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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **FOR THE COUNTY OF BUTTE**
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12 ROBERT LAWSON, on behalf of himself
13 and all "aggrieved employees" pursuant to
Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*,

14 Plaintiff,
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16 v.

17 GRAPHIC PACKAGING
INTERNATIONAL, LLC, a Delaware
18 limited liability company, and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive,
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20 Defendants.
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CASE NO: 20CV01921

*Assigned to the Honorable Stephen E. Benson,
Dept. 6*

CLASS ACTION

**DECLARATION OF ALEX P. KATOFISKY
IN SUPPORT OF UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT AND
UNOPPOSED APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND
COSTS, CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION
FEES, AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES'
SERVICE PAYMENTS**

DATE: October 5, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

DEPT.: 6

Action Filed: September 29, 2020

1 I, ALEX P. KATOFSKY, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to the practice of law in the State of California.
3 I am of counsel to Gaines & Gaines, APLC, counsel for Plaintiffs Robert Lawson and
4 Marty Linebarger and Class Counsel in this action. I have personal knowledge of the
5 facts set forth herein and if called as a witness to testify to them, could and would do so
6 competently.

7 2. I obtained my BA degree from the California State University Northridge
8 in 1993. I majored in Political Science.

9 3. Thereafter, I attended the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of
10 Law. At McGeorge, I was a member of the Governing Board of Community Legal
11 Services and was a student teacher of Appellate Advocacy. I also earned the American
12 Jurisprudence Award in Insurance Law. I earned my JD and became a member of the
13 California Bar in 1999.

14 4. Since my admission to the Bar in 1999, I have devoted my practice to a
15 wide variety of matters, including business disputes, real estate litigation, and wage and
16 hour class action matters. I have substantial involvement in complex litigation like the
17 instant case, and have worked on more than twenty wage and hour class action cases with
18 Gaines & Gaines. Currently, over 85% of my practice is devoted to complex litigation
19 similar to the instant action.

20 5. Gaines & Gaines, APLC has represented employees in complex
21 employment matters such as this one, with an emphasis in wage and hour issues. I have
22 participated in and have been certified as class counsel in dozens of class action matters
23 that have been handled by Gaines & Gaines, ALPC over the past several years. An up-
24 to-date list of those cases is attached to the Declaration of Daniel F. Gaines as **Exhibit A**.

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

3 Executed on this 22nd day of September, 2022 at Westlake Village, California.

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