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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE

GENNINE MERRITT, individually, on a
representative basis, and on behalf of all
others similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

vs.

DMA CLAIMS, INC., a California
Corporation; DMA CLAIMS
MANAGEMENT, INC., an Illinois
Corporation; VENBROOK GROUP, LLC, a
Delaware Limited Liability Company;
VENBROOK INSURANCE SERVICES,
LLC, a California Limited Liability
Company; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: 21STCV31200
*[Assigned to Hon. Stuart M. Rice, Dept 1 for
all purposes]*

**DECLARATION OF BRIAN J. MANKIN,
ESQ., IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Hearing:
Date: May 16, 2023
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Dept.: 1

Complaint Filed: August 24, 2021

I, Brian J. Mankin, state and declare:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice before all of the courts of the State of California. I am a partner with the law firm of Lauby Mankin Lauby LLP, which has offices in Orange County and Riverside County, and I manage the firm's employment law practice. I am thoroughly familiar with and have personal knowledge of all of the facts set forth herein. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of this Class Action

1 Settlement. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2 **COUNSEL'S EXPERIENCE**

3 2. I have been a member, in good standing, of the State Bar of California since 2001.
4 I am admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Central and Southern
5 District of California and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal and have tried cases in various
6 courts in California.

7 3. I have handled well over 500 employee vs. employer litigation matters during my
8 22 years in practice. Over the last 15 years, my practice has almost entirely consisted of
9 representing employees, the majority of which has included class action and representative
10 action wage and hour matters. In total, I have handled over 250 class action and representative
11 action wage/hour cases, and have been appointed by the court as class counsel and have received
12 final court approval and judgment in over half of those actions to date, and anticipate receiving
13 final approval in many more of those in the future.

14 4. As part of these settlements and judgments, I have recovered in excess of \$250
15 million in damages for my clients and the class members (who often work as nurses, ambulance
16 drivers, technicians, warehouse workers, truck drivers, sales, professional occupations and
17 countless other trades). My team and I once held the record for the largest known PAGA-only
18 case in California's history - a \$12.5 million-dollar court approved settlement, which followed
19 extensive litigation, summary adjudication and writs to the CA Supreme Court against a Fortune
20 50 company (*Garcia v. Macy's*, San Bernardino Superior Court).

21 5. I have tried two major class and PAGA cases against Fortune 100 companies. In
22 2018, I was lead counsel in a PAGA case that my firm tried in the Orange County Superior Court
23 and received a \$425,000 judgment. In 2019, I was co-counsel in a class action case against
24 Walmart in District Court, wherein the jury awarded Plaintiffs and the class over \$6 million.
25 Both cases were appealed.

26 6. Over each of the last several consecutive years, I have been selected by my peers
27 as a "Super Lawyer" in Employment Litigation.

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ADEQUACY OF THE SETTLEMENT

7. The Class, as conditionally certified by this Court, consists of 186 current and former nonexempt employees (i.e., meaning they are eligible to receive overtime pay) of Defendants DMA, including all former employees of Defendant DMA who were employed by Defendant Venbrook, who worked in California at any time during the period of August 23, 2017, through September 29, 2022 (the “Class Period”).

8. As set forth in the Declaration of the Administrator, the Net Settlement Amount is approximately \$393,700.42, after the deductions set forth in the chart below:

<i>Gross Settlement Amount</i>	\$ 750,000.00
Attorneys’ Fees (1/3)	\$ 250,000.00
Litigation Costs	\$ 15,299.58
Administrator Costs	\$ 6,000.00
PAGA Penalties	\$ 75,000.00
Class Representative Service Award	\$ 10,000.00
<i>Net Settlement Amount</i>	\$ 393,700.42

9. The process of mailing the Notice Packets was very successful, as only two Class Notices were determined to be undeliverable.

10. The response from the Class Members was overwhelmingly positive, as no Class Member has objected to the settlement and only one opt-out to date. As to the 4 individuals that Defendant inadvertently left off the Class list, their deadline to respond April 24, 2023. The Parties will have the Administrator submit a supplemental declaration with the final tally of responses shortly after the April 24th deadline, and well before the May 16th final approval hearing.

11. As discussed at length in Plaintiff’s motion for preliminary approval, as well as in the Motion for Final Approval, this Settlement is favorable to the Class and the release is narrowly limited to the claims alleged.

12. Sufficient information existed to allow Class Counsel to intelligently value this case. Given the parties’ arms’ length bargaining facilitated by a reputable and experienced wage and hour mediator, the exchange of informal discovery, the experience of Class Counsel, the fact

1 that 99.5% of the Class has elected to participate and no objections were submitted thus far, the
2 presumption of fairness is justified.

3 13. I believe that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best
4 interests of the Class, given the litigation risks and delay inherent in further litigation and
5 possible appeals. As set forth in Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval and the declarations
6 submitted in support thereof, Defendants vigorously contested Plaintiff's claims, and Plaintiff
7 faced real challenges in certifying the Class and obtaining a recovery on the claims in this matter.
8 Nonetheless, the Parties concluded that further litigation would be protracted and expensive, and
9 that it is desirable that the action be fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms
10 and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement in order to limit further expense,
11 inconvenience and distraction, to dispose of burdensome and protracted litigation, and to permit
12 the operation of Defendants' business without further expensive litigation and the distraction and
13 diversion of its personnel with respect to matters at issue. All parties took into account the
14 uncertainty of risks inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases such as this case. The
15 parties determined that it is desirable and beneficial to both the Class and Defendants that this
16 case be settled. Risks on both sides were considered in reaching the Settlement Agreement. The
17 recoveries contemplated by the Settlement represent a good result for the Class, fairly
18 proportioned to the likely risk-adjusted recovery in litigation.

