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

15 MANUEL BALUX OCH and PEDRO GARCIA
16 ALFEREZ on behalf of themselves, all others
17 similarly situated, and on behalf of the general
public,
18 Plaintiffs,
19 v.
20 SAC PROFLOORS; and DOES 1-100,
21 Defendants.
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Case No. 23CV031860
(Consolidated with Case No. 23CV039543)

*[Assigned for All Purposes to the
Hon. Tara Desautels; Dept. 23]*

**DECLARATION OF JONATHAN
MELMED IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Date: April 17, 2024
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Reservation ID: 457084238219

Action File: April 25, 2023
Trial Date: None Set

1 I, Jonathan Melmed, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California. I am counsel for
3 Plaintiffs Manuel Balux Och and Pedro Garcia Alferes (“Plaintiffs”), and the Putative Class. As such,
4 I am familiar with the file in this matter and if called as a witness I could and would competently testify
5 to the following facts of my own personal knowledge.

6 2. I have no knowledge of the existence of any conflicting interests between my firm and
7 any of its attorneys and our co-counsel on the one hand, and Plaintiffs or any of the Putative Class, on
8 the other. I submit this Declaration in support of the concurrently filed Motion for Preliminary
9 Approval of Class and PAGA Action Settlement (the “Motion”), which seeks approval of the Joint
10 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Agreement” or “Settlement”) entered into
11 between Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Putative Class, and Defendant Sac ProFloors (“Defendant”)
12 (collectively, the “Parties”).

13 3. The Settlement Agreement seeks to fully release and discharge Defendant from the
14 claims brought against it in this matter in exchange for Defendant’s agreement to pay \$942,500.00 on
15 a non-reversionary, non-claims made basis (each Settlement Class Member will receive his/her share
16 of the Net Settlement Amount without having to submit a claim form or taking action, except for those
17 who opt-out). Plaintiffs seek to represent a class of similarly situated non-exempt employees employed
18 by Defendant at any time from April 25, 2019 through December 15, 2023. (the “Class Period”).

19 **The Experience and View of Class Counsel**

20 4. In 2007, I received a B.A. from New York University, in New York, New York. In
21 2012, I received a J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. I became a member of the Bar of the
22 State of California in June 2013.

23 5. From 2012 through 2014, I was an associate attorney at Von Behren & Hunter, LLP
24 (“VBH”) in Manhattan Beach, California. At VBH, I litigated complex commercial litigation matters
25 where I represented life and health insurers in bad faith, ERISA, breach of contract and related disputes.
26 At VBH, I also represented and assisted in the representation of hotels, restaurants and real estate
27 development groups in state and federal commercial litigation, including class action cases (*see, i.e.*
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1 *Daniel Flannery v. McCormick & Schmicks Seafood Restaurants*, Los Angeles County Superior Court,
2 Case No. BC487942).

3 6. From February 2015 through the present, I have been a founding and managing
4 shareholder in the firm of Melmed Law Group P.C. where I represented and continue to represent
5 thousands of employees in wage and hour class actions, and other employment-related matters.
6 Melmed Law Group P.C. has extensive experience in the litigation of complex cases, including
7 California-wide class actions. Specifically, Melmed Law Group P.C. has extensive experience
8 representing California employees in class action wage-and-hour cases involving non-compliant rest
9 breaks, such as this one. I am also an active member of the plaintiff's employment bar association
10 called the California Employment Lawyers Association ("CELA").

11 7. In addition to the instant case, I have developed extensive experience in litigating class
12 action and PAGA action employment matters in California. *See Exhibit 1.*

13 8. Finally, since its inception, my firm has represented numerous individual employees in
14 cases brought under various state and federal statutes, including the California Labor Code and the
15 California Fair Employment and Housing Act and we have obtained favorable results in many of our
16 individual cases.

17 9. The attorneys at our law firm and I have performed substantial work and diligently
18 investigated and prosecuted this case to a successful conclusion.

19 10. Preliminary approval is appropriate since the Settlement will provide significant
20 monetary relief to the Settlement Class.

