Court concludes that, for settlement purposes only, the Settlement Class
13 meets the requirements for certification under section 382 of the California Code of Civil
14 Procedure in that: (a) the Settlement Class is ascertainable and so numerous that joinder of all
15 members of the Settlement Class is impracticable; (b) common questions of law and fact
16 predominate, and there is a well-defined community of interest amongst the Settlement Class
17 with respect to the subject matter of the litigation; (c) the claims of the Class Representative are
18 typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) the Class Representative will fairly and
19 adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class; (e) a class action is superior to other
20 available methods for the efficient adjudication of this controversy; and (f) Class Counsel are
21 qualified to act as counsel for the Class Representative in their individual capacity and as the
22 representative of the Settlement Class Members.

23 7. The Court provisionally appoints plaintiff COURTENAY ARNESON as the
24 representative of the Settlement Class.

25 8. The Court provisionally appoints Jean-Claude Lapuyade, Esq., of the JCL Law
26 Firm, A.P.C. and Shani Zakay of the Zakay Law Group, APLC, as Class Counsel for the
27 Settlement Class.

28 9. The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the Proposed Notice of

1 Pendency of Class and Representative Action Settlement (“Class Notice”) attached to the
2 Agreement as **Exhibit “A”**. The Court finds that both notices appear to fully and accurately
3 inform the Settlement Class and Aggrieved Employees of all material elements of the proposed
4 Settlement, including right of any Settlement Class member to be excluded from the Settlement
5 Class by submitting a written request for exclusion, and of each Settlement Class member’s
6 right and opportunity to object to the Settlement. The Court further finds that the distribution of
7 the notices substantially in the manner and form set forth in the Agreement and this Order meets
8 the requirements of due process, is the most reasonable notice under the circumstances, and
9 shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto. The Court orders the
10 mailing of the notices by first class mail, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Agreement.

11 10. The Court hereby appoints ILYM Group, Inc., as Settlement Administrator.
12 Within fourteen (14) calendar days of this order, Defendant shall provide, to the Settlement
13 Administrator the Class List, including information regarding Settlement Class Members that
14 Defendant will in good faith compile from their records, including each Settlement Class
15 Member’s full name; last known address; Social Security Number; dates of employment, and
16 number of Workweeks accrued by each Settlement Class member during the Class Period and
17 the PAGA Period. Within fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the Class List from
18 Defendant, the Settlement Administrator shall mail the Class Notice to all identified, potential
19 members of the Settlement Class via first class U.S. Mail using the most current mailing address
20 information available.

21 11. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the proposed procedure for exclusion
22 from the Settlement. Any Class Member may individually choose to opt out of and be excluded
23 from the Settlement as provided in the Notice by following the instructions for requesting
24 exclusion from the Settlement of the Released Claims that are set forth in the Notice. All
25 requests for exclusion must be postmarked or received by the Response Deadline which is forty-
26 five (45) calendar days after the date the Class Notice is mailed to the Settlement Class
27 Members or, in the case of a re-mailed Notice, not more than fifteen (15) calendar days after the
28 original Response Deadline. Any such person who chooses to opt out of and be excluded from

1 the Settlement will not be entitled to an Individual Settlement Payment under the Settlement and
2 will not be bound by the Settlement, or have any right to object, appeal or comment thereon.
3 Settlement Class members who have not requested exclusion shall be bound by all
4 determinations of the Court, the Agreement and Judgment. A request for exclusion may only
5 opt out that particular individual, and any attempt to affect an opt-out of a group, class, or
6 subclass of individuals is not permitted and will be deemed invalid.

7 12. Any Settlement Class member who has not opted out may appear at the final
8 approval hearing and may object or express the Member's views regarding the Settlement and
9 may present evidence and file briefs or other papers that may be proper and relevant to the
10 issues to be heard and determined by the Court as provided in the Notice. Settlement Class
11 Members will have forty-five (45) days from the date the Settlement Administrator mails the
12 Class Notice to postmark their written objections to the Settlement Administrator.

13 13. The Agreement specifies for an award of Class Counsel Award for fees and
14 expenses that the Court authorizes to be paid to Class Counsel for the services they have
15 rendered to Plaintiff and the Class in this action, consisting of attorneys' fees not to exceed one-
16 third of the Total Settlement Amount currently estimated to be \$43,333.33 and costs and
17 expenses not to exceed \$9,500.00.

18 14. The Agreement also specifies a proposed Class Representative Service Award to
19 the Class Representative, Courtenay Arneson, in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five
20 Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

21 15. While the Class Counsel Award and the Class Representative Service Award
22 appear to be within the range of reasonableness, the Court will not approve the Class Counsel
23 Award or Class Representative Service Award until the Final Approval Hearing

24 16. A final approval hearing shall be held before this Court on _____ at _____
25 **AM** in Department 6 of the Los Sacramento County Superior Court to determine all necessary
26 matters concerning the Settlement, including: whether the proposed settlement of the Action on
27 the terms and conditions provided for in the Agreement is fair, adequate and reasonable and
28 should be finally approved by the Court; whether an Order Granting Final Approval should be

1 entered herein; whether the plan of allocation contained in the Agreement should be approved
2 as fair, adequate and reasonable to the Settlement Class; and to finally approve the Class
3 Counsel Award, Class Representative Service Award, and the Settlement Administration Costs.
4 All papers in support of the motion for final approval and the motion for Attorneys' Fee and
5 Costs and Class Representative Enhancement Award shall be filed with the Court and served on
6 all counsel no later than sixteen (16) court days before the hearing.

7 17. Neither the Settlement nor any exhibit, document, or instrument delivered
8 thereunder shall be construed as a concession or admission by Defendant in any way, and shall
9 not be used as evidence of, or used against Defendant as, an admission or indication in any way,
10 including with respect to any claim of any liability, wrongdoing, fault or omission by Defendant
11 or with respect to the truth of any allegation asserted by any person. Whether or not the
12 Settlement is finally approved, neither the Settlement, nor any exhibit, document, statement,
13 proceeding or conduct related to the Settlement, nor any reports or accounts thereof, shall in any
14 event be construed as, offered or admitted in evidence as, received as or deemed to be evidence
15 for any purpose adverse to the Defendant, including, but not limited to, evidence of a
16 presumption, concession, indication or admission by Defendant of any liability, fault,
17 wrongdoing, omission, concession or damage.

18 18. In the event the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the
19 terms of the Agreement, or the Settlement is not finally approved, or is terminated, canceled or
20 fails to become effective for any reason, this Order shall be rendered null and void and shall be
21 vacated, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions as of before entering into the
22 Agreement. In such an event, the Court's orders regarding the Settlement, including this
23 Preliminary Approval Order, shall not be used or referred to in litigation for any purpose.
24 Nothing in this paragraph is intended to alter the terms of the Settlement Agreement with
25 respect to the effect of the Settlement Agreement if it is not approved.

26 19. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, Class
27 Representative and all members of the Settlement Class are barred and enjoined from filing,
28 commencing, prosecuting, intervening in, instigating or in any way participating in the

1 commencement or prosecution of any lawsuit, action or administrative, regulatory, arbitration or
2 other proceeding, in any forum, asserting any claims that are, or relate in any way to, the Class
3 Representative's Released Claims or the Settlement Class' Released Claims, unless and until
4 they submit a timely request for exclusion pursuant to the Agreement.

5 20. The Court reserves the right to adjourn or continue the date of the final approval
6 hearing and all dates provided for in the Agreement without further notice to Settlement Class
7 and retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the
8 proposed Settlement.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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11 Dated: _____

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

EXHIBIT 1

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on behalf of herself and on behalf of all
persons similarly situated,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

BAHN THAI, Inc. (dba Thai Basil Café /
Veg Café & Bar), a California Corporation;
and DOES 1 through 50, Inclusive;
DEFENDANTS.

