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25 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
26 FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE – CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER

27 ELIZABETH BORIE, individually, and
28 on behalf of all other aggrieved
employees,

Plaintiff,

v.

GORJANA & GRIFFIN, INC., a
California corporation; and DOES 1
through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2024-01406001-CU-OE-CXC

[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. William D.
Claster, Dept. CX101]

**AMENDMENT TO STIPULATION FOR
SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE UNDER
THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL
ACT, CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 2698,
ET SEQ.**

Action Filed: June 11, 2024

Trial Date: None Set

1 This Amendment to the Stipulation for Settlement and Release Under the Private
2 Attorneys General Act, California Labor Code § 2698, Et Seq. ("Amendment") is entered into
3 by and between Elizabeth Borie ("Plaintiff"), individually and as a representative on behalf of
4 the aggrieved employees and the State of California, and Gorjana & Griffin, Inc., now known as
5 Gorjana & Griffin, LLC, ("Defendant") (collectively "Parties"). Subject to approval of the Court,
6 this Action is being settled pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this Amendment to
7 the Stipulation for Settlement and Release Under the Private Attorneys General Act, California
8 Labor Code § 2698, Et Seq. ("Agreement"). (ROA 39)

9 **RECITALS**

10 1. On February 26, 2026, the Honorable William D. Cluster issued a tentative ruling
11 requesting the Parties to address eight (8) areas of concern as follows: 1) address if there any
12 other pending actions, whether class, individual or PAGA (including in the pre-filing LWDA
13 stage) that might be affected by this settlement; 2) confirm if counsel interviewed anyone other
14 than Plaintiff to value the non-record claims; 3) counsel's declaration mentions an expert retained
15 to review the case, the expert must be identified along with his CV; 4) provide a valuation of the
16 predicate claims for violation of Lab. Code §§ 432 and 2810.5 in order to be released; 5) amend
17 Section F.1 of the Agreement which requires the aggrieved employees to defend, indemnify, and
18 hold harmless various parties from tax related claims and delete this language. The aggrieved
19 employees are not, and can't be, parties to this case. The Court will not approve any obligations
20 not imposed upon them by operation of PAGA; 6) amend Section E.4 of the Agreement to
21 confirm the Civ. Code § 1542 waiver does not apply to the aggrieved employees. The aggrieved
22 employees are not parties to this case, so the Court will not approve any waivers not imposed
23 upon them by operation of PAGA; 7) counsel to confirm if notice is required in any languages
24 other than English and Spanish; and 8) if any changes are made to the Agreement, please make
25 corresponding necessary changes to the notice, if applicable.

26 2. The Parties have met and conferred and agreed to modify the Agreement based
27 upon the Court's tentative ruling. In particular, the Parties agree to amend and modify paragraphs
28 E.4 and F.1 of the Agreement. (ROA 39) First, paragraph E.4 has been amended deleting any

1 reference to “aggrieved employees” as part of the Civ. Code § 1542 waiver which should apply
2 to Plaintiff only. Second, the Parties have deleted any reference to “aggrieved employees” in
3 Section F.1 in regarding “Tax Liability” as the section should only apply to Plaintiff. No changes
4 have been made to the LWDA Award Notice.

5 3. The Amendment is fully incorporated into the Agreement, and a true and correct
6 copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. (ROA 39) All definitions set forth in the
7 Agreement shall be used herein unless otherwise specifically stated. (ROA 39) All of the terms
8 and exhibit to the Agreement that are not expressly superseded by the Amendment, as set forth
9 herein, remain in full force and effect. (ROA 39)

10 **AMENDMENT TO STIPULATION FOR SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE UNDER**
11 **THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT, CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 2698,**
12 **ET SEQ.**

13 4. The Parties agree Paragraph E.4 of the Agreement regarding “Waiver of Civil
14 Code section 1542” shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following language:

15 “Waiver of Civil Code section 1542. Plaintiff only expressly waives and
16 relinquishes, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights and benefits
17 of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides: “**A general release**
18 **does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or**
19 **suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that,**
20 **if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement**
21 **with the debtor or released party.”** Notwithstanding the provisions of section
22 1542, and for the purpose of implementing a full and complete release and discharge
23 of all of the claims released herein, Plaintiff only, expressly acknowledges that this
24 Settlement is intended to include in its effect, without limitation, all claims released
25 herein which Plaintiff does not know or suspects to exist in her favor at the time of
26 execution hereof, and that the Settlement contemplates the extinguishment of all
27 such claims. Plaintiff is not releasing her respective claims or vested rights to any
28 Employee Stock Option Plan (“ESOP”) or similar plan as a result of employment

with Defendant.”

5. The Parties agree Paragraph F.1 of the Agreement regarding “Tax Liability” shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following language:

“Tax Liability. Defendant and Defense Counsel make no representation as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments called for hereunder, and Plaintiff is not relying on any statement, representation, or calculation by Defendant or Defense Counsel in this regard. Plaintiff understands and agrees that she will be solely responsible for the payment of any and all taxes and penalties assessed on her respective payments described herein and will defend, indemnify, and hold Defendant and Defense Counsel free and harmless from and against any claims resulting from treatment of such payments as non-taxable penalties/damages.”

6. All other terms and exhibits of the Agreement that are not expressly superseded by the Amendment, remain in full force and effect.

DATE: 3/17/2026

By:

Signed by:

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Plaintiff Elizabeth Borie

GORJANA & GRIFFIN, INC.
(now known as Gorjana & Griffin, LLC)

DATE: Mar 17, 2026

By:



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1 **APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

2 DATE: 3/17/26

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9 DATE: March 17, 2026

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1. This Settlement is made and entered into by and between Plaintiff and Defendant, and is subject to the terms and conditions hereof, and to the Court's approval. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this Agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of compromising significantly disputed claims and that nothing herein is an admission of liability or wrongdoing by Defendant. Defendant denies that it is liable to Plaintiff or the Aggrieved Employees and denies it has violated any law.

3. On June 11, 2024, Plaintiff filed her PAGA Complaint in Orange County Superior Court, Case No: 30-2024-01406001-CU-OE-CXC (hereinafter the “Action”), seeking civil penalties only, predicated on Defendant’s alleged failure to provide meal and rest periods, failure to pay minimum and overtime wages, failure to timely pay wages, failure to pay all wages due to discharged and quitting employees, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to maintain required records, and failure to reimburse employees for necessary expenditures incurred in the discharge of duties.

4. Defendant filed an Answer denying all allegations in the Action and all claims of any wrongdoing whatsoever by Defendant or any of its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, agents, servants, or employees for any claims.

5. The Parties attended mediation on September 11, 2025, with the highly experienced mediator Steven Serratore, Esq. The Parties reached this Settlement of the Action based upon a “Mediator’s Proposal” subject to Court approval.

6. The Parties recognize the risk, expense, and delay in continuing the Action, and therefore believe the Settlement to be fair, reasonable, and adequate. Accordingly, the Parties desire to settle, compromise, and discharge all disputes and claims arising from or relating to the Action.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. “Action” means *Elizabeth Borie v. Gorjana & Griffin, Inc.*, filed on June 11, 2024, in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, Case Number: 30-2024-01406001-CU-OE-CXC.

2. “Aggrieved Employee(s)” or “Covered Employee(s)” means all non-exempt, hourly current and former employees who worked for Defendant in the State of California at any time from April 7, 2023, through November 10, 2025.

3. “Agreement” or “Settlement” means this Stipulation for Settlement and Release.

4. “Plaintiff’s Counsel” means Scott Ernest Wheeler and Justin A. Wheeler of The Wheeler Law Firm, APC.

5. “Court” means Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Orange.

6. “Defendant” means Gorjana & Griffin, Inc. (now known as Gorjana & Griffin, LLC).