21 11. The Settlement was the product of extensive arm's length negotiations between counsel
22 and was facilitated by an experienced wage-and-hour class action mediator. Though cordial and
23 professional, the Settlement negotiations were adversarial and non-collusive in nature. The Settlement
24 reached is the product of substantial effort by the Parties and their counsel. Although Plaintiffs and
25 Class Counsel believed that there was a possibility of certifying the claims, they recognized the
26 potential risk, expense, and complexity posed by litigation, such as unfavorable decisions on class
27 certification, summary judgment, at trial and/or on the damages awarded, and/or on an appeal that can
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1 take several more years to litigate. In addition, if Defendant prevailed on any of its defenses, the
2 Settlement Class Members may not have received any substantial monetary recovery.

3 12. The Settlement will result in a fair payment to each Settlement Class Member based on
4 the number of Weeks Worked during the Class Period. Plaintiffs and their counsel have diligently
5 investigated the claims and defenses on behalf of the Settlement Class Members and worked to achieve
6 a resolution of the claims to maximize the recovery by avoiding further expenditure of attorneys' fees
7 and costs. After evaluating the significant risks attendant with further litigation described above and
8 weighing them against the benefits of a known compromise and settlement as set forth in the Settlement
9 Agreement, settlement on the terms agreed to is believed to be in the best interest of Plaintiffs and the
10 Settlement Class, and is a fair and reasonable resolution of the claims alleged.

11 13. Plaintiffs' counsel brought to bear a great deal of collective experience in negotiating
12 the settlement of this case. Plaintiffs' counsel engaged in necessary informal discovery, investigation,
13 sampling and expert evaluation, making it possible to exercise informed judgment throughout the
14 settlement process, including significant document review (e.g., documents pertaining to Defendant's
15 policies and procedures, personnel documents, wage statements, time records, among others) and
16 conducted an extensive analysis and extrapolation of the sampling of class-wide data provided by
17 Defendant.

18 14. Based on our experience in other cases, including wage and hour matters, I believe my
19 co-counsel and I are qualified to evaluate the class claims and viability of defenses in this class action.
20 In this case, the recovery for each Settlement Class Member is reasonable, fair and adequate, and a
21 settlement at this time is in the best interest of the Settlement Class. The Settlement provides each
22 Settlement Class Member with compensation for the alleged violations when viewed in relation to the
23 costs and risks inherent in obtaining class certification and proceeding to trial.

24 15. Plaintiffs' counsel, as well as Defendant's counsel, fully endorse the terms and
25 conditions of the Settlement as set forth in the abovementioned Settlement Agreement.

26 16. Of course, the Settlement Amount represents a compromise figure, taking into account
27 the various risks surrounding class certification and the merits of Defendant's asserted defenses.
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1 Nevertheless, the Settlement provides for fair and adequate payments to the Settlement Class Members,
2 with no reversion to Defendant.

3 17. Plaintiffs seek a Service Award in an amount of \$7,500 each, which we believe is fair
4 and warranted. Plaintiffs agreed to come forward in an effort to recover unpaid wages and penalties
5 that benefitted all other Settlement Class Members. Plaintiffs assumed significant risk in bringing this
6 litigation, namely, had they lost, they would have been ordered to pay Defendant's costs.

7 18. Plaintiffs provided invaluable assistance to the investigation and prosecution of this
8 case, including: providing factual background for the Class Complaint; reviewing the litigation
9 documents; providing information and documentation about Defendant's policies and practices;
10 participating in phone calls to discuss litigation and settlement strategy; and reviewing the settlement
11 documents. Plaintiffs agreed to participate in this case with no guarantee of personal benefit.

12 19. As set forth above, I have handled hundreds of class and representative actions, have
13 been appointed as class counsel and have successfully litigated and resolved several class actions, and
14 many others remain pending.

15 20. When this case was taken on a contingency fee basis, with our firms agreeing to assume
16 responsibility for all litigation costs, the ultimate result was far from certain. In the course of this
17 litigation, we paid all costs including the filing fees, court costs, research/database fees, mediation
18 costs, and expert costs. There was never a guarantee that our firms would recoup these expenditures.

19 21. It is our experience that attorneys' fee awards of one-third of a common fund settlement
20 are the standard in California. Defendant does not oppose this fee request. The fee is further warranted
21 because it is within the range of reasonableness typically awarded in class actions.

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22. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Court grant preliminary approval of the Settlement as being fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class, as well as preliminarily approve the requested attorneys' fees and costs, and service awards to the Class Representatives.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct on this 25th day of March 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

By: Jonathan Melmed
Jonathan Melmed, Esq.