Case No. 34-2021-00295429

[Action Filed 02/26/2021]

**STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT OF
CLASS ACTION CLAIMS AND
RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

Judge: Honorable Kevin R. Culhane
Dept.: 37

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STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

This Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of Claims is entered into by and between plaintiff COURTENAY ARNESON (hereinafter “Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of the putative class and the State of California as a private attorney general, and defendant BAHN THAI, Inc., (dba Thai Basil Café / Veg Café & Bar), a California Corporation (hereinafter “Defendant”):

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Action” shall mean the putative class action lawsuit designated *Arneson v. Bahn Thai, Inc. (dba Thai Basil Café / Veg Café & Bar)*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2021-00295429, filed February 26, 2021 (hereinafter “the Action”)
- B. “Aggrieved Employees” shall mean all non-exempt employees who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the PAGA Period.
- C. “Agreement” or “Settlement Agreement” means this Stipulation of Settlement of Class Action and Release of Claims.
- D. “Class Counsel” shall mean Jean-Claude Lapuyade, Esq. of JCL Law Firm, APC and Shani Zakay of Zakay Law Group, APLC.
- E. “Class Counsel Award” means the award of fees and expenses that the Court authorizes to be paid to Class Counsel for the services they have rendered to Plaintiff and the Class in the Actions, consisting of attorneys’ fees currently not to exceed one-third of the Total Settlement Amount currently estimated to be \$43,333 out of \$130,000 plus costs and expenses in the amount of \$9,000. Class Counsel’s award for attorneys’ fees will be divided equally between Class Counsel (50% to JCL Law Firm, APC and 50% to Zakay Law Group, APLC).
- F. “Class Data” means information regarding Class Members that Defendant will in good faith compile from its records and provide to the Settlement Administrator. It shall be formatted as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and shall include: each Class

Member's full name; last known address; Social Security Number; start dates and end dates of employment.

G. "Class Members" or the "Class" means all non-exempt employees who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the Class Period.

H. "Class Period" means the period between February 26, 2017 to September 17, 2021.

I. "Class Representative Service Award" means the amount that the Court authorizes to be paid to the Class Representative, in addition to her Individual Settlement Payment and her pro-rata share of the PAGA Settlement, in recognition of her efforts and risks in assisting with the prosecution of the Actions and in exchange for executing a General Release of Defendant.

J. "Class Representative" shall mean plaintiff COURTENAY ARNESON.

K. "Court" means the Superior Court for the State of California, County of Sacramento currently presiding over the Action.

L. "Defendant" shall mean Bahn Thai, Inc. (dba Thai Basil Café / Veg Café & Bar) a California Corporation.

M. "Effective Date" means the earliest date, following entry by the Court of an order and judgment finally approving this Settlement, upon which one of the following have occurred: (i) if no objection is filed to the settlement and no objector appears at the hearing on final approval, the date of the Court's entry of the order granting final approval, (ii) if an objection is filed to the settlement and/or an objector appears at the hearing on final approval, then the earlier of the following: (a) the expiration of all potential appeal periods without a filing of a notice of appeal of the final approval order or judgment; (b) final affirmance of the final approval order and judgment by an appellate court as a result of any appeal(s), or (c) final dismissal or denial of all such appeals (including any petition for review, rehearing, certiorari, etc.) such that the final approval order and judgment is no longer subject to further judicial review.

- 1 N. "Funding Date" shall mean sixty-five (65) calendar days after the Effective Date and
2 is the date Defendant transfers the Total Settlement Amount into the QSF in accord
3 with the terms of this Agreement.
- 4 O. "Individual Settlement Payment" means the amount payable from the Net Settlement
5 Amount to each Settlement Class Member and excludes any amounts distributed to
6 Aggrieved Employees pursuant to PAGA.
- 7 P. "Net Settlement Amount" or "NSA" means the Total Settlement Amount, less Class
8 Counsel Award, Class Representative Service Award, PAGA Settlement, and
9 Settlement Administration Costs.
- 10 Q. "Notice Packet" means the Class Notice to be provided to the Class Members by the
11 Settlement Administrator in the form set forth as Exhibit A to this Agreement (other
12 than formatting changes to facilitate printing by the Settlement Administrator).
- 13 R. "PAGA" means the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004,
14 Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*
- 15 S. "PAGA Payment Ratio" means the respective pay periods during the PAGA Period
16 for each Aggrieved Employee divided by the sum total of the pay periods for all
17 Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period.
- 18 T. "PAGA Period" means the period between October 22, 2019 until September 26,
19 2021 (the "PAGA Period").
- 20 U. "PAGA Settlement" shall mean Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be allocated from
21 the Total Settlement Amount.
- 22 V. "Parties" means Plaintiff and Defendant, collectively, and "Party" shall mean either
23 Plaintiff or Defendant, individually.
- 24 W. "Class Payment Ratio" means the respective Workweeks for each Class Member
25 divided by the sum total Workweeks for all Class Members.
- 26 X. "Plaintiff" shall mean COURTENAY ARNESON.

- 1 Y. "QSF" means the Qualified Settlement Fund established, designated and maintained
2 by the Settlement Administrator to fund the Total Settlement Amount.
- 3 Z. "Released Class Claims" means all class claims alleged in the operative complaint
4 which occurred during the Class Period, and expressly excluding all other claims,
5 including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, unemployment insurance,
6 disability, social security, workers' compensation, and class claims outside of the
7 Class Period.
- 8 AA. "Released PAGA Claims" means all PAGA claims alleged in the operative complaint
9 and Plaintiff's PAGA notice to the LWDA which occurred during the PAGA Period,
10 and expressly excluding all other claims, including claims vested benefits, unpaid
11 wages, wrongful termination, unemployment insurance, disability, social security,
12 workers' compensation, and PAGA claims outside the PAGA Period.
- 13 BB. "Released Party" shall mean Defendant.
- 14 CC. "Response Deadline" means the date forty-five (45) days after the Settlement
15 Administrator mails Notice Packets to Class Members and the last date on which
16 Class Members may submit requests for exclusion or objections to the Settlement.
- 17 DD. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Actions pursuant to this Agreement.
- 18 EE. "Settlement Administrator" means ILYM Group Inc., 14771 Plaza Drive, Ste. L,
19 Tustin, CA 92780; Tel: 1-888-250-6810; Fax: 1-888-845-6185. The Settlement
20 Administrator establishes, designates and maintains, as a QSF under Internal Revenue
21 Code section 468B and Treasury Regulation section 1.468B-1, into which the amount
22 of the Total Settlement Amount is deposited for the purpose of resolving the claims
23 of Settlement Class Members. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain the funds
24 until distribution in an account(s) segregated from the assets of Defendant and any
25 person related to Defendant. *All accrued interest shall be paid and distributed to the*
26 *Settlement Class Members as part of their respective Individual Settlement*
27 *Payment.*

1 FF. "Settlement Class Members" or "Settlement Class" means all Class Members who
2 have not submitted a timely and valid request for exclusion as provided in this
3 Agreement.

4 GG. "Total Settlement Amount" means One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars
5 (\$130,000.00) that Defendant must pay into the QSF in connection with this
6 Settlement, inclusive of the sum of the Individual Settlement Payments, the Class
7 Representative Service Award, the Class Counsel Award, PAGA Settlement and the
8 Settlement Administration Costs and *exclusive* of the employer's share of payroll tax,
9 if any, triggered by any payment under this Settlement.

10 HH. "Workweeks", for purposes of calculating the distribution of the Net Settlement
11 Amount, means the number of weeks of employment during the Class Period that
12 each Class Member was employed by Defendant in California, excluding weeks
13 during which the Class Member did not perform any work for Defendant.

14 II. "PAGA Pay Periods", for purposes of calculating the distribution of the Aggrieved
15 Employee Payment, as defined herein, means the number of pay periods of
16 employment during the PAGA Period that each Aggrieved Employee worked in
17 California.

18 **II. RECITALS**

19 A. On October 22, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Violations with the Labor and
20 Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) and served the same on Defendant.

21 B. On February 26, 2020, Plaintiff filed the Class Action lawsuit for:

- 22 1. Unfair Competition in Violation of Bus. and Prof. Code sections 17200 *et seq*;
- 23 2. Failure to pay minimum wages in violation of California Labor Code sections
24 1194, 1197 and 1197.1;
- 25 3. Failure to pay overtime wages in violation of California Labor Code sections
26 510 *et seq*;
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1 4. Failure to provide required meal periods in violation of California Labor Code
2 sections 226.7 and 512 and the applicable IWC wage order;

3 5. Failure to provide required rest periods in violation of California Labor Code
4 sections 226.7 and 512 and the applicable IWC wage order;

5 6. Failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements in violation of California
6 Labor Code section 226;

7 7. Failure to provide wages when due in violation of California Labor Code
8 sections 201, 202 and 203;

9 8. Violation of the Private Attorneys General Act [Labor Code section 2698].

