

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff Cuauhtemoc Ramirez Castaneda (“Plaintiff”) and defendants Artistic Geometry, Inc. and Alessandro Baldo (together “Artistic Geometry”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Artistic Geometry collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1 “Action” means the Plaintiff’s PAGA lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Artistic Geometry, *Castaneda v. Artistic Geometry, Inc., et al.*, Case No. CGC-24-615195, initiated on June 3, 2024 and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco.
- 1.2 “Administrator” means Apex Class Action, LLC 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 Artistic Geometry as a non-exempt employee in California at any time during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5 “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Artistic Geometry’s possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number/Tax Identification 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 San Francisco.
- 1.8 “Defense Counsel” means Jonathan Babione and Jessica DiPalma, and Ferber Law PC.
- 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 day the Court enters Judgment.
- 1.10 “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$35,000.00, which is the total amount Artistic Geometry agrees to pay under the Settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount will be

used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, Plaintiff's PAGA Enhancement Award, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Administrator's Expenses Payment.

- 1.11 "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. "Individual PAGA Payments" means the total or sum of each Individual PAGA Payment.
- 1.12 "Judgment" means the judgment entered by the Court upon final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.13 "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (i).
- 1.14 "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (i).
- 1.15 "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, Plaintiff's PAGA Enhancement Award, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Aggrieved Employees as Individual PAGA Payments.
- 1.16 "PAGA Counsel" means J. Kirk Donnelly and the Law Offices of J. Kirk Donnelly, APC, the attorneys representing the Plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.17 "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.
- 1.18 "PAGA Enhancement Award" means the amount of \$4,000.00 payable to Plaintiff for his service as the named plaintiff in the Action, subject to Court approval.
- 1.19 "PAGA Pay Period" means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Artistic Geometry in California during the PAGA Period.
- 1.20 "PAGA Period" means the period from March 31, 2023 to September 4, 2025.
- 1.21 "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code, §§ 2698, et seq.).
- 1.22 "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's December 22, 2023 and September 9, 2025 letters to Artistic Geometry and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a).
- 1.23 "PAGA Penalties" means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid

from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees and 75% to LWDA in settlement of PAGA claims.

1.24 “Plaintiff” means Cuauhtemoc Ramirez Castaneda, the named plaintiff in the Action.

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

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

1.27 “Released Parties” means Artistic Geometry, and each of its former, present and future owners, parents, and subsidiaries, and all of their current, former, and future officers, directors, members, managers, employees, consultants, partners, shareholders, joint venturers, agents, predecessors, successors, assigns, accountants, insurers, reinsurers, and/or legal representatives.

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

1.29 “Artistic Geometry” means named Defendants Artistic Geometry, Inc. and Alessandro Baldo.

2. RECITALS.

2.1 On June 3, 2024, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging individual claims on behalf of Plaintiff, and a cause of action against Artistic Geometry for violation of the Private Attorneys General Act, based on the alleged failure to pay all wages due, including both minimum and overtime wages, failure to provide meal periods, failure to provide rest periods, failure to provide accurate wage statements, failure to reimburse expenses, and failure to pay all wages due on separation of employment. On November __, 2025, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint adding a claim for alleged independent contractor misclassification under PAGA. The First Amended Complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the “Operative Complaint”). Artistic Geometry denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

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

2.3 After Plaintiff filed the Complaint, the Parties agreed to mediate. On September 4, 2025, the Parties mediated the matter with Craig Ackermann, Esq., which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.

2.4 Prior to mediation and negotiating the Settlement, Plaintiff obtained, through both formal and informal discovery, information and documents including Plaintiff’s personnel file, the

number of potential Aggrieved Employees, the number of aggregate pay periods, and relevant policy documents regarding Defendant's time keeping and reporting policies and meal and rest break policies.

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. Artistic Geometry promises to pay \$35,000.00 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. Artistic Geometry has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount prior to or in any manner inconsistent with the payment schedule stated in Paragraph 4.3 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 Artistic Geometry.

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 approved by the Court:

3.2.1 To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 1/3 of the Gross Settlement Amount, currently estimated to be \$11,666.67, and a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$7,500.00. Artistic Geometry will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel will file an application or motion 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 and holds Artistic Geometry harmless, and indemnifies Artistic Geometry, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.2 To Plaintiff: a PAGA Enhancement Payment to the Plaintiff of not more than \$4,000 in addition to any Individual PAGA Payment Plaintiff is entitled to receive as an Aggrieved Employee. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for PAGA Enhancement Payment that does not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel will file an application or motion for approval of the PAGA settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA Enhancement Payment in the Action. If

the Court approves a PAGA Enhancement Award less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$3,490.00 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 \$3,490.00, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$8,343.33 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$6,257.50) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,085.83) 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 (\$2,085.83) 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, Artistic Geometry estimates there are 39 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 1,069 PAGA Pay Periods during the PAGA Period.

4.2 Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 15 days of the Effective Date, Artistic Geometry will 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. Artistic Geometry has a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if it discovers 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 Artistic Geometry 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. Following the Effective Date, Artistic Geometry shall fund the Gross Settlement Amount in monthly payments as follows: \$5,000.00 payable on or before October 1, 2026; \$7,500.00 payable on or before November 1, 2026, \$7,500.00 payable on or before December 1, 2026; \$7,500.00 payable on or before January 1, 2027; and \$7,500.00 payable on or before February 1, 2027. Artistic Geometry shall make each monthly payment by check to the Administrator.

