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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 WILLIAM L. MARDER
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 WILLIAM L. MARDER

I, William L. Marder, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law duly admitted to practice before all courts in the State of California and am a partner of the law firm of the Polaris Law Group, one of the attorneys of record for Plaintiff Anisha Wise ("Plaintiff"), in the above-entitled action. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called upon as a witness to testify thereto, I could and would competently do so.

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 graduated from UCLA Law School in 1993 and was admitted to the California Bar in 1994. Since that time, I have acquired substantial experience in employment litigation. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants. I estimate that I have handled more than 200 employment cases, litigating cases in state and federal courts.

4. I have defended large institutional employers in employment cases. From 1995-1997, as an associate at Bolling, Walter & Gawthrop in Sacramento, I represented the City of Sacramento, Yolo County, the City of Davis, Solano County and other employers in employment litigation in state and federal courts.

5. From 1997-2000, I served as a Deputy County Counsel in San Benito, handling all of its employment matters. These matters include advising the county on compliance with wage and hour laws, arbitrations, and litigation.

6. From 2002-2006, I was a partner at Paxton O'Brien, LLP in Hollister, an AV rated firm, where I represented numerous plaintiffs and defendants in employment lawsuits.

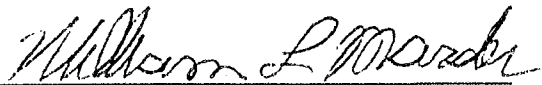
7. In 2006, I co-founded the Polaris Law Group where I spend most of my time handling employment cases. I primarily represent employees.

8. I have been approved as Class Counsel in hundreds of cases. A small sample of those

1 cases includes, *Maggiore v. Watsonville Community Hospital*, Santa Cruz Superior Court Case No.
2 18CV00191, *Holman v. American Sugar Refining, Inc.*, Contra Costa Superior Court Case No.
3 MSC18-00415, *Hanna v. Equinix LLC*, Santa Clara Superior Court Case No. 18CV339365, *Pittman*
4 *v. Martinez Steel Corporation*, San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. CIVDS1823132, *Sanchez v.*
5 *ExamOne WorldWide, Inc.*, Santa Clara Super Court Case No. 17CV30832, *Siron v. Raypak, Inc.*,
6 Ventura Superior Court Case No. 56-2019-005279959-CU-OE-VTA, *Prexxie Pascual and Arturo*
7 *Fonseca v. Satellite Healthcare, Inc.*, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 19CV345211,
8 *Ramirez v. Walgreen*, N.D. Cal. Case No. 18-cv-03921-EJD, *Reilly v. Recreational Equipment, Inc.*,
9 N.D. Cal. Case No. 3:18-cv-07385-LB (Dkt. No. 61), *Chavez v. Converse, Inc.*, N.D. Cal. Case No.
10 15-cv-03746-NC (Dkt. No. 219), *Hernandez v. Wells Fargo Bank*, Santa Clara Superior Court Case
11 No. 16CV299319, and *Carrillo v. New Balance Athletics, Inc.*, Santa Clara Superior Court Case No.
12 19CV352469.

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

15 Executed on this 20 day of October 2022, at Hollister, California.

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18 William L. Marder