19 **ADEQUACY OF COUNSEL AND**
20 **REASONABLENESS OF REQUESTED FEE AND COST AWARDS**

21 14. As set forth above, I have handled over 250 class and representative actions, have
22 been appointed as class counsel and have successfully resolved over half of those cases, and
23 many others remain pending and will successfully resolve in the future while recovering
24 hundreds of millions of dollars for my clients and Class Members. This is substantially better
25 than average accordingly to Mayer Brown LLP's study entitled, An Empirical Analysis of Class
26 Actions, cited in *Laguna v. Coverall North America, Inc.*, No. 12-55479 (9th Cir. 2014), which
27 found that only one-third of class actions are successful, compared to two-thirds that are defeated
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1 and result in no payment to the class members.¹

2 15. When this case was taken on a contingency fee basis, with my firm agreeing to
3 assume responsibility for all litigation costs, the ultimate result was far from certain. In the
4 course of this litigation, Class Counsel paid all costs including filing fees, court costs, research
5 fees, and mediation costs. There was never a guarantee that we would recoup those expenditures.

6 16. It has been my experience that the benchmark for attorney fee awards in
7 California state cases is one-third of a common settlement fund, which the CA Supreme Court
8 upheld in the *Robert Half* case. Here, in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, Class
9 Counsel is seeking a fee of \$250,000, which is one-third of the Settlement Amount.

10 17. There are several additional factors why I believe that the Court should award
11 one-third of the common fund as reasonable attorneys' fees. First, Class Counsel's efforts
12 resulted in a common fund settlement amount of \$450,000, whereby the Class Members will
13 receive approximately **\$2,116.67 on average** and **up to a maximum of \$5,114** for those
14 employees that worked the entire Class Period. This is an **excellent result** in light of the
15 disputed nature of the claims alleged. This result was achieved by the work and success of my
16 office, who negotiated the settlement after extensive litigation, discovery, preparation,
17 investigation, mediation, and substantial work thereafter.

18 18. Second, Plaintiff faced significant risks going forward with the litigation. As
19 discussed in the motion for preliminary approval, Defendant raised various defenses throughout
20 this litigation, any one of which, if successful, could have decimated Plaintiff's case. And
21 Defendant vowed to raise all these defenses at trial. Accordingly, Plaintiff faced risky issues
22 going forward with this litigation, and it would have taken several more years to realize any
23 recovery in this action along with the possibility of post-trial appeals.

24 19. Third, Class Counsel are experienced class action litigators. This experience and
25 expertise, combined with the high quality of work performed in this case, resulted in the
26 settlement achieved in this case.

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28 ¹ www.mayerbrown.com/files/uploads/Documents/PDFs/2013/December/DoClassActionsBenefitClassMembers.pdf

1 20. Fourth, Class Counsel have been representing Plaintiff in this matter strictly on a
2 contingency fee basis. To that end, we have incurred the risk of non-recovery after investing a
3 substantial amount of time, money, and resources, and have done so since the inception of this
4 case without any payment or compensation. If Plaintiff had lost this case, we would have
5 recovered nothing, and would have lost our out-of-pocket costs. This is not an easy burden for
6 my office, which is a small firm. If, despite these hardships and risks, the best my office could
7 hope for is merely to be paid our hourly rate, then Class Counsel would not be compensated for
8 the hardships and serious risks we faced litigating this contingency case, and would not be
9 incentivized to take on similar cases in the future. Indeed, not all class/PAGA cases are
10 successful. Many cases end with no fees or a greatly reduced fee that is far less than lodestar,
11 often due to no fault of counsel (i.e., bankruptcy, change in the law, consolidation- coordination-
12 preemption, being top filed, etc.). As noted in the Mayer Brown LLP's study discussed above,
13 only one-third of class actions are successful, compared to two-thirds that are defeated and result
14 in no payment to the class members.

15 21. Fifth, the request for attorney's fees in the amount of one-third of the common
16 fund falls well within the norms accepted by state and federal courts in California in comparable
17 wage and hour actions actually handled by my office. Moreover, the award of a one-third fee
18 recovery under the common fund doctrine was recently approved by the California Supreme
19 Court in *Laffitte, supra*, 1 Cal.5th 480, 503.

20 22. For all of the above reasons, a common fund fee award here in the amount of one-
21 third of the common fund created by Plaintiff and Class Counsel is fair and reasonable.

22 23. At my office, this case was primarily handled by my senior associate attorney,
23 Peter Carlson, while I performed the role of the supervising attorney. As set forth in his
24 declaration, Mr. Carlson works exclusively with me on employment law matters and has been in
25 practice for 8 years. He bills at the hourly rate of \$575/hour. I have been in practice for 22
26 years, with most of those years handling complex litigation and for over the last 15 years, my
27 practice has almost entirely consisted of handling class action wage and hour matters. My billing
28 rate is \$775/hour. I believe these rates are consistent with Plaintiff and Defense attorneys who

1 handle complex class action litigation, if not somewhat lower.