4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 10 days after Artistic Geometry fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, Plaintiff's PAGA Enhancement Award, and the LWDA PAGA Payment, pay itself the Administration Expenses Payment, and send the PAGA Counsel the PAGA Counsel Expenses Payment and PAGA Counsel Fee Payment. Disbursement of the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and PAGA Counsel Fee 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 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 7 days of receiving a returned check, the Administrator must re-mail 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 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, subject to Court approval the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to East Bay Community Law Center as *cy pres* beneficiary.

4.4.4 The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Artistic Geometry 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 Artistic Geometry fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, and the Aggrieved Employees will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1 Release by Plaintiff: Plaintiff will release, upon final approval of the Settlement and payment by Defendant of the Gross Settlement Amount, the Released Parties, from any and all claims he has or may have against them at this time and will waive any and all rights he has or may have under California Civil Code § 1542, which reads as follows:

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 will release, upon final approval of the Settlement and payment by Defendant of the Gross Settlement Amount, the Released Parties from all claims during the PAGA Period against for all PAGA and/or civil penalties under Labor Code 2698, et seq., based on all underlying Labor Code and/or Wage Order causes of action and sections identified in the PAGA Notice and/or in the Operative Complaint in the Action, including claims for unpaid minimum wages, unpaid overtime, meal period violations, rest period violations, unreimbursed expenses, inaccurate wage statements, failure to timely pay final wages, and violations of Labor Code sections 201-203, 203.1, 204, 216, 221-224, 226, 226.7, 226.8, 432, 510, 512, 514, 1174, 1194, 1197, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802, 2810.5, and all applicable Wage Orders. The Released Claims do not include any claims that cannot be released as a matter of law.

- 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 PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice.

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

- 6.1 Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel 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 and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Aggrieved Employee Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Aggrieved Employees or the LWDA; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel or Defense Counsel; (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)); (iv) a redlined version of the parties' Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Agreement ready for filing with the Court; and (v) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and/or the Administrator. In its Declaration, PAGA Counsel shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2 Responsibilities of PAGA Counsel. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement no later than 60 days after the full execution of this Agreement, which is contingent on Plaintiff filing his First Amended Complaint 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 Order approving the Settlement 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. Subject to Court approval, the Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Settlement Administrators to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Apex 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 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.

8. **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.

8.1 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.

9. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

9.1 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 Artistic Geometry that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Artistic Geometry has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Artistic Geometry's 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, Artistic Geometry reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, Plaintiff reserves the right to contest Artistic Geometry's defenses, and the Action will be considered null and void, and the Plaintiff and Artistic Geometry shall proceed as if there was no Settlement. 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).

9.2 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.

9.3 Attorney Authorization. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Artistic Geometry, 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.

- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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.
- 9.6 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, Artistic Geometry 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.
- 9.7 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.
- 9.8 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 9.9 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.
- 9.10 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.
- 9.11 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.
- 9.12 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 Artistic Geometry 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. Not later than 90 days after the Administrator discharges its obligation to pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Aggrieved Employee Data received from Artistic Geometry unless, prior to the Administrator's payment of all Settlement Funds, Artistic Geometry makes a written request to PAGA Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Aggrieved Employee Data.

9.13 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.

9.14 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.

9.15 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:

To Plaintiff:

J. Kirk Donnelly
Law Offices of J. Kirk Donnelly, APC
2173 Salk Ave., Ste. 250
Carlsbad CA 92008
kdonnelly@jkd-law.com

To Artistic Geometry:

Jonathan Babione
Jessica DiPalma
Ferber Law PC
2603 Camino Ramon, Ste. 385
San Ramon CA 94583
jbabione@ferberlaw.com
jdipalma@ferberlaw.com

9.16 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.

9.17 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.

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Date: 10 / 03 / 2025

PLAINTIFF CUAUHTEMOC RAMIREZ
CASTANEDA

Cuauhtemoc Ramirez

Cuauhtemoc Ramirez Castaneda

DEFENDANT ARTISTIC GEOMETRY,
INC.

Date: _____

Sign: _____

Print Name: Alessandro Baldo

Its: Chief Executive Officer

DEFENDANT ALESSANDRO BALDO

Date: _____

Alessandro Baldo

AGREED AS TO FORM

Date: 10/3/25

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PLAINTIFF CUAUHTEMOC RAMIREZ
CASTANEDA

Date: _____

Cuauhtemoc Ramirez Castaneda

DEFENDANT ARTISTIC GEOMETRY,
INC.

Date: October 3, 2025

Sign: Alessandro Baldo

Print Name: Alessandro Baldo

Its: Chief Executive Officer

DEFENDANT ALESSANDRO BALDO

Date: October 3, 2025

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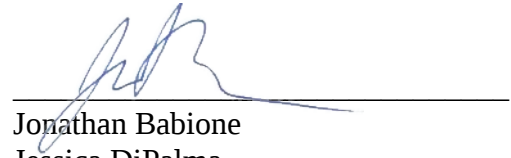
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J. Kirk Donnelly
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FERBER LAW

Date: October 6, 2025

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Jonathan Babione

Jessica DiPalma

Attorneys for Defendants Artistic Geometry,
Inc. and Alessandro Baldo