EXHIBIT 1 – LIST OF CLASS AND PAGA APPROVALS

- *Blan v. Button Transportation, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Solano County, No. FCS045949) [final approval granted on December 8, 2016; Hon. Michael Mattice];
- *Cleary v. Penske Truck Leasing Co., L.P.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1600144) [final approval granted on February 8, 2017; Hon. Janet M. Frangie];
- *Plimpton v. Gordon Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1511918) [final approval granted on February 16, 2017; Hon. Donald Alvarez];
- *Broner v. Michael Dusi Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Luis Obispo County, No. 16CVP-0044) [final approval granted on March 15, 2017; Hon. Donald G. Umhofer];
- *Riley v. Pacific Tank Lines, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1603263) [final approval granted on March 28, 2017; Hon. John M. Pacheco];
- *Davis v. Western Merchandise Express, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-16-101216) [final approval granted on April 26, 2017; Hon. Sidney P. Chapin];
- *Long v. Covenant Transport, Inc.* (E.D.Tenn., No. 1:15-cv-278) [final approval granted on April 28, 2017; Hon. Travis R. McDonough];
- *Pena v. Inner Valley Transport, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-100625-LHB) [final approval granted on May 5, 2017; Hon. Thomas S. Clark];
- *Upton v. Coremark International, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Francisco County, No. CGC 15-549348) [final approval granted on May 10, 2017; Hon. Curtis E.A. Karnow];
- *Ramirez v. Castlewood West, LLC* (Super. Ct. Monterey County, No. 16CV01137) [final approval granted on May 18, 2017; Hon. Lydia Villarreal];
- *William Haynes v. Reliable Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Contra Costa County, No. C16-01237) [final approval granted on May 26, 2017; Hon. Barry P. Goode];
- *Davis v. Transforce, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-16-101393) [final approval granted on June 5, 2017; Hon. Thomas S. Clark];
- *Harris v. Jerry DeBriar Logging Co., Inc.* (Super. Ct. Cowlitz County, No. 16-2-00402-5) [final approval granted on June 7, 2017; Hon. Stephen M. Warning];

- *Powers v. Estenson Logistics, LLC* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1602295) [final approval granted on July 12, 2017; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Hugues v. The Morning Star Trucking Company, LLC* (Super. Ct. Yolo County, No. CV16-1215) [final approval granted on August 3, 2017; Hon. W. Arvid Johnson];
- *Waddell v. Dalton Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1603262) [final approval granted on August 7, 2017; Hon. John M. Pacheco];
- *Campos v. Black Eagle Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Diego County, No. 37-2016-00023781-CU-OE-CTL) [final approval granted on August 25, 2017; Hon. Timothy Taylor];
- *Asplund v. White Timber Industries, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Cowlitz County, Wash., No. 16-2-00870-5) [final approval granted on September 13, 2017; Hon. Michael Evans];
- *Elson v. Covey Auto Express, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Joaquin County, No. STK-CV-UOE-2016-0009114) [final approval granted on September 18, 2017; Hon. Linda L. Lofthus];
- *Torres v. Salinas Farm Labor Contractor, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Stanislaus County, No. 2018173) [final approval granted on December 19, 2017; Hon. Roger M. Beauchesne];
- *Young v. First Class Service Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Joaquin County, No. STK-CV-UOE-2016-10381) [final approval granted January 2, 2018; Hon. Elizabeth Humphreys];
- *Isabella v. Equinox Holdings, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. BC578960) [final approval granted on January 4, 2018; Hon. Ann I. Jones];
- *Grumm v. T.J.S. Leasing & Holding, Co., Inc.* (Super. Ct. Humboldt County, No. DR160492) [final approval granted on February 6, 2018; Hon. Kelly L. Neel];
- *Robins v. Versa Logistics, LLC* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. BC644321) [final approval granted on March 26, 2018; Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl];
- *Chavez v. Shamrock Foods Company* (C.D.Cal., No. 5:17-cv-00731-SVW-AFM) [final approval granted on April 11, 2018; Hon. Stephen V. Wilson];
- *Diaz v. Absolute West, LLC* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. BC647126) [final approval granted on April 19, 2018; Hon. Maren E. Nelson];