2 24. The hourly rates above are comparable to those of other attorneys with equal or
3 similar experience, if not somewhat lower (i.e., the Laffey Matrix at www.laffeymatrix.com
4 indicates that the benchmark rate for an 8–10-year attorney to be \$676/hour and a 11-19 year
5 attorney at \$764/hour, and a 20+ year attorney at \$919/hour). Moreover, the Wolters Kluwer
6 Real Rate Report (“Real Rate Report”), provides directly applicable information in this regard.
7 The Real Rate Report is based on an enormous and statistically significant compilation of data.
8 For instance, in 2017, the report was based on 25.8 million billing entries and 23.9 million hours
9 billed by over 112,100 individual timekeepers from 4,620 law firms, totaling \$9.02 billion in fees
10 billed. The Real Rate Report then compiles and analyzes this data to provide the hourly rates for
11 partners and associates in major metropolitan areas. In 2018, for the southern California area,
12 which is based on billing entries for 999 partners and 1,361 associates, the Real Rate Report
13 states that: (a) the median rate for partners in Los Angeles is \$695 and the upper quartile is \$995
14 per hour, and (b) the median rate for associates in Los Angeles is \$550 and the upper quartile is
15 \$721 (2018 Kluwer Real Rate Report, page 21). And, perhaps most importantly, the information
16 provided in the Real Rate Report is not based on self-reported numbers, surveys, sampling, or
17 reviews or other publications – instead, the Real Rate Report is based on the actual hours and
18 fees billed by law firms.

19 25. The table below includes a summary of the hours worked by my office and Mr.
20 Bokhour’s office, plus an estimated 35 hours that I will bill in finalizing and filing the motion,
21 preparing for and attending the approval hearing, and working with the Settlement Administrator
22 and defense counsel to finalize this matter. Thus, the actual aggregated lodestar between the
23 attorneys that have worked on this case is approximately \$238,315, resulting in a ***small 1.05***
24 ***multiplier***, which is summarized in the following table:

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Attorney/Timekeeper	Role	Yrs Experience	Rate	Hours	Fee
Brian J. Mankin (Partner – LML)	Trial Counsel	22	\$775	108²	\$83,700
Peter Carlson (Senior Associate – LML)	Handling Attorney	8	\$575	174.2	\$100,165
Mehrdad Bokhour (Principal – Owner)	Trial Counsel	10	\$550	99	\$54,450
Grand Total for All Attorneys				381.2	\$238,315

26. The fee is warranted because of the results achieved for the Class Members, both in terms of the immediate cash settlement, as well as the fact that the Class Members resoundingly supported the Settlement. Defendant does not oppose this fee request.

27. In the course of prosecuting this action, Class counsel have incurred expenses that were incidental and necessary to the effective representation of the Class. These expenses included but were not limited to: court filings, messenger services, postage, fax transmission expenses, transportation, mediator fees, and other incidental expenses directly related to this action. The Settlement Agreement provided up to \$20,000 in costs. Through final approval, my office incurred \$8,149.58 in litigation costs (see Exhibit “B” attached hereto), plus \$7,150 by Bokhour Law Group, for combined total costs of \$15,299.58. The saving will be placed in the Net Settlement Amount for payment to the Class Members. Defendant does not oppose this request for costs.

REASONABLENESS OF REQUESTED SERVICE AWARD

28. I also believe that the service award of \$10,000 to Plaintiff is fair and warranted for the reasons outlined in her declaration and in the motion, including the fact that she elected not to bring a separate individual claim for retaliation and wrongful termination. She came forward and worked directly with our offices in analyzing the claims and documents, providing valuable information. (See her declaration for supporting information.) Indeed, her participation

² Includes an estimated 35 hours that will be expended in finalizing the motion, attending the hearing, working with the parties and administrator regarding the notice and payment process, and filing any post judgment paperwork.

1 was an essential element of Defendants' desire to mediate and of the pre and post mediation
2 analysis that allowed Class Counsel to settle the case. In addition to foregoing to separate
3 individual claims, she also took on various risks, including the risk that she could have been
4 ordered to pay Defendants' costs if she lost and the risk of retaliation and being black-balled in
5 the industry. She also provided a full release of all claims. Defendants do not oppose the
6 requested service award.

7 **SUBMISSION TO THE LWDA**

8 29. The Motion and declarations, including the Settlement Agreement, have
9 concurrently been submitted to the LWDA. (See Exhibit "C").

10 **EXHIBITS AND CONCLUSION**

11 30. A true and correct copy of the Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit
12 "A."

13 31. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a true and correct copy of an itemized statement
14 of my firm's litigation costs.

15 32. The LWDA's confirmation of receipt of this Motion and Declaration is attached
16 hereto as Exhibit "C."

17 33. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Court grant final
18 approval of the settlement as being fair, reasonable, and in the best interest of the class, and
19 approve the requested attorneys fees, costs, and service award.

20 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
21 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 24, 2023, at Riverside, California.