10 9. Failure to reimburse Plaintiff for required expenses in violation of California
11 Labor Code section 2802.

12 C. The Class Representative believes she has meritorious claims based on alleged
13 violations of the California Labor Code, and the Industrial Wage Commission
14 Orders, and that class certification is appropriate because the prerequisites for class
15 certification can be satisfied in the Action, and this action is manageable as a PAGA
16 representative action.

17 D. Defendant denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the claims
18 alleged in the Action, disputes any wages, damages and penalties claimed by the
19 Class Representative are owed, and further contends that, for any purpose other than
20 settlement, the Action is not appropriate for class or representative action treatment.
21 Defendant contends, among other things, that at all times they complied with the
22 California Labor Code and the Industrial Wage Commission Orders.

23 E. The Class Representative is represented by Class Counsel. Class Counsel conducted
24 an investigation into the facts relevant to the Action, including conducting an
25 independent investigation as to the allegations, reviewing documents and
26 information exchanged through informal discovery, and reviewing documents and
27 information provided by Defendant pursuant to informal requests for information to
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1 prepare for mediation. Defendant produced for the purpose of settlement
2 negotiations certain employment data concerning the Settlement Class, which Class
3 Counsel reviewed and analyzed. Based on their own independent investigation and
4 evaluation, Class Counsel are of the opinion that the Settlement with Defendant is
5 fair, reasonable and adequate, and is in the best interest of the Settlement Class in
6 light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risks of significant delay,
7 defenses asserted by Defendant, uncertainties regarding class certification, and
8 numerous potential appellate issues. Although it denies any liability, Defendant is
9 agreeing to this Settlement solely to avoid the inconveniences and cost of further
10 litigation. The Parties and their counsel have agreed to settle the claims on the terms
11 set forth in this Agreement.

12 F. On September 17, 2021, the Parties participated in mediation presided over by Jill
13 R. Sperber, an experienced mediator of wage and hour class actions. The mediation
14 concluded with a settlement after both sides agreed to a Mediator's proposal which
15 was subsequently memorialized in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding
16 ("MOU").

17 G. This Agreement replaces and supersedes the MOU and any other agreements,
18 understandings, or representations between the Parties. This Agreement represents
19 a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement
20 is intended or will be construed as an admission by Defendant that the claims in the
21 Actions of Plaintiff or the Class Members have merit or that Defendant bears any
22 liability to Plaintiff or the Class on those claims or any other claims, or as an
23 admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Actions have merit.

24 H. The Parties believe that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. The
25 Settlement was arrived at through arm's-length negotiations, taking into account all
26 relevant factors. The Parties recognize the uncertainty, risk, expense and delay
27 attendant to continuing the Action through trial and any appeal. Accordingly, the

Parties desire to fully, finally, and forever settle, compromise and discharge all disputes and claims arising from or relating to the Action.

- I. The Parties agree to certification of the Class for purposes of this Settlement only. If for any reason the settlement does not become effective, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reason and reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action.

Based on these Recitals that are a part of this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

III. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

A. Settlement Consideration and Settlement Payments by Defendant.

1. Settlement Consideration. In full and complete settlement of the Actions, and in exchange for the releases set forth below, Defendant and the Released Parties will pay the sum of the Individual Settlement Payment, the Class Representative Service Award, the Class Counsel Award, PAGA Settlement, and the Settlement Administration Costs, as specified in this Agreement, equal to the Total Settlement Amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00). The Parties agree that this is a non-reversionary Settlement and that no portion of the Total Settlement Amount shall revert to Defendant. Other than the Defendant's share of employer payroll taxes, Defendant shall not be required to pay more than the Total Settlement Amount, except as provided for hereinbelow.
2. Class Size. At the time of mediation, Defendant estimated that the Settlement Class was comprised of 110 individuals who collectively worked approximately 5,500 Workweeks ("Projected Workweeks") during the Class Period. In regard hereto, Defendant will provide a declaration under penalty of perjury confirming the number of Class Members and Workweeks they worked during the Class Period prior to the filing of the motion for preliminary approval. If the workweek numbers is greater than 105% of the workweek

1 estimate provided herein, the end date of the Release Period and Class Period
2 will be adjusted so that the number of workweeks in the Release Period and
3 Class Period does not exceed 105% of the estimate.

4 3. Settlement Payment. Defendant and the Released Parties, and each of them,
5 are jointly and severally liable for payment of the Total Settlement Amount.
6 Defendant shall pay the Total Settlement Amount to the Settlement
7 Administrator on the Funding Date.

8 4. Defendant's Share of Payroll Taxes. Defendant's share of employer side
9 payroll taxes is in addition to the Total Settlement Amount and shall be paid
10 together with the Total Settlement Amount.

11 B. Release by Settlement Class Members. As of the Funding Date, in exchange for the
12 consideration set forth in this Agreement, Plaintiff and the Settlement Class Members
13 release the Released Parties from the Released Class Claims for the Class Period.

14 C. Release by the Aggrieved Employees. As of the Funding Date, in exchange for the
15 consideration set forth in this Agreement, the Plaintiff, the LWDA and the State of
16 California release the Released Parties from the PAGA Released Claims for the PAGA
17 Period.

18 D. General Release by Plaintiff. As of the Funding Date, for the consideration set forth
19 in this Agreement, Plaintiff waives, releases, acquits and forever discharges the
20 Released Parties from any and all claims, whether known or unknown, which exist or
21 may exist on her behalf as of the date of this Agreement, including but not limited to
22 any and all tort claims, contract claims, wage claims, wrongful termination claims,
23 disability claims, benefit claims, public policy claims, retaliation claims, statutory
24 claims, personal injury claims, emotional distress claims, invasion of privacy claims,
25 defamation claims, fraud claims, quantum meruit claims, and any and all claims
26 arising under any federal, state or other governmental statute, law, regulation or
27 ordinance, including, but not limited to claims for violation of the Fair Labor

Standards Act, the California Labor Code, the Wage Orders of California's Industrial Welfare Commission, other state wage and hour laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, the California Family Rights Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, California's Whistleblower Protection Act, California Business & Professions Code Section 17200 et seq., and any and all claims arising under any federal, state or other governmental statute, law, regulation or ordinance. Plaintiff also waives and relinquishes any and all claims, rights or benefits that she may have under California Civil Code § 1542, which provides as follows:

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

Thus, notwithstanding the provisions of section 1542, and to implement a full and complete release and discharge of the Released Parties, Plaintiff expressly acknowledges this Settlement Agreement is intended to include in its effect, without limitation, all claims Plaintiff does not know or suspect to exist in Plaintiff's favor at the time of signing this Settlement Agreement, and that this Settlement Agreement contemplates the extinguishment of any such claims. Plaintiff warrants that Plaintiff has read this Settlement Agreement, including this waiver of California Civil Code section 1542, and that Plaintiff has consulted with or had the opportunity to consult with counsel of Plaintiff's choosing about this Settlement Agreement and specifically about the waiver of section 1542, and that Plaintiff understands this Settlement Agreement and the section 1542 waiver, and so Plaintiff freely and knowingly enters

1 into this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiff further acknowledges that Plaintiff later may
2 discover facts different from or in addition to those Plaintiff now knows or believes to
3 be true regarding the matters released or described in this Settlement Agreement, and
4 even so Plaintiff agrees that the releases and agreements contained in this Settlement
5 Agreement shall remain effective in all respects notwithstanding any later discovery
6 of any different or additional facts. Plaintiff expressly assumes any and all risk of any
7 mistake in connection with the true facts involved in the matters, disputes, or
8 controversies released or described in this Settlement Agreement or with regard to any
9 facts now unknown to Plaintiff relating thereto.

10 E. Conditions Precedent: This Settlement will become final and effective only upon the
11 occurrence of all of the following events:

- 12 1. The Court enters an order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement;
- 13 2. The Court enters an order granting final approval of the Settlement and a Final
14 Judgment;
- 15 3. If an objector appears at the final approval hearing, the time for appeal of the
16 Final Judgment and Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action
17 Settlement expires; or, if an appeal is timely filed, there is a final resolution of
18 any appeal from the Judgment and Order Granting Final Approval of Class
19 Action Settlement; and
- 20 4. Defendant fully funds the Total Settlement Amount.

