

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff RONNY DEL VALLE (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of himself, the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) through Plaintiff who is an authorized representative under the PAGA, Aggrieved Employees, and defendants PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS CONSULTANTS, INC. (“PBC”), LIBERTY PACKAGING AND EXTRUDING INC. (“Liberty”), BONNIE BAKER HUDSON (“Ms. Baker Hudson”), MARIA PILAR DE HERAS (“Ms. De Heras”), MARY HUDSON (“Ms. Hudson”), and DEREK DALTON DE HERAS (“Mr. De Heras”) (collectively, “Defendants”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendants collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1 “Action” means the Plaintiff’s PAGA lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant, *Ronny Del Valle v. Professional Business Consultants, Inc. et al.* (Case No. 23STCV29492), which was initiated on December 1, 2023 and is pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles (“Del Valle Action”). On March 28, 2024, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint adding a cause of action for civil penalties pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”). On April 5, 2024, Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint adding the principals of Liberty as additional named defendants. On August 28, 2024, Plaintiff entered into a stipulation with Defendants dismissing the class allegations, without prejudice.

1.2 “Administrator” means and refers to Phoenix Settlement Administrators, 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 approval of this Settlement.

1.4 “Aggrieved Employee” means a person employed by Defendants in California, classified as a current or former non-exempt hourly employee, who worked for Defendants during the PAGA Period.

1.5 “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Defendants’ possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number and number of PAGA Pay Periods.

1.6 “Aggrieved Employee Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Aggrieved Employee 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 Aggrieved Employees.

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

1.8 “Defense Counsel” means Ronald Z. Gomez, Esq. of Korey LAW LLP, counsel for PBC, and Brian Koegle, Esq. and Ransom Boynton, Esq. of Koegle Law Group, APC, counsel for Liberty, Ms. Baker Hudson, Ms. De Heras, Ms. Hudson, and Mr. De Heras.

1.9 “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Approving the PAGA Settlement and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) the day the Court enters Judgment.

1.10 “Enhancement Award” means the payment to the named Plaintiff for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.

1.11 “Gross Settlement Amount” means One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$105,000.00) which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 3 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Enhancement Award to Plaintiff and the Administrator’s Expenses Payment.

1.12 “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 the Aggrieved Employee worked during the PAGA Period.

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

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

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

1.16 “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, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Enhancement Award and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Aggrieved Employees as Individual PAGA Payments.

1.17 “Notice” means the Notice of Settlement of PAGA Representative Action, to be mailed to Aggrieved Employees in English and Spanish, in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.18 “PAGA Counsel” means Michael Nourmand, Esq., James A. De Sario, Esq., and Kimberly T. Maldonado, Esq. of The Nourmand Law Firm, APC.

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

1.20 “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants for at least one day during the PAGA Period.

1.21 “PAGA Period” means the period from December 1, 2022 to the date when the total pay periods reach 2,913 for Liberty and 1,587 total pay periods for PBC.

1.22 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code, § 2698. et seq.).

1.23 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s December 1, 2023 letter to Defendants and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a).

1.24 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Net Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees, approximately Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$9,375.00), and the 75% to LWDA, approximately Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$28,125.00), in settlement of PAGA claims.

1.25 “Plaintiff” means Ronny Del Valle, the named plaintiff in the Action.

1.26 “Approval Order” means the proposed Court Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement.

1.27 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released by the Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel and as described in Paragraph 5 below.

1.28 “Released Parties” means Defendants and each of their former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, and affiliates.

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

1.30 “Defendants” means named Defendants, Professional Business Consultants, Inc. (“PBC”), Liberty Packaging and Extruding Inc. (“Liberty”), Bonnie Baker Hudson (“Ms. Baker Hudson”), Maria Pilar De Heras (“Ms. De Heras”), Mary Hudson (“Ms. Hudson”), and Derek Dalton De Heras (“Mr. De Heras”).

2. RECITALS.

2.1 On or about December 1, 2023, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against PBC and Liberty for (1) failure to pay overtime; (2) failure to pay minimum wage; (3) failure to provide meal periods; (4) failure to provide rest periods; (5) failure to pay all wages upon termination; (6) failure to provide accurate wage statements; and (7) unfair competition. On or about March 28, 2024, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint

(“FAC”) adding a cause of action for civil penalties pursuant to PAGA. As a result of Liberty’s failure to appear, Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint (“SAC”) on or about April 5, 2024, adding Liberty’s principals. The SAC contained the same causes of action but included Ms. Baker Hudson, Ms. De Heras, Ms. Hudson, and Mr. De Heras as defendants under Labor Code § 558.1 and the alter ego doctrine. The SAC is the operative complaint in the Action (the “Operative Complaint”). On August 28, 2024, Plaintiff entered into a stipulation with Defendants dismissing the class allegations, without prejudice. Defendants deny the allegations in the Operative Complaint, deny any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and deny any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

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

2.3 On October 28, 2025, Plaintiff and Defendants participated in an all-day mediation presided over by mediator Steven Serratore, Esq. which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.

2.4 Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, documents and information that permitted Plaintiff to evaluate the merits of his PAGA claims.