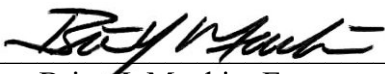
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EXHIBIT “A”

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Gennine Merritt (“Plaintiff”) and DMA Claims, Inc., and DMA Claims Management, Inc., (collectively, “DMA”) and Venbrook Group, LLC; and Venbrook Insurance Services, LLC (collectively, Venbrook). DMA and Venbrook shall collectively be referred to as “Defendants,” and Plaintiff and Defendants shall collectively be referred to as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendants captioned *Gennine Merritt v. DMA CLAIMS, INC.; a California Corporation; DMA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, INC.; an Illinois Corporation; VENBROOK GROUP, LLC; a Delaware Limited Liability Company; and VENBROOK INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company*, which was initiated on August 24, 2021 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.

1.2. “Administrator” means Phoenix Class Action Administration, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.

1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

1.4. “Agreement” or “Settlement Agreement” shall mean this Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement, including the Class Notice.

1.5. “Aggrieved Employee” means all current and former non-exempt employees (i.e., meaning they are eligible to receive overtime pay) of Defendant DMA, including all former employees of Defendant DMA who were employed by Defendant Venbrook, who worked in California at any time during the PAGA Period. Aggrieved Employees may not exclude themselves from receipt of the PAGA Penalties.

1.6. “Class” consists of all current and former non-exempt employees (i.e., meaning they are eligible to receive overtime pay) of Defendants DMA, including all former employees of Defendant DMA who were employed by Defendant Venbrook, who worked in California at any time during the Class Period.

1.7. “Class Counsel” means Brian Mankin and Peter Carlson of Lauby Mankin Lauby LLP and Mehrdad Bokhour of Bokhour Law Group, P.C.

1.8. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.

1.9. “Class Data” means a complete list that Defendants will diligently and in good faith compile from their records and provide to the Settlement Administrator on one spreadsheet which shall include the Class Member identifying information in Defendants’ possession, including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Pay Periods Worked during the Class Period and PAGA Period.

1.10. “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

1.11. “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.

1.12. “Class Notice” means the court approved notice of class action settlement to be mailed to Class Members in English only in the form attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.13. “Class Period” means the period from August 23, 2017 to September 29, 2022.

1.14. “Class Representative” means the named Plaintiff in the operative Complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.

1.15. “Class Representative Service Payment” means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.

1.16. “Complaint” refers to the operative complaint filed in the Action, alleging class action and representative PAGA action claims, which is pending in the Court and designated as Case No. 21STCV31200.

1.17. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

1.18. “Defendants” means, collectively, the DMA and Venbrook Defendants.

1.19. “Defense Counsel” means Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP.

1.20. “DMA” means, collectively, defendants DMA Claims, Inc., and DMA Claims Management, Inc.

1.21. “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after

the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.

1.22. “Exclusion List” means the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion.

1.23. “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.

1.24. “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.

1.25. “Final Judgment” means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.

1.26. “Gross Settlement Amount” or “GSA” means \$750,000, which is the total amount Defendants agree to pay under the Settlement, except as provided in Paragraph 9 below and except for the employer’s share of applicable payroll tax obligations that Defendants shall separately pay. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administrator’s Expenses.

1.27. “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Pay Periods Worked during the Class Period.

1.28. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods Worked during the PAGA Period.

1.29. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.

1.30. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

1.31. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

1.32. “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.

1.33. “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion. A Non-Participating Class Member shall receive their share of the PAGA Penalties.

- 1.34. “PAGA Period” means the period from August 23, 2020 to September 29, 2022.
- 1.35. “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.36. “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s August 23, 2021, letter to Defendants and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.37. “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount (\$75,000), allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employee (\$18,750) and the 75% to LWDA (\$56,250) in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.38. “Participating Class Member” means all Settlement Class Members who are deemed to participate, who will receive an Individual Settlement Payment, except for those who opt-out by submitting a timely valid Request for Exclusion.
- 1.39. “Pay Periods Worked” in the context of the Class Members, means all pay periods during the Class Period in which the Class Member was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt employee in California and worked at least one shift during the pay period. In the context of Aggrieved Employees, it means all pay periods during the PAGA Period in which the Aggrieved Employee was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt employee in California and worked at least one shift during the pay period.
- 1.40. “Plaintiff” means Gennine Merritt, the named plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.41. “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.42. “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.43. “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 6.2 below.
- 1.44. “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 6.2 below.
- 1.45. “Released Parties” means: DMA, Venbrook and each of their former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, and affiliates.
- 1.46. “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.47. “Response Deadline” means 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax,

email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1.48. “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

1.49 “Venbrook” means, collectively: Venbrook Group, LLC and Venbrook Insurance Services, LLC.

1.50 “Weekly Report” refers to the report that the Administrator must email to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel on a weekly basis that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to credited Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments. The Weekly Reports must include provide the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

2. RECITALS.

2.1. On August 24, 2021, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing the Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendants for (1) Failure to Pay Minimum Wages; (2) Failure to Pay Overtime Wages; (3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods; (4) Failure to Provide Rest Breaks; (5) Failure to Reimburse Bus. Expenses; (6) Failure to Timely Pay Final Wages; (7) Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements; (8) Unfair and Unlawful Competition, and (9) related PAGA Claims. Defendants deny the allegations in the Complaint, deny any failure to comply with the laws identified in in the Complaint and deny any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

2.2. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Defendants and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.

2.3. On June 29, 2022, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Jeffrey Krivis, which culminated in a mediator’s proposal. The Parties did not immediately accepted the mediator’s proposal, but after several weeks of negotiation, both Parties accepted the proposal and thereafter entered into this Agreement to settle the Action.