- *Herman v. Andrus Transportation Services, Inc.* (C.D.Cal., No. 5:16-CV-02365-AG-DTB) [final approval granted on May 14, 2018; Hon. Andrew J. Guilford];
- *Hernandez v. J.V.C. Truck Lines, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1714857) [final approval granted on May 22, 2018; Hon. Brian S. McCarville];
- *Happell v. Hercules Forwarding, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. BC639636) [final approval granted on June 14, 2018; Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl];
- *Medina v. Timmerman Starlite Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Stanislaus County, No. 2023292) [final approval granted on June 15, 2018; Hon. Roger M. Beauchesne];
- *Brown v. Saks & Company, LLC* (C.D.Cal., No. 2:17-cv-04210-SJO) [final approval granted on July 16, 2018; Hon. S. James Otero];
- *Flores v. Aqua Terra Culinary, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Monterey County, No. 17CV002672) [final approval granted on July 18, 2018; Hon. Lydia Villarreal];
- *Myers v. LBC Limited Partnership* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1715068) [final approval granted on July 25, 2018; Hon. Janet M. Frangie];
- *Westphal v. New York Life Insurance Company* (Super. Ct. Placer County, No. SCV0040562) [final approval granted on August 30, 2018; Hon. Michael W. Jones];
- *Hollis v. Union Pacific Railroad Company* (C.D.Cal., No. 5:17-cv-02449-JGB) [final approval granted on September 17, 2018; Hon. Jesus G. Bernal];
- *Cheifer v. WHGM, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. LC104900) [final approval granted on September 21, 2018; Hon. Rupert A. Byrdsong];
- *Hernandez-Chulo v. E&R Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Merced County, No. 18CV-00882) [final approval granted on October 29, 2018; Hon. Brian McCabe];
- *Freeman v. Redwood Wise Riders, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Solano County, No. FCS050140) [approval granted on December 4, 2018; Hon. Wendy G. Getty];
- *Ricci v. HSS, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Yuba County, No. CVCV17-00967) [final approval granted on December 4, 2018; Hon. Stephen W. Berrier];
- *Antonov v. GL HHR, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1724725) [final approval granted on December 11, 2018; Hon. David Cohn];

- *Pena v. Keystone Freight Corp.* (Super. Ct. Tulare County, No. VCU269897) [final approval granted on January 14, 2019; Hon. Melinda M. Reed];
- *Westbrook v. Winco Holdings, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Riverside County, No. RIC171068) [final approval granted on January 17, 2019; Hon. Raquel A. Marquez];
- *Jackie Thompson v. Cheema Freightlines, LLC* (Super. Ct. San Joaquin County, No. STK-CV-UOE-2017-01011658) [final approval granted on February 6, 2019; Hon. Roger Ross];
- *Pazo v. Incredible Adventures* (Super. Ct. San Francisco County, No. CGC-16-555971) [final approval granted on February 25, 2019; Hon. Anne-Christine Massullo];
- *Reboucas v. Trans International Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. BC644182) [final approval granted on May 9, 2019; Hon. Maren E. Nelson];
- *Myers v. Jerome's Furniture Warehouse* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1710569) [final approval granted on June 11, 2019; Hon. Janet M. Frangie];
- *Juarez v. Magic Laundry Services, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. BC713767) [approval granted on June 14, 2019; Hon. William F. Highberger];
- *Rangel v. Guard-Systems, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 19STCV19613) [approval granted on June 18, 2019; Hon. Yolanda Orozco];
- *Castaing v. East Bay Automotive Company* (Super. Ct. Alameda County, No. RG17879115) [final approval granted on June 24, 2019; Hon. Brad Seligman];
- *Juarez v. Mike Lowrie Trucking, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-18-100177TSC) [final approval granted on August 8, 2019; Hon. Thomas S. Clark];
- *Pia v. 5G's Automotive, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Tulare County, No. VCU274628) [final approval granted on September 6, 2019; Hon. Brett D. Hillman];
- *Thomas v. Commercial Protective Services, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1821925) [final approval granted on September 16, 2019; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Berbano v. Ingram Micro, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1826085) [final approval granted on September 17, 2019; Hon. David Cohn];