21 F. Nullification of Settlement Agreement. In the event that this Settlement Agreement is
22 not preliminarily or finally approved by the Court, fails to become effective, or is
23 reversed, withdrawn or modified by the Court, or in any way prevents or prohibits
24 Defendant from obtaining a complete resolution of the Released Claims, or if
25 Defendant fails to fully fund the Total Settlement Amount:

- 26 1. This Settlement Agreement shall be void *ab initio* and of no force or effect,
27 and shall not be admissible in any judicial, administrative or arbitral

proceeding for any purpose or with respect to any issue, substantive or procedural;

2. The conditional class certification (obtained for any purpose) shall be void *ab initio* and of no force or effect, and shall not be admissible in any judicial, administrative or arbitral proceeding for any purpose or with respect to any issue, substantive or procedural; and

3. None of the Parties to this Settlement will be deemed to have waived any claims, objections, defenses or arguments in the Actions, including with respect to the issue of class certification.

4. If Defendant fails to fully fund the Total Settlement Amount, Defendant shall bear the sole responsibility for any cost to issue or reissue any curative notice to the Settlement Class Members and all Settlement Administration Costs incurred to the date of nullification.

G. Certification of the Settlement Class. The Parties stipulate to conditional class certification of the Class for the Class Period for purposes of settlement only. In the event that this Settlement is not approved by the Court, fails to become effective, or is reversed, withdrawn or modified by the Court, or in any way prevents or prohibits Defendant from obtaining a complete resolution of the Released Claims, the conditional class certification (obtained for any purpose) shall be void *ab initio* and of no force or effect, and shall not be admissible in any judicial, administrative or arbitral proceeding for any purpose or with respect to any issue, substantive or procedural.

H. Tax Liability. The Parties make no representations as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments called for, and Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees are not relying on any statement or representation by the Parties in this regard. Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees understand and agree that they will be responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties assessed on the Individual Settlement Payments and/or Aggrieved Employees' individual shares of the PAGA

1 Settlement described and will be solely responsible for any penalties or other
2 obligations resulting from their personal tax reporting of Individual Settlement
3 Payments and/or Aggrieved Employees' individual shares of the PAGA Settlement.

4 I. Circular 230 Disclaimer. Each Party to this Agreement (for purposes of this section,
5 the "acknowledging party" and each Party to this Agreement other than the
6 acknowledging party, an "other party") acknowledges and agrees that: (1) no provision
7 of this Agreement, and no written communication or disclosure between or among the
8 Parties or their attorneys and other advisers, is or was intended to be, nor shall any
9 such communication or disclosure constitute or be construed or be relied upon as, tax
10 advice within the meaning of United States Treasury Department circular 230 (31 CFR
11 part 10, as amended); (2) the acknowledging party (a) has relied exclusively upon his,
12 her or its own, independent legal and tax counsel for advice (including tax advice) in
13 connection with this Agreement, (b) has not entered into this Agreement based upon
14 the recommendation of any other Party or any attorney or advisor to any other Party,
15 and (c) is not entitled to rely upon any communication or disclosure by any attorney
16 or adviser to any other party to avoid any tax penalty that may be imposed on the
17 acknowledging party, and (3) no attorney or adviser to any other Party has imposed
18 any limitation that protects the confidentiality of any such attorney's or adviser's tax
19 strategies (regardless of whether such limitation is legally binding) upon disclosure by
20 the acknowledging party of the tax treatment or tax structure of any transaction,
21 including any transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

22 J. Preliminary Approval Motion. At the earliest practicable time, Plaintiff shall file with
23 the Court a Motion for Order Granting Preliminary Approval and supporting papers,
24 which shall include this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiff will provide Defendant with
25 a draft of the Motion at least 3 business days prior to the filing of the Motion to give
26 Defendant an opportunity to propose changes or additions to the Motion.

1 K. Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for:
2 establishing and administering the QSF; calculating, processing and mailing payments
3 to the Class Representative, Class Counsel, LWDA and Class Members; printing and
4 mailing the Notice Packets to the Class Members as directed by the Court; receiving
5 and reporting the objections and requests for exclusion; calculating, deducting and
6 remitting all legally required taxes from Individual Settlement Payments and
7 distributing tax forms for the Wage Portion and Non-Wage Portion of the Individual
8 Settlement Payments and/or Aggrieved Employees' individual shares of the PAGA
9 Settlement; processing and mailing tax payments to the appropriate state and federal
10 taxing authorities; providing declaration(s) as necessary in support of preliminary
11 and/or final approval of this Settlement; and other tasks as the Parties mutually agree
12 or the Court orders the Settlement Administrator to perform. The Settlement
13 Administrator shall keep the Parties timely apprised of the performance of all
14 Settlement Administrator responsibilities by among other things, sending a weekly
15 status report to the Parties' counsel stating the date of the mailing, the of number of
16 Elections Not to Participate in Settlement it receives (including the numbers of valid
17 and deficient), and number of objections received.

18 L. Notice Procedure.

19 1. Class Data. No later than ten (10) business days after the Preliminary
20 Approval Date, Defendant shall provide the Settlement Administrator with the
21 Class Data for purposes of preparing and mailing Notice Packets to the Class
22 Members.

23 2. Notice Packets.

24 a) The Notice Packet shall contain the Notice of Class Action Settlement
25 in a form substantially similar to the form attached as Exhibit A. The
26 Notice of Class Action Settlement shall inform Class Members and
27 Aggrieved Employees that they need not do anything in order to

1 receive an Individual Settlement Payment and/or Aggrieved
2 Employees' individual shares of the PAGA Settlement and to keep the
3 Settlement Administrator apprised of their current mailing address, to
4 which the Individual Settlement Payments and/or Aggrieved
5 Employees' individual shares of the PAGA Settlement will be mailed
6 following the Funding Date. The Notice of Class Action Settlement
7 shall set forth the release to be given by all members of the Class who
8 do not request to be excluded from the Settlement Class and/or
9 Aggrieved Employees' in exchange for an Individual Settlement
10 Payment and/or Aggrieved Employees' individual shares of the PAGA
11 Settlement, the number of Workweeks worked by each Class Member
12 during the Class Period and PAGA Period, if any, and the estimated
13 amount of their Individual Settlement Payment if they do not request
14 to be excluded from the Settlement and each Aggrieved Employee's
15 share of the PAGA Settlement, if any. The Settlement Administrator
16 shall use the Class Data to determine Class Members' Workweeks and
17 PAGA Workweeks. The Notice will also advise the Aggrieved
18 Employees that they will release the Released PAGA Claims and will
19 receive their share of the PAGA Settlement regardless of whether they
20 request to be excluded from the Settlement.

- 21 b) The Notice Packet's mailing envelope shall include the following
22 language: "IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT- YOU MAY BE
23 ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION
24 SETTLEMENT; A PROMPT REPLY TO CORRECT YOUR
25 ADDRESS IS REQUIRED AS EXPLAINED IN THE ENCLOSED
26 NOTICE."

1 3. Notice by First Class U.S. Mail and Email. Upon receipt of the Class Data,
2 the Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National
3 Change of Address Database to update and correct any known or identifiable
4 address changes. No later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the
5 Class Data from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator shall mail and email
6 copies of the Notice Packet to all Class Members via regular First-Class U.S.
7 Mail and electronic mail. The Settlement Administrator shall exercise its best
8 judgment to determine the current mailing address for each Class Member.
9 The address identified by the Settlement Administrator as the current mailing
10 address shall be presumed to be the best mailing address for each Class
11 Member.

12 4. Undeliverable Notices. Any Notice Packets returned to the Settlement
13 Administrator as non-delivered on or before the Response Deadline shall be
14 re-mailed to any forwarding address provided. If no forwarding address is
15 provided, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly attempt to determine a
16 correct address by lawful use of skip-tracing, or other search using the name,
17 address and/or Social Security number of the Class Member involved, and
18 shall then perform a re-mailing, if another mailing address is identified by the
19 Settlement Administrator. In addition, if any Notice Packets, which are
20 addressed to Class Members who are currently employed by Defendant, are
21 returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-delivered and no forwarding
22 address is provided, the Settlement Administrator shall notify Defendant.
23 Defendant will request that the currently employed Class Member provide a
24 corrected address, and transmit to the Administrator any corrected address
25 provided by the Class Member. Class Members who received a re-mailed
26 Notice Packet shall have their Response Deadline extended fifteen (15) days
27 from the original Response Deadline.

