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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

CANDON LOVETT, KENNITH BOOZE,
DEARTIS SUDDUTH, JONATHAN
GIRVIN, individually, and on behalf of other
members of the general public similarly
situated and on behalf of other aggrieved
employees pursuant to the California Private
Attorneys General Act,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

WONDER ICE CREAM, INC., a California
corporation; WONDER ICE CREAM
COMPANY, LLC, an unknown business
entity; WIC, LLC, an unknown business
entity; WONDER ICE CREAM, LLC, an
unknown business entity, and DOES 1
through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: RG21109738

Honorable Evelio Grillo
Department 21

CLASS ACTION

**DECLARATION OF DEARTIS SUDDUTH
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT, CLASS
COUNSEL FEES AND COSTS, AND
SERVICE AWARDS**

[Notice of Motion and Motion for Final
Approval of Class Action Settlement, Class
Counsel Fees and Costs, and Service Awards;
Declaration of Class Counsel (Edwin
Aiwasian); Declaration of Settlement
Administrator (Yami Burns); and [Proposed]
Final Approval Order and Judgment filed
concurrently herewith]

Date: December 1, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Department: 21

Complaint Filed: August 4, 2021
FAC Filed: September 1, 2021
SAC Filed: June 15, 2023
Trial Date: None Set

DECLARATION OF DEARTIS SUDDUTH

I, **DeArtis Sudduth**, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age and a resident of California. I am one of the named plaintiffs in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the facts and statements set forth in this declaration, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. I was employed by Wonder Ice Cream, Inc. ("Wonder Ice Cream") as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee from approximately May 2018 to approximately July 2019. I decided to seek legal advice about my work experiences with Wonder Ice Cream and about pursuing my grievances. I contacted Lawyers for Justice, PC and spoke with attorneys there. I wanted to do whatever I could to make sure Wonder Ice Cream paid me and the other employees what was owed to us and stopped its practice of not properly compensating for all hours worked and non-compliant meal and rest breaks. After speaking with the attorneys, I investigated complex wage-and-hour and class action lawsuits on my own and did some research into the leading class action and employment law firms in California for approximately 6 hours. Thereafter, I consulted with the attorneys at Lawyers for Justice, PC for 9 hours discussing my situation, complex wage-and-hour class actions and representative actions under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") in general, and what it meant to join the lawsuit and be a named plaintiff and class representative.

3. I have spent over 20 hours communicating with my attorneys regarding the case and fulfilling my responsibilities as a class representative, which included gathering documents concerning my employment with Wonder Ice Cream, reviewing documents with my attorneys, answering questions, and providing guidance regarding the duties of non-exempt employees, and helping develop a strategy as to what documents and information to obtain from Wonder Ice Cream. I routinely checked in with my attorneys and their staff to make sure that they had all my most current information and any additional information that I had obtained.

4. Throughout the case, I was available to answer any questions my attorneys had, and available to speak and meet with my attorneys whenever they needed me. I responded to them as quickly as possible and gave them as much information and identified as many documents as I could. I spent at least 17 additional hours speaking with my attorneys about the case, identifying potential witnesses, providing my attorneys with documents and information concerning the case, and also describing policies, practices, and procedures of Wonder Ice Cream.

5. As far as the settlement is concerned, I was available to review documents and answer any questions my attorneys had. I spent about 5 hours reviewing the settlement agreement and about 3 hours asking questions and discussing the potential settlement with my attorneys before signing the settlement agreement.

6. I believe that I have done everything that my attorneys have asked of me and have tried, to the best of my ability, to represent the class and seek relief for the aggrieved employees and the State of California. I think my efforts helped to get the result obtained in this case, and as a class representative, I respectfully request that the Court award me a service award in the amount of \$10,000.00 for my active participation in this case. Taking into consideration the time that I have dedicated to this case, I believe that this amount is reasonable.

7. I am not related to anyone associated with Lawyers for Justice, PC.

8. I have not entered into any undisclosed agreements, nor have I received any undisclosed compensation in this case. The only compensation I will receive is whatever amount the Court awards as a service award, as well as my share of the settlement fund as a class member.

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

02/16/2023

Executed this ____ day of February 2023, at San Leandro, California.


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