- 1 • *Guerra v. U.S. Polymers, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1829174)
2 [approval granted on September 20, 2019; Hon. David Cohn];
- 3 • *Lopez-Urrutia v. Southwest V-Ditch Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
4 CIVDS1833332) [final approval granted on October 16, 2019; Hon. David Cohn];
- 5 • *Guy v. California Lutheran University* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, No. 56-219-
6 00524415-CU-OE-VTA) [final approval granted on November 6, 2019; Hon. Mark C.
7 Borrell];
- 8 • *Moseby v. Renzenberger, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
9 CIVDS1725125) [final approval granted on November 7, 2019; Hon. Janet M. Frangie];
- 10 • *Woodard v. AH 2005 Management, L.P.* (Super. Ct. Monterey County, No.
11 18CV001986) [approval granted on November 21, 2019; Hon. Lydia M. Villarreal];
- 12 • *Ramirez v. William J. Wickwire M.D.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
13 CIVDS1913102) [final approval granted on November 25, 2019; Hon. David Cohn];
- 14 • *Lyons v. SAIA Motor Freight Line, LLC* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
15 CIVDS1828225) [final approval granted on December 9, 2019; Hon. David Cohn];
- 16 • *Baker v. Vallejo CJD, LLC* (Super. Ct. Tulare County, No. VCU273830) [final approval
17 granted on December 16, 2019; Hon. David C. Mathias];
- 18 • *Tsao v. Giorgio Armani Corporation* (Super. Ct. Orange County, No. 30-218-
19 01000817-CU-OE-CXC) [final approval granted on December 20, 2019; Hon. Peter J.
20 Wilson];
- 21 • *Burnham v. DGDGI* (Super. Ct. Santa Clara County, No. 2018-1-CV-331434) [final
22 approval granted on January 17, 2020; Hon. Thomas E. Kuhnle];
- 23 • *Martinez v. E&A Protective Services-Bravo, LLC* (E.D.Cal., No. 1:18-cv-00658-BAM)
24 [final approval granted on January 17, 2020; Hon. Barbara A. McAuliffe];
- 25 • *Cardoso v. Rogers & Rogers, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Imperial County, No. ECU000637) [final
26 approval granted on January 27, 2020; Hon. Brooks Anderholt];
- 27 • *Mora v. The Complete Logistics Company* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
28 CIVDS1833922) [final approval granted on February 10, 2020; Hon. David Cohn];

- *Lopez v. Ruiz Food Products, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Tulare County, No. VCU 275105) [final approval granted on March 10, 2020; Hon. Bret D. Hillman];
- *Jaurigue v. Knights of Columbus* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1824508) [final approval granted on July 10, 2020; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Lopez v. Unitek College NCP, LLC* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-19-102146) [final approval granted on July 15, 2020; Hon. Stephen D. Schuett];
- *Ashe v. Farmers Insurance Group* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 18STCV00453) [final approval granted on July 20, 2020; Hon. Steven J. Kleinfield];
- *Martin v. Break the Floor Productions LLC* (Super. Ct. San Diego County, No. 37-2019-00029711-CU-OE-CTL) [final approval granted on October 23, 2020; Hon. Kenneth J. Medel];
- *Robles v. Winsford II Corporation* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1902903) [final approval granted on November 3, 2020; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Lopez v. RTS Holdings, LLC* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1934904) [final approval granted on November 24, 2020; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Romero v. Carl Zeiss Meditec Production* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1907556) [final approval on December 3, 2020; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Soto v. Britz Farming Corp* (Super. Ct. Merced County, No. 19CV04182) [final approval granted on December 8, 2020; Hon. Brian L. McCabe];
- *Martinez v. Global Sales & Warehousing, LLC* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, No. 56-2019-00534178-CU-OE-VTA) [final approval granted on December 18, 2020; Hon. Matthew P. Guasco];
- *Gaxiola v. Lloyds Manufacturing Services, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1939269) [final approval granted on February 2, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Ancona v. Populus Financial Group, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 19STCV41065) [approval granted on February 18, 2021; Hon. Maurice A. Leiter];
- *Elayda v. Physassist Scribes, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS2002023) [final approval granted on March 1, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];