1 5. Disputes Regarding Individual Settlement Payments. Class Members will
2 have the opportunity, should they disagree with Defendant's records regarding
3 the start and end dates of employment to provide documentation and/or an
4 explanation to show contrary dates. If there is a dispute, the Settlement
5 Administrator will consult with the Parties to determine whether an
6 adjustment is warranted. The Settlement Administrator shall determine the
7 eligibility for, and the amounts of, any Individual Settlement Payments under
8 the terms of this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator's determination
9 of the eligibility for and amount of any Individual Settlement Payment shall
10 be binding upon the Class Member and the Parties.

11 6. Disputes Regarding Administration of Settlement. Any disputes not resolved
12 by the Settlement Administrator concerning the administration of the
13 Settlement will be resolved by the Court under the laws of the State of
14 California. Before any such involvement of the Court, counsel for the Parties
15 will confer in good faith to resolve the disputes without the necessity of
16 involving the Court.

17 7. Exclusions. The Notice of Class Action Settlement contained in the Notice
18 Packet shall state that Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from
19 the Settlement must submit a written request for exclusion by the Response
20 Deadline. The written request for exclusion must state that the Class Member
21 wishes to exclude himself or herself from the Settlement and (1) must contain
22 the name, address, and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the
23 person requesting exclusion; (2) must be signed by the Class Member; (3)
24 must be postmarked or fax stamped by the Response Deadline and returned to
25 the Settlement Administrator at the specified address or fax telephone number;
26 and (4) contain a typewritten or handwritten notice stating in substance: "I
27 wish to opt out of the settlement of the class action lawsuit entitled *Arneson*

1 *v. Bahn Thai, Inc.*, currently pending in the Superior Court for the County of
2 Sacramento, Case No. 34-2021-00295429 . I understand that by requesting to
3 be excluded from the settlement, I will receive no money from the Settlement
4 described in this Notice.” The request for exclusion will not be valid if it is
5 not timely submitted, if it is not signed by the Class Member, or if it does not
6 contain the name and address and last four digits of the Social Security number
7 of the Class Member. The date of the postmark on the mailing envelope or
8 fax stamp on the request for exclusion shall be the exclusive means used to
9 determine whether the request for exclusion was timely submitted. Any Class
10 Member who requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class will not be
11 entitled to an Individual Settlement Payment and will not be otherwise bound
12 by the terms of the Settlement or have any right to object, appeal or comment
13 thereon. However, any Class Member that submits a timely request for
14 exclusion that is also a member of the Aggrieved Employees will still receive
15 his/her pro rata share of the PAGA Settlement, as specified below, and in
16 consideration, will be bound by the Release by the Aggrieved Employees as
17 set forth herein. Settlement Class Members who fail to submit a valid and
18 timely written request for exclusion on or before the Response Deadline shall
19 be bound by all terms of the Settlement and any final judgment entered in this
20 Action if the Settlement is approved by the Court. No later than fourteen (14)
21 calendar days after the Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall
22 provide counsel for the Parties with a final list of the Class Members who have
23 timely submitted written requests for exclusion. At no time shall any of the
24 Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage members of the
25 Class to submit requests for exclusion from the Settlement.

- 26 8. Objections. The Notice of Class Action Settlement contained in the Notice
27 Packet shall state that Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement

1 may submit to the Settlement Administrator a written statement of objection
2 (“Notice of Objection”) by the Response Deadline. The postmark date of
3 mailing shall be deemed the exclusive means for determining that a Notice of
4 Objection was served timely. The Notice of Objection must be signed by the
5 Settlement Class Member and state: (1) the case name and number; (2) the
6 name of the Settlement Class Member; (3) the address of the Settlement Class
7 Member; (4) the last four digits of the Settlement Class Member’s Social
8 Security number; (4) the basis for the objection; and (5) if the Settlement Class
9 Member intends to appear at the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing.
10 Class Members who fail to make objections in writing in the manner specified
11 above may still make their objections orally at the Final Approval/Settlement
12 Fairness Hearing with the Court’s permission. Settlement Class Members will
13 have a right to appear at the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing to
14 have their objections heard by the Court. At no time shall any of the Parties
15 or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members to file
16 or serve written objections to the Settlement or appeal from the Order and
17 Final Judgment. Class Members who submit a written request for exclusion
18 may not object to the Settlement. Class Members may not object to the PAGA
19 Settlement

20 M. Funding and Allocation of the Total Settlement Amount. Defendant is required to pay
21 the Total Settlement Amount on or before the Funding Date, plus any employer’s share
22 of payroll taxes as mandated by law within the time specified herein.

23 1. Individual Settlement Payments. Individual Settlement Payments shall be
24 paid from the Net Settlement Amount and shall be paid pursuant to the
25 formula set forth herein. Using the Class Data, the Settlement Administrator
26 shall add up the total number of Workweeks for all Class Members. The
27 respective Workweeks for each Class Member will be divided by the total

1 Workweeks for all Class Members, resulting in the Payment Ratio for each
2 Class Member. Each Class Member's Payment Ratio will then be multiplied
3 by the Net Settlement Amount to calculate each Class Member's estimated
4 Individual Settlement Payments. Each Individual Settlement Payment will be
5 reduced by any legally mandated employee tax withholdings (e.g., employee
6 payroll taxes, etc.). Individual Settlement Payments for Class Members who
7 submit valid and timely requests for exclusion will be redistributed to
8 Settlement Class Members who do not submit valid and timely requests for
9 exclusion on a pro rata basis based on their respective Payment Ratios.

10 2. Calculation of Individual Payments to the Aggrieved Employees. Using the
11 Class Data, the Settlement Administrator shall add up the total number of
12 PAGA pay periods for all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period.
13 The respective PAGA pay periods for each Aggrieved Employee will be
14 divided by the total PAGA pay periods for all Aggrieved Employees, resulting
15 in the "PAGA Payment Ratio" for each Aggrieved Employee. Each
16 Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Payment Ratio will then be multiplied by the
17 Aggrieved Employee Payment to calculate each Aggrieved Employee's
18 estimated share of the PAGA Settlement.

19 3. Allocation of Individual Settlement Payments. For tax purposes, Individual
20 Settlement Payments shall be allocated and treated as follows: 15% as wages
21 ("Wage Portion"); 85% as penalties and interest ("Non-Wage Portion"). The
22 Wage Portion is subject to wage withholdings and shall be reported on IRS
23 Form W-2. The Non-Wage Portion shall not be subject to wage withholdings
24 and shall be reported on IRS Form 1099.

25 4. Allocation of Aggrieved Employee Payments. For tax purposes, Aggrieved
26 Employee Settlement Payments shall be allocated and treated as 100%
27 penalties and shall be reported on IRS Form 1099.

1 5. No Credit Toward Benefit Plans. The Individual Settlement Payments and
2 individual shares of the PAGA Settlement made to Settlement Class Members
3 and/or Aggrieved Employees under this Settlement Agreement, as well as any
4 other payments made pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, will not be
5 utilized to calculate any additional benefits under any benefit plans to which
6 any Class Members may be eligible, including, but not limited to profit-
7 sharing plans, bonus plans, 401(k) plans, stock purchase plans, vacation plans,
8 sick leave plans, PTO plans, and any other benefit plan. Rather, it is the
9 Parties' intention that this Settlement Agreement will not affect any rights,
10 contributions, or amounts to which any Class Members may be entitled under
11 any benefit plans.

12 6. All monies received by Settlement Class Members under the Settlement which
13 are attributable to wages shall constitute income to such Settlement Class
14 Members solely in the year in which such monies actually are received by the
15 Settlement Class Members. It is the intent of the Parties that Individual
16 Settlement Payments and individual shares of the PAGA Settlement provided
17 for in this Settlement agreement are the sole payments to be made by Defendant
18 to Settlement Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees in connection with
19 this Settlement Agreement, with the exception of Plaintiff, and that the
20 Settlement Class Members and/or Aggrieved Employees are not entitled to any
21 new or additional compensation or benefits as a result of having received the
22 Individual Settlement Payments and/or their shares of the PAGA Settlement.