2.4. Prior to the mediation and negotiating the Settlement, Plaintiff obtained, through formal and informal discovery, documents and information, including but not limited to Defendant’s written policies and practices, information relating to the size of the Class and Aggrieved Employees, number of Pay Periods Worked, as well as a sampling of payroll and timekeeping records. Plaintiff’s investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 (“*Dunk/Kullar*”).

2.5. The Court has not granted class certification.

2.6. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 9 below, Defendants agree to pay \$750,000 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount, and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 6.1 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendants.

3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:

3.2.1. To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$10,000.00 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member and Aggrieved Employee). Defendants will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.

3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third of the GSA (33.333%), which is currently estimated to be \$250,000 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$20,000. Defendants will not oppose requests for these payments provided that do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendants harmless, and indemnifies Defendants, from any dispute

or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$6,000 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$6,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4. To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Pay Periods Worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Pay Periods Worked.

3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. Twenty percent (20%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The remaining eighty percent (80%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

3.2.5. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$75,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$56,250) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$18,750) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (\$18,750) by the total number of Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's Pay Periods Worked. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Pay Periods Worked. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendants estimates there are 185 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 10,900 Pay Periods during the Class Period, and 82 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total 3,465 of Pay Periods

during the PAGA Period.

4.2. Class Data. Not later than 30 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendants will simultaneously deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted Class Member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendants must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.

4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendant's share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 10 days after Defendants fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will also send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees. If the recipient is both a Participating Class Member and Aggrieved Employees, the Payments may be contained on one check. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a

replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.4.3. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California State Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.4. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendants to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

6. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Class Members, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

6.1 Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff and his or her respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences whether known or unknown, which exist or may exist on her behalf as of the date of this Agreement, including but not limited to any and all tort claims, contract claims, wage claims, wrongful termination claims, disability claims, benefit claims, public policy claims, retaliation claims, statutory claims, personal injury claims, emotional distress claims, invasion of privacy claims, defamation claims, fraud claims, quantum meruit claims, and any and all claims arising under any federal, state or other governmental statute, law, regulation or 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's Release.") Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement or to any claims for vested benefits.. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

6.1.1 Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

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.

6.2 Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release the Released Parties from all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including claims for failure to provide meal and rest breaks, failure to pay for meal and rest break premiums pay in lieu thereof and at the correct rates paid for same, pay overtime wages and the correct rates paid for same, pay minimum or regular wages for all hours worked, pay timely wages during employment, pay all earned and accrued wages to discharged/separated employees, furnish accurate itemized wage statements, maintain required payroll records, and indemnify employees for business expenses, and based on violations of Labor Code sections 200-204, 208, 210, 218.6, 221-223, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802, or Industrial Welfare Commission Order #4, or Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq., which are premised on the same allegations, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, section 11090 (the “Released Class Claims”). The operative release period for the Released Class Claims is the Class Period. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

6.3 Release by Aggrieved Employees: All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including violations premised on violation of Labor Code sections 200-204, 208, 210, 218.6, 221-223, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, and 2802, and IWC Wage Order #4, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, section 11090 (the “Released PAGA Claims”). The operative release period for the Released PAGA Claims is the PAGA Period.

7. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval (“Motion for Preliminary Approval”) that complies with the Court’s current checklist for Preliminary Approvals.

7.1 Defendants’ Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval. Within 15 court days of the full execution of this Agreement, Defendants will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed Declaration from Defendants and Defense Counsel disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. In their Declarations, Defense Counsel and Defendants shall advise that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

7.2 Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator; (v) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); (vi) a redlined version of the parties' Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Agreement ready for filing with the Court; and (vii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel Declaration shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

7.3 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator, and all related documents.

7.4 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

8. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

8.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected the Administrator to serve and verified that, as a condition of appointment, the Administrator agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have

no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

8.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.

8.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

8.4 Notice to Class Members.

8.4.1 No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and Pay Periods Worked in the Class Data.

8.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 10 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service (“USPS”) mail, the Class Notice [with Spanish translation, if applicable] substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A, or as modified by the Court and agreed to by the Parties. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Pay Periods Worked as a Class Member and Aggrieved Employee (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

8.4.3 Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator’s receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.

8.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members’ written objections, Challenges to Pay Periods Worked, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the Response Deadline otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.

8.4.5 If the Administrator, Defense Counsel, Class Counsel or Defendants are contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the

same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, which ever are later.

8.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

8.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than the Response Deadline (plus an additional [14] days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

8.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

8.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of this Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

8.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 6.4 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

8.6 Challenges to Calculation of Pay Periods Worked. Each Class Member shall have until the Response Deadline (plus an additional [14] days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Pay Periods Worked that were allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Pay Periods Worked contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class

Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Pay Periods Worked shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Pay Periods Worked to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges.

8.7 Objections to Settlement.

8.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

8.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than the Response Deadline (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

8.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

8.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

8.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

8.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email the Exclusion List to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the Exclusion List containing names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion; (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

8.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of:

Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include provide the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

8.8.4 Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

8.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator must also provide a breakdown of the Gross Settlement Amount, high/low/average payments to Participating Class Members, the total Pay Periods Worked by Class Members and Aggrieved Employees and the per Pay Period value of each. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator’s declaration(s) in Court.