- 1 • *Lee v. Home Delivery Logistics, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Alameda County, No. RG18927149)
2 [final approval granted on March 2, 2021; Hon. Winifred Y. Smith];
- 3 • *Pagh v. Wyndham Vacation Ownership, Inc.* (C.D.Cal., No. 8:19-cv-00812-JWH-
4 ADSx) [final approval granted on March 23, 2021; Hon. John W. Holcomb];
- 5 • *Robinson v. Paragon Systems, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Sacramento County, No. BC720142)
6 [final approval granted on April 1, 2021; Hon. Elihu Berle];
- 7 • *Lachman v. Berlitz Languages, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 19STCV01533) [final
8 approval granted on April 1, 2021; Hon. Carolyn Kohl];
- 9 • *Murray v. Scelzi Enterprises, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Riverside County, No. RIC2002545)
10 [final approval granted on April 13, 2021; Hon. Sunshine Sykes];
- 11 • *Ruiz v. SAIA Motor Freight Line, LLC* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
12 CIVDS2014796) [final approval granted on May 19, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- 13 • *Gallegos v. TST, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1933834) [final
14 approval granted on May 20, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- 15 • *Cornejo v. Weidner Property Management LLC* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County,
16 No. CIVDS2016465) [final approval granted on May 25, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- 17 • *Garcia v. Construction Innovations Group, LLC* (Super. Ct. Sacramento County, No.
18 34-2020-00285239) [final granted on May 25, 2021; Hon. Shama H. Mesiwala];
- 19 • *Aguirre v. Swinerton Builders* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS
20 1925363) [final approval granted on May 26, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- 21 • *Pease v. Wattrans, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1919832) [final
22 approval granted on June 3, 2021; Hon. Thomas Garza];
- 23 • *Moreira v. University of Redlands* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
24 CIVDS1913813) [final approval granted on June 8, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- 25 • *Garcia v. Cardenas Markets, LLC* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
26 CIVDS1917380) [final granted on July 1, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- 27 • *Robinzine v. Mohawk ESV, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No.
28 CIVDS1930033) [final approval granted on July 7, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];

- *Cuevas v. Action Embroidery Corp.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS2012230) [final approval granted on July 29, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Urquizo v. Santos Montemayor FLC, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-20-101587) [final granted on July 30, 2021; Hon. Thomas S. Clark];
- *San Juan v. San Marcos Growers* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, No. 56-2020-00542257-CU-OE-VTA) [final approval granted on August 13, 2021; Hon. Matthew P. Guasco];
- *Cartagena v. Impact Healthcare* (Super. Ct. Tulare County, No. VCU283955) [approval granted on August 30, 2021; Hon. David C. Mathias];
- *Reveles v. Certis U.S.A. L.L.C.* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-20-102315) [final approval granted on October 4, 2021; Hon. Bernard C. Barmann Jr.];
- *Rico v. Western Mesquite Mines, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Imperial County, No. ECU000873) [final approval granted on October 14, 2021; Hon. Jeffrey B. Jones];
- *Correa v. Newell Brands, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVDS1901381) [final approval granted on October 29, 2021; Hon. David Cohn];
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- *Nelson v. Hardwoods Specialty Products US LP* (Super. Ct. Alameda County, No. RG19046262) [final approval granted on November 18, 2021; Hon. Evelio Grillo];
- *Lopez v. KLX Inc.* (Super. Ct. Tulare County, No. VCU275330) [final approval granted on November 30, 2021; Hon. Bret Hillman];
- *Golightly v. AMDA, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 20STCV13173) [final approval granted on December 1, 2021; Hon. Amy D. Hogue];
- *Bollinger-Felt v. Pacific Bells, LLC* (Super. Ct. Stanislaus County, No. CV-20-000680) [final approval granted on January 27, 2022; Hon. Stacy P. Speiller];
- *Mahdian v. AG Laguna Hills, LLC* (Super. Ct. Orange County, No. 30-2019-01098085-CU-OE-CJC) [approval granted on February 4, 2022; Hon. Randall J. Sherman];

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- *Sotelo v. Cosmetix West* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 19STCV28580) [final approval granted on March 23, 2022; Hon. Kenneth R. Freeman];
- *Dulay v. Center for Social Dynamics* (Super. Ct. Alameda County, No. RG20055934) [final approval granted on April 7, 2022; Hon. Frank Roesch];
- *Pena v. Canyon Plastics, Inc.* (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 20STCV34161) [final approval granted on April 13, 2022; Hon. Amy D. Hogue];
- *Guerrero v. Advanced Vision Science, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Santa Barbara County, No. 18CV05341) [final approval granted on May 9, 2022; Hon. Donna Geck];
- *Velasco v. Jasmine Vineyards, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-19-101405) [final approval granted on May 18, 2022; Hon. Bernard C. Barmann, Jr.];
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- *Martinez v. Victorian Care Homes of the Monterey Peninsula, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Monterey County, No. 20CV002456) [final approval granted on June 29, 2022; Hon. Thomas W. Wills];
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- *Matus v. Flory Industries* (Super. Ct. Stanislaus County, No. CV-20-003117) [final approval granted on August 11, 2022; Hon. John D. Freeland];
- *Ramos v. Cambridge College* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVSB2112109) [final approval granted on August 15, 2022; Hon. David Cohn];