23 7. Mailing. Individual Settlement Payments and Aggrieved Employee Payments
24 shall be mailed by regular First-Class U.S. Mail to Settlement Class Members'
25 and/or Aggrieved Employees last known mailing address no later than fifteen
26 (15) calendar days after the Funding Date.

1 8. Expiration. Any checks issued to Settlement Class Members and Aggrieved
2 Employees shall remain valid and negotiable for one hundred and eighty (180)
3 days from the date of their issuance. If a Settlement Class Member and/or
4 Aggrieved Employee does not cash his or her settlement check within 90 days,
5 the Settlement Administrator will send a letter to such persons, advising that
6 the check will expire after the 180th day, and invite that Settlement Class
7 Member and/or Aggrieved Employee to request reissuance in the event the
8 check was destroyed, lost or misplaced. In the event an Individual Settlement
9 Payment and/or Aggrieved Employee's individual share of the PAGA
10 Settlement check has not been cashed within one hundred and eighty (180)
11 days, all funds represented by such uncashed checks, plus any interest accrued
12 thereon, shall be distributed consistent with California Code of Civil
13 Procedure Section 384 as follows: to The Children's Advocacy Institute
14 (CAI), founded at the nonprofit University of San Diego School of Law in
15 1989. Class Counsel ,Defendant's counsel, nor any of the Parties, have any
16 interest, pecuniary or otherwise, in CAI.

17 9. Class Representative Service Award. In addition to the Individual Settlement
18 Payment and her individual share of the PAGA Settlement to be paid to
19 Plaintiff, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for an award of not more than
20 \$7,500, as the Class Representative Service Award. Defendant does not
21 presently intend to oppose a Class Representative Service Award of not more
22 than \$7,500 for Plaintiff. The Settlement Administrator shall pay the Class
23 Representative Service Award, either in the amount stated herein if approved
24 by the Court or some other amount as approved by the Court, to Plaintiff from
25 the Total Settlement Amount no later than ten (10) calendar days after the
26 Funding Date. Any portion of the requested Class Representative Service
27 Award that are not awarded to the Class Representative shall be part of the

1 Net Settlement Amount and shall be distributed to Settlement Class Members
2 as provided in this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an
3 IRS Form 1099 — MISC to Plaintiff for her Class Representative Service
4 Award. Plaintiff shall be solely and legally responsible to pay any and all
5 applicable taxes on her Class Representative Service Award and shall hold
6 harmless the Released Parties from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties,
7 or interest arising as a result of the Class Representative Service Award. The
8 Class Representative Service Award shall be in addition to Plaintiff's
9 Individual Settlement Payment as a Settlement Class Member. Approval of
10 this Settlement shall not be conditioned on Court approval of the requested
11 amount of the Class Representative Service Award. In the event that the Court
12 reduces or does not approve the requested Class Representative Service
13 Award, Plaintiff shall not have the right to revoke the Settlement, and it will
14 remain binding.

- 15 10. Class Counsel Award. Defendant understands a motion by Class Counsel for
16 attorneys' fees not to exceed one-third of the Total Settlement Amount
17 currently estimated to be \$43,333 plus costs and expenses supported by
18 declaration not to exceed Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000), from the Total
19 Settlement Amount will be filed. Any portion of the requested Class Counsel
20 Award that is not awarded to Class Counsel shall be part of the Net Settlement
21 Amount and shall be distributed to Settlement Class Members as provided in
22 this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall allocate and pay the
23 Class Counsel Award to Class Counsel from the Total Settlement Amount no
24 later than five (5) calendar days after the Funding Date. Class Counsel shall
25 be solely and legally responsible to pay all applicable taxes on the payment
26 made pursuant to this paragraph. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an
27 IRS Form 1099 — MISC to Class Counsel for the payments made pursuant to

1 this paragraph. In the event that the Court reduces or does not approve the
2 requested Class Counsel Award, Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall not have
3 the right to revoke the Settlement, or to appeal such order, and the Settlement
4 will remain binding.

5 11. PAGA Settlement. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) shall be allocated from
6 the Total Settlement Amount for settlement of claims for civil penalties under
7 the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA Settlement"). The
8 Settlement Administrator shall pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the PAGA
9 Settlement (\$3,750) to the California Labor and Workforce Development
10 Agency no later than twenty-five (25) calendar days after the Funding Date
11 (hereinafter "LWDA Payment"). Twenty-five percent (25%) of the PAGA
12 Settlement (\$1,250) will be distributed to the Aggrieved Employees as
13 described in this Agreement (hereinafter "Aggrieved Employee Payment").
14 For purposes of distributing the PAGA Settlement to the Aggrieved
15 Employees, each Aggrieved Employee shall receive their pro-rata share of the
16 Aggrieved Employee Payment using the PAGA Payment Ratio as defined
17 above.

18 12. Settlement Administration Costs. The Settlement Administrator shall be paid
19 for the costs of administration of the Settlement from the Total Settlement
20 Amount. The estimate of the Settlement Administration Costs is \$6,000. The
21 Settlement Administrator shall be paid the Settlement Administration Costs
22 no later than twenty-five (25) calendar days after the Funding Date.

23 N. Final Approval Motion. Class Counsel and Plaintiff shall use best efforts to file with
24 the Court a Motion for Order Granting Final Approval and Entering Judgment, within
25 twenty-eight (28) days following the expiration of the Response Deadline, which
26 motion shall request final approval of the Settlement and a determination of the
27 amounts payable for the Class Representative Service Award, the Class Counsel

Award, the PAGA Settlement, and the Settlement Administration Costs. Plaintiff will provide Defendant with a draft of the Motion at least 3 business days prior to the filing of the Motion to give Defendant an opportunity to propose changes or additions to the Motion

1. Declaration by Settlement Administrator. No later than fourteen (14) days after the Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall submit a declaration in support of Plaintiff's motion for final approval of this Settlement detailing the number of Notice Packets mailed and re-mailed to Class Members, the number of undeliverable Notice Packets, the number of timely requests for exclusion, the number of objections received, the amount of the average Individual Settlement Payment and highest Individual Settlement Payment, the Settlement Administration Costs, and any other information as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders the Settlement Administrator to provide.
2. Final Approval Order and Judgment. Class Counsel shall present an Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement to the Court for its approval, and Judgment thereon, at the time Class Counsel files the Motion for Final Approval.

N. Review of Motions for Preliminary and Final Approval. Class Counsel will provide an opportunity for Counsel for Defendant to review the Motions for Preliminary and Final Approval, including the Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement, and Judgment before filing with the Court. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to affect the Court's approval of the Motions for Preliminary and Final Approval of the Settlement, and entry of Judgment.

O. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to implement the Settlement.

- 1 P. Interim Stay of Proceedings. The Parties agree to stay all proceedings in the Actions,
2 except such proceedings necessary to implement and complete the Settlement, pending
3 the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing to be conducted by the Court
- 4 Q. Amendment or Modification. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by
5 a written instrument signed by counsel for all Parties or their successors-in-interest.
- 6 R. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and any attached Exhibit constitute the entire
7 Agreement among these Parties, and no oral or written representations, warranties or
8 inducements have been made to any Party concerning this Agreement or its Exhibit
9 other than the representations, warranties and covenants contained and memorialized
10 in this Agreement and its Exhibit.
- 11 S. Authorization to Enter into Settlement Agreement. Counsel for all Parties warrant and
12 represent they are expressly authorized by the Parties whom they represent to negotiate
13 this Agreement and to take all appropriate Action required or permitted to be taken by
14 such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other
15 documents required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The persons signing
16 this Agreement on behalf of Defendant represents and warrants that he/she is
17 authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of Defendant. Plaintiff represents and
18 warrants that she is authorized to sign this Agreement and that she has not assigned
19 any claim, or part of a claim, covered by this Settlement to a third-party.
- 20 T. No Public Comment: The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not issue any
21 press releases, initiate any contact with the press, respond to any press inquiry, or have
22 any communication with the press about the fact, amount or terms of the Settlement
23 Agreement. Class Counsel further agrees not to use the Settlement Agreement or any
24 of its terms for any marketing or promotional purposes. Nothing herein will restrict
25 Class Counsel from including publicly available information regarding this settlement
26 in future judicial submissions regarding Class Counsel's qualifications and experience.
27 Further, Class Counsel will not include, reference or use the Settlement Agreement for

any marketing or promotional purposes, either before or after the Motion for Preliminary Approval is filed.