8.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

9. CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE Based on its records, Defendants estimate that there are 185 Class Members who worked approximately 10,900 pay periods during the Class Period. If the pay period number increases by more than 10% of the estimate stated herein by September 29, 2022, Defendants will increase the gross settlement amount proportionately for the percentage of pay periods in excess of the 10% threshold (i.e., an 11% increase in pay periods will result in a 1% increase of the Gross Settlement Amount.

10. DEFENDANTS’ RIGHT TO WITHDRAW. If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 5% of the total of all Class Members, Defendants may, but are not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendants withdraw, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this

Agreement; provided, however, Defendants will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendants must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than 7 days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.

11. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL. Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively “Motion for Final Approval”). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than 5 days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

11.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than 5 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

11.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court’s concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court’s decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

11.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

11.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties’ obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

11.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material

modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

12. AMENDED JUDGMENT. If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

13. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

13.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendants have any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendants reserve the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendants' defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

13.2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendants and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency.

Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendants and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that

“the matter was resolved,” or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel’s communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel’s ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

13.3 No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel’s ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel’s ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

13.4 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.

13.5 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.

13.6 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.

13.7 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

13.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendants nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

13.9 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.

13.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

13.11 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will

be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.

13.12 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.

13.13 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.

13.14 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendants in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendants unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendants makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.

13.15 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.

13.16 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.

13.17 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

To Plaintiff:

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brian@LMLfirm.com
Lauby Mankin Lauby LLP
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Tel: (951) 320-1444 | Fax: (951) 320-1445

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mtheriault@grsm.com
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pchoi@grsm.com
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Los Angeles, CA 90071
Tel: (213) 576-5000 | Fax: (213) 680-4470

13.18 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

13.19 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

Dated: October 31, 2022

PLAINTIFF AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE:

Gennine Merritt

Gennine Merritt (Oct 31, 2022 11:22 PDT)

Gennine Merritt

Dated: October 31, 2022

CLASS COUNSEL:

LAUBY MANKIN LAUBY LLP

Brian J. Mankin

Brian J. Mankin
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated: October __, 2022

CLASS COUNSEL:

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Dated: October __, 2022

PLAINTIFF AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE:

Gennine Merritt

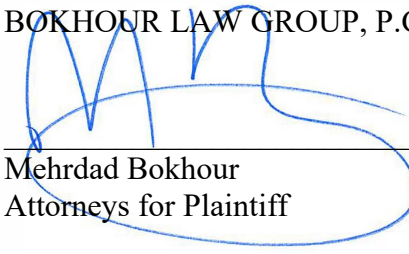
Dated: October __, 2022

CLASS COUNSEL:
LAUBY MANKIN LAUBY LLP

Brian J. Mankin
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated: October 31, 2022

CLASS COUNSEL:
BOKHOUR LAW GROUP, P.C.



Mehrdad Bokhour
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dated: October 29, 2022

DEFENDANTS:

DMA CLAIMS, INC.; DMA CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, INC.; VENBROOK GROUP, LLC; AND VENBROOK INSURANCE SERVICES, LLC

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By: Charles N. Ohl

Title: General Counsel

Dated: October 31, 2022

DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL:

GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI, LLP



Matthew Theriault

Attorneys for Defendants

**END OF DOCUMENT
EXHIBIT FOLLOWS**

Exhibit “A”

**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

Merritt v. DMA Claims

(Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV31200)

***The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.***

Attention: All current and former non-exempt employees (i.e., eligible to receive overtime pay) of Defendants DMA, including all former employees of Defendant DMA who were employed by Defendant Venbrook, who worked in California at any time during the Class Period of August 23, 2017 to September 29, 2022 ("Class Members"). "DMA" refers to Defendants DMA Claims, Inc. and DMA Claims Management, Inc., and "Venbrook" refers to Defendants Venbrook Group, LLC and Venbrook Insurance Services, LLC.

You may be eligible to receive money as a Class Member in a class action lawsuit ("Action") against Defendants DMA and Venbrook for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by Gennine Merritt a former DMA employee ("Plaintiff") and seeks payment of unpaid wages, statutory damages, interest and attorneys' fees on behalf of all Class Members (defined above). Additionally, the Action seek civil penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") for the same group who worked for DMA or Venbrook in California during the PAGA Period (August 23, 2020 to September 29, 2022), who are referred to as "Aggrieved Employees."

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendants to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendants to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

[CLASS MEMBER NAME] [ID/CONTROL NUMBER]

Two Parts	Pay Periods Worked	Your Estimated Share
Class Member	INSERT (During Class Period)	\$INSERT (Individual Class Payment)
Aggrieved Employee	INSERT (During PAGA Period)	\$INSERT (Individual PAGA Payment)

Based on Defendants' records, and the Parties' current assumptions, your Individual Class Payment (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment are shown in the chart above, along with the Pay Periods you are credited with working during the Class Period and PAGA Period, according to Defendants' records. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendants' records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn't work during the PAGA Period.)