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- *Casillas v. California Paper Products LLC* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-20-102523) [approval granted on September 8, 2022; Hon. David Lampe];
- *Arzola v. All Star Glass Inc.* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, No. 56-2021-00553193-CU-OE-VTA) [final approval granted on September 9, 2022; Hon. Matthew P. Guasco];
- *Beltran v. Hutchinson Aerospace & Industry, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, No. 20STCV02267) [approval granted on September 9, 2022; Hon. John J. Kralik];
- *Avina v. Ravco Construction, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Orange County, No. 30-2020-01146748-CU-OE-CXC) [final approval granted on September 16, 2022; Hon. Randall J. Sherman];
- *Garcia v. Pure Heart Congregate Living Facility, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, No. 21STCV05070) [approval granted on September 21, 2022; Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl];
- *Andrisani v. Dracko Merchandising Inc.* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, No. 20STCV42108) [final approval granted on October 5, 2022; Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl];
- *Torres v. McKesson Medical-Surgical, Inc.* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino, No. CIVDS1917976) [final approval granted on November 2, 2022; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Gonzalez v. Lief Organics, LLC*, (Super. Ct. L.A. County, No. 20STCV19371) [final granted on December 9, 2022; Hon. David S. Cunningham III];
- *Hernandez v. Avon Protection Systems, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Orange County, No. 30-2021-01183162-CU-OE-CXC) [final approval granted on January 13, 2023; Hon. Randall J. Sherman];
- *Escalante v. Hudson Technologies Company* (Super. Ct. San Diego County, No. 37-2019-00070131-CU-OE-CTL) [final approval granted on January 20, 2023; Hon. Gregory Pollack];
- *Garcia v. Pacific Diagnostics Laboratories, LLC* (Super. Ct. Santa Barbara County, No. 19CV00992) [preliminary approval granted on January 20, 2023; final approval set to be heard on May 3, 2023; Hon. Thomas P. Anderle];

- *Lopez v. Praesidium Diagnostics LLC* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, No. 21STCv08378) [final approval granted on February 17, 2023; Hon. Lawrence P. Riff];
- *Aguilar v. Jimenez Nursery, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Santa Barbara, No. 21CV01836) [final approval granted on March 9, 2023; Hon. Colleen K. Sterne];
- *Duarte v. Sage Veterinary Centers, LP* (Super. Ct. Santa Clara, No. 20CV375152) [; final granted on March 14, 2023; Hon. Sunil R. Kulkarni];
- *Santacruz v. Golden Labor Services, LLC* (Super. Ct. Kern County, No. BCV-20-102729) [preliminary approval granted on July 19, 2022; final approval set to be heard on May 9, 2023; Hon. J. Eric Bradshaw];
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- *Bray v. Uline, Inc.,* (Super. Ct. San Bernardino County, No. CIVSB2112058) [preliminary approval granted on March 20, 2023; final approval set to be heard on August 8, 2023; Hon. David Cohn];
- *Barrera v. Spencer Aerospace Manufacturing, LLC* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, No. 21STCV05109) [preliminary approval granted on March 22, 2023; final approval set to be heard on June 21, 2023; Hon. Lawrence P. Riff];
- *Guzman v. Destination Anywhere, Inc.,* (Super. Ct. San Joaquin County, No. STK-CV-UOE-2021-10462) [final approval granted on April 14, 2023; Hon. Barbara Kronlund];
- *Benson, et al. v. F21 OPCO, LLC dba Forever 21,* (Super. Ct. San Diego, No. 37-2021-00024619-CU-OE-CTL) [preliminary approval granted on April 21, 2023; final approval set to be heard on October 6, 2023; Hon, Eddie C. Sturgeon];
- *Orozco v. Ventura Hospitality Partners LLC* (Super. Ct. Ventura County, No. 56-2021-00557454-CU-OE-VTA) [preliminary approval granted on April 25, 2023; final approval set to be heard on October 5, 2023; Hon. Mathew Guasco];
- *Janssen, et al. v. Mussetter Distributing, Inc.* (Super. Ct. Pacer County, No. S-CV-0049920 [final approval granted on May 4, 2023; Hon. Michael W. Jones];

- *Brohawn v. Automobile Accessories Company* (Super. Ct. Shasta County, No. CVCV21-0198019) [final approval granted on May 8, 2023; Hon. Stephen H. Baker].