U. Binding on Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties, as previously defined.

V. California Law Governs. All terms of this Agreement and the Exhibit and any disputes shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.

W. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument provided that counsel for the Parties to this Agreement shall exchange among themselves copies or originals of the signed counterparts.

X. This Settlement Is Fair, Adequate and Reasonable. The Parties believe this Settlement is a fair, adequate and reasonable settlement of this Action and have arrived at this Settlement after extensive arms-length negotiations, taking into account all relevant factors, present and potential.

Y. Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that the Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the interpretation, implementation and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement and all orders and judgments entered in connection therewith, and the Parties and their counsel submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of interpreting, implementing and enforcing the settlement and all orders and judgments entered in connection with this Agreement.

Z. Invalidity of Any Provision. Before declaring any provision of this Agreement invalid, the Court shall first attempt to construe the provisions valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents so as to define all provisions of this Agreement valid and enforceable.

AA. No Unalleged Claims. Plaintiff and Class Counsel represent that they do not currently intend to pursue any claims against the Released Parties, including, but not limited to, any and all claims relating to or arising from Plaintiff's employment with Defendant,

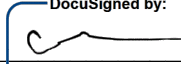
1 regardless of whether Class Counsel is currently aware of any facts or legal theories
2 upon which any claims or causes of action could be brought against Released Parties,
3 including those facts or legal theories alleged in the operative complaint in this Action.
4 The Parties further acknowledge, understand and agree that this representation is
5 essential to the Agreement and that this Agreement would not have been entered into
6 were it not for this representation.

7 BB. Waiver of Certain Appeals. The Parties agree to waive appeals and to stipulate to class
8 certification for purposes of this settlement only.

9 CC. No Admissions by the Parties. Plaintiff has claimed and continues to claim that the
10 Released Claims have merit and give rise to liability on the part of Defendant.
11 Defendant claims that the Released Claims have no merit and do not give rise to
12 liability. This Agreement is a compromise of disputed claims. Nothing contained in
13 this Agreement and no documents referred to and no action taken to carry out this
14 Agreement may be construed or used as an admission by or against the Defendant or
15 Plaintiff or Class Counsel as to the merits or lack thereof of the claims asserted. Other
16 than as may be specifically set forth herein, each Party shall be responsible for and
17 shall bear its/his own attorney's fees and costs.

18 IT IS SO AGREED, FORM AND CONTENT, BY PLAINTIFF:

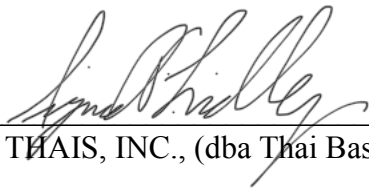
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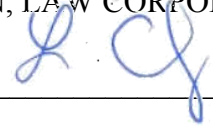
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26 GRODIN, LAW CORPORATION

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Attorneys for Defendant

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Attorneys for Defendant

EXHIBIT A

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
AND FINAL HEARING DATE**

(Arneson v. Bahn Thai, Inc., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2021-00295429)

**YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED WHETHER YOU ACT OR DO NOT ACT. PLEASE
READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.**

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:	
Do Nothing and Receive a Payment	To receive a cash payment from the Settlement, you do not have to do anything. Your estimated Settlement Share is: \$<<[REDACTED]>>. See the explanation below. After final approval by the Court, the payment will be mailed to you at the same address as this notice. If your address has changed, please notify the Settlement Administrator as explained below. In exchange for the settlement payment, you will release claims against the Defendant as detailed below.
Exclude Yourself	If you wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must send a written request for exclusion to the Settlement Administrator as provided below. If you request exclusion, you will receive no money from the Settlement. Instructions are set forth below.
Object	You may write to the Court about why you believe the settlement should not be approved. Directions are provided below.

1. Why did I get this Notice?

A proposed class action settlement (the “Settlement”) of this lawsuit pending in the Superior Court for the State of California, County of Sacramento (the “Court”) has been reached between Plaintiff Courtenay Arneson (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Bahn Thai Inc., (dba Thai Basil Café / Veg Café & Bar) a California Corporation (“Defendant”). The Court has granted preliminary approval of the Settlement. **You may be entitled to receive money from this Settlement.**

You have received this Class Notice because you have been identified as a member of the Class, which is defined as:

All non-exempt employees who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the Class Period.

The “Class Period” is the period of time running from February 26, 2017 to September 17, 2021.

This Class Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, and your legal rights. It is important that you read this Notice carefully as your rights may be affected by the Settlement.

2. What is this class action lawsuit about?

On February 26, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Complaint against Defendant in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Sacramento. Plaintiff asserted claims that Defendant: (a) Violated California Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*; (b) Failed to pay minimum wages in violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1; (c) Failed to pay overtime wages in violation of California Labor Code §§ 510, *et seq.*; (d) Failed to provide required meal periods in violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 & 512, and the applicable IWC Wage Order; (e) Failed to provide required rest periods in violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 & 512, and the applicable IWC Wage Order; (f) Failed to provide accurate and complete itemized wage statements in violation of California Labor Code § 226; (g) Failed to provide wages when due in violation of California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203; (h) Violations of the Private Attorney General Act at Labor Code Section 2698, *et seq.*; and (i) Failed to reimburse Plaintiff for required expenses in violation of California Labor code 2802.

Defendant denies and disputes all claims asserted in the Actions. Specifically, Defendant contended (and continues to contend) that the Action could not properly be maintained as a class action; that Defendant properly paid members of the class all wages and overtime that was due; that Defendant provided members of the class with all legally required meal breaks and rest breaks; that Defendant paid any members of the class all wages due them at the time of their terminations; that Defendant provided accurate, itemized wage statements to members of the class; that Defendant did not violate California Business and Professions Code section 17200 *et seq.*; that Defendant did not reimburse Plaintiff for required business expenses; and that Defendant is not liable for any of the penalties claimed or that could be claimed in the Actions.

On September 17, 2021, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation with Jill Sperber, Esq., an experienced mediator of wage and hour class actions. At the conclusion of the full-day mediation, the Parties reached an agreement for settlement. The Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement on <<INSERT PRELIMINARY APPROVAL DATE>>. At that time, the Court also preliminarily approved the Plaintiff to serve as the Class Representative, and the law firms of JCL Law Firm, APC and Zakay Law Group, APC to serve as Class Counsel.

3. What are the terms of the Settlement?

Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant has agreed to pay an “all in” amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) (the “Gross Settlement Amount”) to fund the settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount includes the payment of all Settlement Shares to Participating Class Members, Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and costs, Settlement Administration Expenses, the LWDA Payment, PAGA Shares, and the Class Representative Service Payments to the Plaintiff.

After the Judgment becomes Final, Defendant will pay the Gross Settlement Amount by depositing the money with the Settlement Administrator. “Final” means the date the Judgment is no longer subject to appeal, or if an appeal is filed, the date the appeal process is completed and the Judgment is affirmed.

Amounts to be Paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Settlement provides for certain payments to be made from the Gross Settlement Amount, which will be subject to final Court approval, and which will be deducted from the Gross Settlement Amount before settlement payments are made to Class Members, as follows:

- Settlement Administration Expenses. Payment to the Settlement Administrator, estimated not to exceed \$6,000.00 for expenses, including expenses of sending this Notice, processing opt outs, and distributing settlement payments.

- Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Payment to Class Counsel of an award of a Class Counsel Fees Payment of no more than 1/3 of the Gross Settlement Amount (currently \$43,333) and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$9,000 for all expenses incurred as documented in Class Counsel's billing records, both subject to Court approval. Class Counsel have been prosecuting the Actions on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class on a contingency fee basis (that is, without being paid any money to date) and have been paying all litigation costs and expenses.
- Class Representative Service Payment. Class Representative Service Payment of up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to Plaintiff, or such lesser amount as may be approved by the Court, to compensate her for services on behalf of the Class in initiating and prosecuting the Action, and for the risks she undertook.
- PAGA Payment. A payment of \$5,000 relating to Plaintiff's claim under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA"), \$3,750 of which will be paid to the State of California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and the remaining \$1,250 will be distributed to PAGA Employees as part of the Net PAGA Amount.
- Calculation of Payments to Participating Class Members. After all the above payments of the court-approved Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Class Representative Service Payments, the LWDA Payment, and the Settlement Administration Expenses are deducted from the Gross Settlement Amount, the remaining portion, called the "Net Settlement Amount," shall be distributed to class members who do **not** request exclusion ("Participating Class Members"). The Settlement Share for each Participating Class Member will be calculated by dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of workweeks for all Participating Class Members that occurred during the Class Period and multiplying the result by each individual Participating Class Member's workweeks that occurred during the Class Period. A "workweek" is defined as a normal seven-day week of work during the Class Period in which, according to Defendant's records, a member of the class worked at least one-day during any such workweek.
- Calculation of PAGA Penalties Payments to PAGA Employees. The Net PAGA Amount shall be distributed to PAGA Employees irrespective of whether they exclude themselves or opt-out. The Net PAGA Amount will be divided by the total number of pay periods worked by all PAGA Employees during the PAGA Period, and then taking that number and multiplying it by the number of pay periods worked by each respective PAGA Employee during the PAGA Period. "PAGA Employees" means all non-exempt employees who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the PAGA Period. The PAGA Period means the period between October 22, 2019 until September 26, 2021.

If the Settlement is approved by the Court, you will automatically be mailed a check for your Settlement Share to the same address as this Class Notice. You do not have to do anything to receive a payment. If your address has changed, you must contact the Settlement Administrator to inform them of your correct address to insure you receive your payment.

Tax Matters. 15% of each Settlement Share is allocated to wages. Taxes are withheld from this amount, and each Participating Class Member will be issued an Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 for such payment. 85% of each Settlement Share is allocated to interest, penalties and other non-wage payments, and no taxes will be withheld, and each Participating Class Member will be issued an Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 for such payment. In addition, no taxes will be withheld from the PAGA Penalties paid to PAGA Employees, and each PAGA Employee will be issued an Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 for such payment. Neither Class Counsel nor Defendant's counsel intend anything contained in this Settlement to constitute advice regarding taxes or taxability. You may wish to consult a tax advisor concerning the tax consequences of the payments received under the Settlement.

Conditions of Settlement. This Settlement is conditioned upon the Court entering an order granting final approval of the Settlement and entering judgment.

4. What Do I Release Under the Settlement?

Released Claims. Upon entry of final judgment and funding in full of the Gross Settlement Amount by Defendant, Plaintiff and the Participating Class Members shall release all Released Class Claims that occurred during the Class Period as to the Released Parties. Released Class Claims means all class claims alleged in the operative complaint which occurred during the Class Period, and expressly excluding all other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, and class claims outside of the Class Period. The Released PAGA Claims shall be released as follows. As of the Settlement Effective Date and upon funding in full of the Gross Settlement Amount by Defendant, all Aggrieved Employees shall release all Released PAGA Claims, irrespective of whether they opted-out of the class settlement, and will be bound by this PAGA Release (the "PAGA Release"). "Released PAGA Claims" means all PAGA claims alleged in the operative complaint and Plaintiff's PAGA notice to the LWDA which occurred during the PAGA Period, and expressly excluding all other claims, including claims vested benefits, unpaid wages, wrongful termination, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, and PAGA claims outside the PAGA Period

This means that, if you do not timely and formally exclude yourself from the settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant about the legal issues resolved by this Settlement. It also means that all of the Court's orders in this Action will apply to you and legally bind you.

5. How much will my payment be?

Defendant's records reflect that you have <<____>> Workweeks worked during the Class Period (February 26, 2017 to September 17, 2021).

Based on this information, your estimated Settlement Share is <<____>>.

If you wish to challenge the information set forth above, then you must submit a written, signed dispute challenging the information along with supporting documents, to the Settlement Administrator at the address provided in this Notice no later than _____ [forty-five (45) days after the Notice or re-mailed Notice].

6. How can I get a payment?

To get money from the settlement, you do not have to do anything. A check for your settlement payment will be mailed automatically to the same address as this Notice. If your address is incorrect or has changed, you must notify the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator is: _____. (800) _____.

The Court will hold a hearing on _____ to decide whether to finally approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and there are no objections or appeals, payments will be mailed within a few months after this hearing. If there are objections or appeals, resolving them can take time, perhaps more than a year. Please be patient. After entry of the Judgment, the Settlement Administrator will provide notice of the final judgment to the Class Members by posting a copy of the Judgment on the administrator's website at www._____.com

7. What if I don't want to be a part of the Settlement?

If you do not wish to participate in the Settlement, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement or "opt out." **If you opt out, you will receive NO money from the Settlement, and you will not be bound by its terms, except as provided as follows.** Irrespective of whether you exclude yourself from the Settlement or "opt out," you will

be bound by the PAGA Release, you will be deemed to have released the Released PAGA Claims, and you will receive a share of the Net PAGA Amount.

To opt out, you must submit to the Settlement Administrator, by First Class Mail, a written, signed and dated request for exclusion postmarked no later than _____. The address for the Settlement Administrator is _____. The request for exclusion must state in substance: "I have read the Class Notice and I wish to opt out of the class action and settlement of the case *Arneson v. Bahn Thai Inc., Case No. 34-2021-00295429*." The request for exclusion must contain your name, address, signature and the last four digits of your Social Security Number for verification purposes. The request for exclusion must be signed by you. No other person may opt out for a member of the Class.

Written requests for exclusion that are postmarked after _____, or are incomplete or unsigned will be rejected, and those Class Members will remain bound by the Settlement and the release described above.

8. How do I tell the Court that I would like to challenge the Settlement?

Any Class Member who has not opted out and believes that the Settlement should not be finally approved by the Court for any reason, may object to the proposed Settlement. Objections may be in writing and state the Class Member's name, current address, telephone number, and describe why you believe the Settlement is unfair and whether you intend to appear at the final approval hearing. All written objections or other correspondence must also state the name and number of the case, which is *Arneson v. Bahn Thai Inc., Case No. 34-2021-00295429*. You may also object without submitting a written objection by appearing at the final approval hearing scheduled as described in Section 9 below.

To object to the Settlement, you cannot opt out. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement in the same way as Class Members who do not object. Any Class Member who does not object in the manner provided in this Class Notice shall have waived any objection to the Settlement, whether by appeal or otherwise.

Written objections must be delivered or mailed to the Settlement Administrator no later than _____. The address for the Settlement Administrator is _____.

The addresses for the Parties' counsel are as follows:

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9. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing at **00:00 AM/PM on _____**, at the Sacramento County Superior Court, located at 720 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814-1280 before Judge Kevin R. Culhane. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The purpose of this hearing is for the Court to determine whether to grant final approval to the Settlement. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court will listen to people who have made a timely written request to speak at the

hearing or who appear at the hearing to object. This hearing may be rescheduled by the Court without further notice to you. **You are not required to attend** the Final Approval Hearing, although any Class Member is welcome to attend the hearing.

10. How do I get more information about the Settlement?

You may call the Settlement Administrator at _____ or write to *Arneson v. Bahn Thai Inc., Case No. 34-2021-00295429*, Settlement Administrator, c/o _____.

This notice summarizes the proposed settlement. More details are in the Settlement Agreement. You may receive a copy of the Settlement Agreement, the Final Judgment or other Settlement documents by writing to JCL Law firm, APC, 5440 Morehouse Drive, Suite 3600, San Diego, CA 92121.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURT ABOUT THIS NOTICE.

IMPORTANT:

- You must inform the Settlement Administrator of any change of address to ensure receipt of your settlement payment.
- Settlement checks will be null and void 180 days after issuance if not deposited or cashed. In such event, the Settlement Administrator shall pay all funds from such uncashed checks to the Participating Class Members who cashed his or her Settlement Share check using the same workweek formula used for distribution of the Net Settlement Amount. If your check is lost or misplaced, you should contact the Settlement Administrator immediately to request a replacement.