If you believe that you worked more Pay Periods during either period than Defendants' records show, you can submit a challenge by the **DATE**, 2023 (the "Response Deadline"). See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendants to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendants during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have a few options as shown in the Chart below:

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT	
DO NOTHING & PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT	If you want to receive your settlement payment, then no further action is required on your part. You will automatically receive your settlement payment from the Settlement Administrator if the Settlement receives final approval by the Court. You will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement and will give up your right to sue on the Released Class Claims described below.
OPT-OUT (EXCLUDE YOURSELF) RESPONSE DEADLINE: DATE, 2023	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. If you opt-out, you will no longer be a Class Member, and you will (1) <u>not</u> receive an Individual Class Payment, but you will preserve your right to pursue the Released Class Claims described below subject to applicable statutes of limitations, and (2) be barred from filing an objection to the settlement. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendants must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue PAGA Released Claims. See Section 6 of this Notice.
OBJECT RESPONSE DEADLINE: DATE, 2023	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.

DISPUTE YOUR PAY PERIODS WORKED RESPONSE DEADLINE: , 2023	If you believe that your number of Pay Periods Worked listed above is incorrect, you may challenge it. The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many Pay Periods you worked during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number you are credited are shown in the chart on the first page, and are based on Defendant's records. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by the deadline. See Section 4 of this Notice.
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Defendants will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

YOU MAY ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING, BUT ITS NOT REQUIRED	
DATE: , 2023 TIME: A.M. / P.M.	At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement. You don't have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former DMA employee. The Action accuses Defendants of violating California labor laws by failing to pay overtime wages, minimum wages, meal and rest period premiums, and wages due upon termination, and reimbursable expenses, and failing to provide meal periods, rest breaks and accurate itemized wage statements. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) ("PAGA").

Defendants strongly deny violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action ("Class Counsel"). See Section 9 below for their contact information.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Defendants or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendants hired an experienced, neutral mediator in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendants have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims.

By agreeing to settle, Defendants do not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendants have agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Defendants Will Pay \$750,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Defendants have agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and expenses, the Administrator's expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Defendants will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 14 days after the Judgment entered by the Court become final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.
2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
 - A. Up to \$250,000 (one-third of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$20,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
 - B. Up to \$10,000 as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
 - C. Up to \$6,000 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
 - D. Up to \$75,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their share of Pay Periods Worked.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the “Net Settlement”) by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Pay Periods Worked during the Class Period.
4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendants are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages (“Wage Portion”) and 80% to penalties and interest (“Non-Wage Portion.”). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendants will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portion.) The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiff and Defendants have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If the monies represented by your check is sent to the Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than the Response Deadline, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against Defendant.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendants based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and Defendants have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendants will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendants.
8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Action Administration (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Pay Periods Worked, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
9. Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendants have fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or related entities for wages based on the facts alleged in the Action for the duration of the Class Period and PAGA Period, which are resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release the Released Parties from all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint, including claims for failure to provide meal and rest breaks, failure to pay for meal and rest break premiums pay in lieu thereof and at the correct rates paid for same, pay overtime wages and the correct rates paid for same, pay minimum or regular wages for all hours worked, pay timely wages during employment, pay all earned and accrued wages to discharged/separated employees, furnish accurate itemized wage statements, maintain required payroll records, and indemnify employees for business expenses, and based on violations of Labor Code sections 200-204, 208, 210, 218.6, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802, or Industrial Welfare Commission Order #4, or Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq., which are premised on the same allegations, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, section 11090 (the “Released Class Claims”). The operative release period for the Released Class Claims is the Class Period. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, or claims based on facts occurring

outside the Class Period.

10. Aggrieved Employees' PAGA Release. After the Court's judgment is final, and Defendants have paid the Gross Settlement (and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes), all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendants, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against Defendants or its related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Aggrieved Employees' Releases are as follows:

All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including violations premised on violation of Labor Code sections 200-204, 208, 210, 218.6, 221-223, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, and 2802, and IWC Wage Order #4, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, section 11090 (the "Released PAGA Claims"). The operative release period for the Released PAGA Claims is the PAGA Period.

4. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Pay Periods Worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Pay Periods Worked by each individual Participating Class Member during the Class Period.
2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$10,000 by the total number of Pay Periods Worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Pay Periods Worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period.
3. Pay Period Challenges. The number of Pay Periods you worked during the Class Period as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until the Response Deadline to challenge the number of Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail,

email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Pay Periods based on Defendants' records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendants' Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) and Aggrieved Employee. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.
2. Aggrieved Employees Only. If you opted out of the Class settlement, but qualify as an Aggrieved Employee, then the Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee, including those who opt out of the Class Settlement.

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as Merritt v. DMA Claims, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **Send your request to be excluded to the Administrator by INSERT DATE (the "Response Deadline"), or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and Defendants are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 court days before the INSERT DATE Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees

and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website **INSERT URL** or the Court's website **INSERT URL**.

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is **INSERT DATE** (the "Response Deadline").** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action *Merritt v. DMA Claims* and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for Defendants and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on **INSERT DATE** at **INSERT TIME** in Department **XX** of the Los Angeles Superior Court, located at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via LACourtConnect (<https://www.lacourt.org/lacc/>). Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website **INSERT URL** beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendants and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to _____ (specify entity) _____'s website at **INSERT URL**. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (<http://www.lacourt.org/casesummary/ui/index.aspx>) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. 21STCV31200. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse by calling (213) 830-0800.

**DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.**

The contact information for Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator are below:

<u>Class Counsel:</u>	
Brian Mankin, Esq. <i>brian@lmlfirm.com</i> Peter Carlson, Esq. <i>peter@lmlfirm.com</i> 450 Lauby Mankin Lauby LLP 5198 Arlington Ave, PMB 513 Riverside, CA 92504 Tel: (951) 320-1444	Mehrdad Bokhour, Esq. <i>mehrdad@bokhourlaw.com</i> Bokhour Law Group, P.C. 1901 Avenue of the Stars, Ste Los Angeles, CA 90067 Tel: (310) 975-1493

<u>Settlement Administrator:</u>
Phoenix Class Action Administration Email Address Mailing Address Telephone Number Fax Number Case URL

10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.

EXHIBIT “B”

All Expenses

Lauby, Mankin & Lauby LLP

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Gennine Merritt 14000-00465 Merritt v DMA Claims

08-23-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	E112 Court fees	Aguilera, Monica A	75.00	0.00	1.00	75.00
LWDA Order Number: ORD-000132098 to submit PAGA letter Case Number: LWDA-CM-842194-21									
08-25-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Aguilera, Monica A	1,682.20	0.00	1.00	1,682.20
Bosco Inv 6039899 File and conform. - Civil Case Cover Sheet/Addendum -Summons -Complaint *advance fees* ***complex case*** Court: Los Angeles County Superior Court - Central District									
08-31-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Aguilera, Monica A	92.50	0.00	1.00	92.50
Bosco Inv 6053772 Serve: Venbrook Group, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company Summons; Complaint; Notice of Case Assignment Unlimited Civil Case; Order Pursuant to CCP 1054(a), Extending Time to Respond by 30 Days when Parties Agree to Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation; Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations; ADR Court: Los Angeles County Superior Court - Central District									
08-31-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Aguilera, Monica A	132.45	0.00	1.00	132.45
Bosco Inv 6053780 Serve: Venbrook Insurance Services, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company Summons; Complaint; Notice of Case Assignment Unlimited Civil Case; Order Pursuant to CCP 1054(a), Extending Time to Respond by 30 Days when Parties Agree to Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation; Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations; ADR Court: Los Angeles County Superior Court - Central District									
08-31-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	E108 Postage	Aguilera, Monica A	79.50	0.00	1.00	79.50
August 2021 Postage									
08-31-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	E101 Copying	Aguilera, Monica A	0.20	0.00	182.00	36.40
182 copies for letters to employer									
08-31-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Aguilera, Monica A	63.75	0.00	1.00	63.75
Bosco Inv 6053725 Serve: DMA Claims, Inc., a California Corporation Summons; Complaint; Notice of Case Assignment Unlimited Civil Case; Order Pursuant to CCP 1054(a), Extending Time to Respond by 30 Days when Parties Agree to Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation; Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations; ADR Court: Los Angeles County Superior Court - Central District Completed on: 08/26/2021									
08-31-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Aguilera, Monica A	153.70	0.00	1.00	153.70
Bosco Inv 6053734 Serve: DMA Claims Management, Inc., an Illinois Corporation Summons; Complaint; Notice of Case Assignment Unlimited Civil Case; Order Pursuant to CCP 1054(a), Extending Time to Respond by 30 Days when Parties Agree to Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation; Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations; ADR Court: Los Angeles County Superior Court - Central District Completed on: 08/26/2021									
09-01-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	E112 Court fees	Aguilera, Monica A	9.75	0.00	1.00	9.75
Los Angeles County Superior Court to Fax File POS Receipt #ST-2021-07012081									

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09-02-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	E112 Court fees	Aguilera, Monica A	8.25	0.00	1.00	8.25
Los Angeles County Superior Court to Fax File POSs Receipt #ST-2021-08618151									
11-04-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	E125 Mediation fees	Aguilera, Monica A	4,500.00	0.00	1.00	4,500.00
First Mediation Inv #23955 for 6/29/2022 mediation									
12-13-2021	Approved		Non-Billable	E112 Court fees	Aguilera, Monica A	12.35	0.00	1.00	12.35
Onelgal Order #17360128 to file stlp to continue Case management conference									
03-05-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Grossi, Tracie L.	115.20	0.00	1.00	115.20
Case Anywhere Invoice 247370									
07-08-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	120.00	0.00	1.00	120.00
CaseAnywhere Inv#255845									
07-21-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	17.19	0.00	1.00	17.19
Onelgal Order #18595024 - File Notice of Settlement									
08-03-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	17.19	0.00	1.00	17.19
Onelgal Order #18663963 - File Ntc of Change of Address									
09-10-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	132.00	0.00	1.00	132.00
CaseAnywhere Inv #264353									
11-17-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	78.96	0.00	1.00	78.96
Onelgal Order #19312782 - file MPA									
12-08-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	174.00	0.00	1.00	174.00
CaseAnywhere Inv #272991									
12-09-2022	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	17.19	0.00	1.00	17.19
Onelgal Inv #19439272 - file supplemental declaration and proposed order for PA									
03-03-2023	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarito, Tracie	132.00	0.00	1.00	132.00

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<u>14000-00465 Merritt v DMA Claims</u>									
CaseAnywhere Inv #281567									
04-20-2023	Approved		Non-Billable	Attorney Service	Chiarto, Tracie	500.00	0.00	1.00	500.00

Estimated costs to file Motion for Final Approval and supporting documents.

Project Total 8,149.58
Client Total 8,149.58
Grand Total 8,149.58

EXHIBIT “C”