2.5 The Parties, PAGA 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 the following paragraphs in this section, Defendants promise to pay One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$105,000.00) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring 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 PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than thirty-five percent, which is currently estimated to be Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$36,750.00), and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$25,000.00). Defendants will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel as part of the motion for approval will submit an application for PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA

Litigation Expenses Payment. If the Court approves a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or a PAGA 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 PAGA Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any PAGA Counsel Fee Payment and/or PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. PAGA Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

3.2.2 To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$3,250.00), 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 Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$3,250.00), the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.3 To the named Plaintiff: The named Plaintiff will request an Enhancement Award of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$2,500.00). The Enhancement Award is in addition to Plaintiff's share of the PAGA penalties. Defendants will not oppose Plaintiff's request for an Enhancement Award that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for approval, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Enhancement Award. If the Court approves an Enhancement Award less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Enhancement Award using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Enhancement Award.

3.2.4 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of approximately Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$37,500.00), to be paid from the Net Settlement Amount, with 75% (approximately Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents [\$28,125.00]), allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (approximately Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Zero Cents [\$9,375.00]) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.4.1 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (approximately Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Zero Cents [\$9,375.00]) by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees

assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.4.2 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 Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Liberty estimates there are 38 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total 2,913 of PAGA Pay Periods. PBC, based on a review of its records to date, estimates there are 78 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total 1,587 of PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2 Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 15 days, Defendants will simultaneously deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employees' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose and restrict access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if they discover that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendants must send the Aggrieved Employee 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 Aggrieved Employee Data.

4.3 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 7 days after the Effective Date.

4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 7 days after Defendants fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the PAGA Counsel Expenses Payment, and Enhancement Award. Disbursement of the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 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. Before mailing the Notice and 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 an Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 5 days of receiving a returned check, the Administrator must re-mail the Notice and checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver the Notice and checks to Aggrieved Employees whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to the void date.

4.4.3 For any Aggrieved Employee whose 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 Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee and their social security number.

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

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1 **Plaintiff's Release.** Plaintiff and his, her or their respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys (including PAGA Counsel), heirs, administrators, successors and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions or occurrences that occurred during the PAGA Period, including, but not limited to: all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice ("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, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time or based on occurrences outside the PAGA Period. 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. Plaintiff's general release expressly excludes any Labor Code claims for wages and statutory penalties.

5.1.1 Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under 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.

5.2 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.

5.3 Release by PAGA Counsel:

PAGA Counsel release on behalf of their present and former attorneys, employees, agents, successors and assigns the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA Fees incurred in connection with the Operative Complaint and the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice.

6. **MOTION OR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT.** PAGA Counsel agree to prepare and file an application or motion for approval of this Settlement.

6.1 Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare all documents necessary for obtaining approval of this Settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (f)(2) including (i) a draft proposed Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement; (ii) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement; (iii) a signed declaration from PAGA Counsel firm attesting to its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Lab. Code, §2699, subd.(l)(1)), this Agreement (Lab. Code, § 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and (iv) declaration from Plaintiff attesting that there is no conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and what efforts they took in assisting to achieve the settlement.

6.2 Responsibilities of PAGA Counsel. PAGA Counsel are responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement and, if necessary, obtaining a prompt hearing date for the motion and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the motion.

PAGA Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

- 6.3 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed application or motion for approval of this Settlement and/or the supporting declarations and documents, PAGA 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 the motion for approval of this Settlement or conditions its approval on any material change to this Agreement, PAGA 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.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Settlement Administrators to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix Settlement Administrators 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.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.4.1 Administrator's Declaration. The Administrator will provide PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing with 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 the Notice and settlement checks, the Notices returned as undeliverable, the re-mailing of the Notices, and attempts to locate Aggrieved Employees. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. PAGA Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) with the Court.

8. **AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES.** Based on its records, Liberty estimates that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, there are 38 Aggrieved Employees who worked 2,913 Pay Periods during the PAGA Period. PBC, based on its records, estimates that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, there are 78 Aggrieved Employees who worked 1,587 Pay Periods during the PAGA Period.
9. **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.
- 9.1 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Parties, their respective counsel 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 another party 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.
10. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**
- 10.1 No Admission of Liability 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 representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If for any reason the Court does not approve this Settlement, Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right 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).
- 10.2 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.

- 10.3 Attorney Authorization. PAGA 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.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, PAGA 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.
- 10.7 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.
- 10.8 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 10.9 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.
- 10.10 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.
- 10.11 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.

- 10.12 Use and Return of Aggrieved Employee Data. Information provided to PAGA Counsel pursuant to Evidence Code section 1152, and all copies and summaries of the PAGA Data provided to PAGA 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 California Rules of Court rule.
- 10.13 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.
- 10.14 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.
- 10.15 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:

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- 10.16 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.
- 10.17 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 Code of Civil Procedure section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under Code of Civil Procedure section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

For Plaintiff Ronny Del Valle:

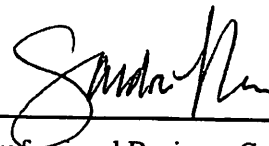
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Ronny Del Valle

For Defendant Professional Business Consultants, Inc.:

Date: 03/25/2024



Professional Business Consultants, Inc.

For Defendant Liberty Packaging and Extruding Inc.:

Date: _____

Liberty Packaging and Extruding Inc.

For Defendant Bonnie Baker Hudson:

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For Plaintiff Ronny Del Valle:

Date: _____

Ronny Del Valle

For Defendant Professional Business Consultants, Inc.:

Date: _____

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For Defendant Liberty Packaging and Extruding Inc.:

Date: 3/20/2026

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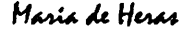
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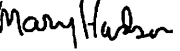
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