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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

ANISHA WISE, individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LA PETITE ACADEMY, INC., a Delaware
corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. STK-CV-UOE-2021-10461

(Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. Erin Guy
Castillo, Dept. 10B)

**DECLARATION OF KRISTEN M. AGNEW
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Date: November 14, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept.: 10B

Complaint Filed: November 9, 2021
FAC Filed: May 2, 2022
Trial Date: None Set

DECLARATION OF KRISTEN M. AGNEW

I, Kristen Agnew, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law, duly licensed to practice before all Courts in the State of California, and am with the law firm Diversity Law Group, P.C., counsel of record for Plaintiff Anisha Wise ("Plaintiff"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and if called to testify I could and would do so competently.

2. Based on Class Counsel's independent investigations and evaluations, I am of the opinion that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and is in the best interests of the Class Members, in light of all known facts and circumstances, and the expenses and risks inherent in litigation. The settlement was negotiated at arm's length and was facilitated by an experienced and neutral mediator. Thus, this settlement should be granted final approval.

3. My qualifications are as follows: I was the 2003 recipient of the Spelman Presidential Scholarship to Emory University School of Law. During law school, I was a summer associate at the law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath and Rosenthal, and clerked with the Atlanta office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. I received my J.D. from Emory University in 2006 and was admitted to the California Bar in December 2006. Following law school, I was an associate at Sonnenschein from September 2006 to May 2009.

4. Since 2009, my primary area of practice has been employment litigation. I have practiced law at two preeminent employment defense firms. From May 2009 to June 2011, I was an associate at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. I was also an associate, and then senior associate, in the labor and employment practice group of Seyfarth Shaw, LLP from June 2011 to May 2016. At both Ogletree and Seyfarth, I represented a wide array of fortune 500 companies in employment litigation in both state and federal courts, as well as before government agencies, including the California Department of Labor. My practice included the defense of single plaintiff and multi-plaintiff lawsuits involving claims under the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, the California Labor Code and the Fair Labor Standards Act. I also handled a number of wage and hour class actions.

5. In June 2016, I joined Diversity Law Group, P.C. where I spend most of my time

1 handling employment cases. I primarily represent employees.

2 6. I served as the lead associate on a number of wage and hour class actions, including:
3 *Martha Cardenas v. Gold's Gym*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC445112;
4 *Nathaniel Werner v. Crown Equipment Corporation*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.
5 BC439428; *Christopher Williams v. Allstate Insurance Co.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case
6 No. BC382577; *Hwang v. Caltech*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC464894; *Melissa*
7 *Roberts v. Zale Delaware, Inc.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC523610; *Michael Oliver v.*
8 *Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc.*, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 114-
9 CV-263183; *Tessa Hodge v. Zale Delaware, Inc., d/b/a Piercing Pagoda*, San Bernardino Superior
10 Court Case No CIVVS1301632; *Warren v. Paychex, Inc.*, N.D. Cal. Case No. 3:10-cv-02006; *Tapia*
11 *v. Zale Delaware Inc. et al*, S.D. Cal. Case No. 3:13-cv-01565; and *Benjamin Burgess et al v. Tesoro*
12 *Refining and Marketing Company et al*, C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:10-cv-05870.

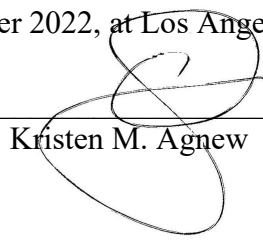
13 7. I have been approved as class counsel in a number of class actions by the Superior
14 Courts of California and United States District Courts, including: *Antonio Becerra-Mata v. PSC*
15 *Industrial Outsourcing, LP*, San Benito County Superior Court Case No. CU-15-00030; *Eric Chavez*
16 *v. Converse, Inc.*, N.D. Cal. Case No. 15-cv-03746-NC, *Kosal So v. Owens-Brockway Glass*
17 *Container, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC608609, *Antonio Becerra-Mata v.*
18 *PSC Industrial Outsourcing, LP*, San Benito County Superior Court Case No. CU-15-00030; *Kosal*
19 *So v. Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.
20 BC608609; *Sarah Rodriguez v. Manpower, Inc.*, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 1-16-
21 CV-294904; *Shannon Sanchez v. American Para Professional Systems, Inc.*, Santa Clara County
22 Superior Court Case No. 17CV306751, *Foaad Hanna v. Equinix, LLC*, Santa Clara County Superior
23 Court Case No. 18CV339365; *Alicia Harris v. 24 Seven LLC*, Los Angeles County Superior Court
24 Case No. BC720144; *Mary Della Maggiora v. Watsonville Community Hospital*, Santa Cruz Superior
25 Court Case No. 18CV00191; *Michael Randolph v. Pacific Racing Association*, Alameda County
26 Superior Court Case No. RG18908139; *Prexxie Pascual and Arturo Fonseca v. Satellite Healthcare,*
27 *Inc.*, Santa Clara Superior Court Case No. 19CV345211; *Chavez v. Converse, Inc.*, United States
28 District Court, Northern District of California Case No. 15-cv-03746-NC; and *Carrillo v. New*

1 *Balance Athletics, Inc.*, Santa Clara Superior Court Case No. 19CV352469.

2 8. I also second chaired two jury trials where I represented the prevailing defendant. Both
3 cases involved employees who brought claims against their former employers pursuant to the Fair
4 Employment & Housing Act. The cases are: *Jeff Cowell v. Eaton Aerospace LLC et al*, Los Angeles
5 County Superior Court Case No. BC401543; and *Richard Gulden v. Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne Inc.*
6 *et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC468909.

7 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
8 is true and correct.

9 Executed on this 19th day of October 2022, at Los Angeles, California.

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