7. “Effective Date” means the date by when all of the following have occurred: (a) the Agreement has been executed by all Parties, Plaintiff’s Counsel and Defendant’s counsel; (b) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order approving the Settlement; (c) the Judgment is final; and (d) sixty-five (65) calendar days have passed since the Court has entered a final order and Judgment approving the Agreement. Provided that there are no interveners, the Judgment is final as of the day the Court enters Judgment. If there are interveners and they object or otherwise delay enforcement of the Agreement, the Judgment is final as of the deadline to appeal the

Judgment has passed.

8. “Enhancement Payment” means the amount that the Court authorizes to be paid to the named Plaintiff in recognition of her efforts and risks in assisting with the prosecution of the Action. Subject to the Court granting approval of the Settlement, the Parties agree that the named Plaintiff shall be paid up to Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000.00). The Enhancement Payment will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. It is understood by Plaintiff that the Court has final discretion as to the approval and payment of any Enhancement Payment.

9. “Gross Settlement Amount” means the gross amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00) to be paid by Defendant as provided by this Agreement to fully and finally settle, resolve, and conclude this Action as to Released Parties, as providing under this Agreement, without any admission of fault or liability. The Gross Settlement Amount includes all Individual Settlement Payments to Aggrieved Employees, payment to the LWDA, Settlement Administration Costs, Attorneys’ Fees and Costs, and the Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff.

10. “Individual Settlement Payment” means the amount payable from the Net Settlement Fund to each Aggrieved Employee.

11. “Net Settlement Fund” means the balance of the Gross Settlement Amount remaining after deduction of the court-approved Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff, Attorneys’ Fees and Costs, and Settlement Administration Costs.

12. “Operative Complaint” means the operative PAGA Complaint in this Action, filed June 11, 2024.

13. “Order and Judgment” means the Court’s Order granting approval of the PAGA Settlement and entering Judgment, in the form substantially similar to that attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit A**.

14. “PAGA Period” means the period of April 7, 2023, through November 10, 2025.

15. “PAGA Released Claims” means all claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on the facts and

allegations contained in the March 22, 2024, PAGA Notice and/or Operative Complaint filed in the Action for: (1) failure to provide meal periods; (2) failure to provide rest periods; (3) failure to pay overtime wages; (4) failure to pay minimum wages; (5) failure to timely pay wages during employment; (6) failure to pay all wages due to discharged and quitting employees; (7) failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements; (8) failure to maintain required records; (9) failure to reimburse for necessary expenditures incurred in the discharge of duties ; (10) failure to provide and maintain records relating to sick leave; (11) failure to provide supplemental COVID-19 sick leave; (12) failure to provide notice of wage theft information; (13) failure to provide all documents signed documents or documents obtained for purposes of obtaining employment; and (14) failure to provide employment records. This release shall only include a release for PAGA for penalties only pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 246, 248.1, 248.2, 248.6, 248.7, 432, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1198, 1198.5, 2698, 2699, 2802, 2810.5, and IWC Wage Orders Sections 4-2001 and 7-2001, Sections 3, 4, 7, 11, 12, only. This release also includes claims for statutory penalties only that were or could have been sought by the Labor Commissioner for the violations identified in Plaintiff's PAGA Notice dated March 22, 2024, and/or the Operative Complaint. Plaintiff does not release any other aggrieved employee's claim for wages or damages that is not permitted by law.

16. "Parties" means Plaintiff and Defendant, together.

17. "Plaintiff" means Elizabeth Borie.

18. "Released Parties" means Defendant and each of its former and present directors, officers, shareholders, managers, owners, members, employees, agents, principals, spouses, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, attorneys, insurers, consultants, predecessors, successors, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates.

19. "Settlement Administration Costs" means the fees and expenses reasonably incurred by the Settlement Administrator as a result of the procedures and processes expressly required for completion of the Settlement and by this Agreement, including posting information regarding this Settlement on a website, which are estimated at \$5,850. Any portion of the Settlement Administration Costs not used or approved by the Court shall be added to the Net

1 Settlement Fund.

2 20. "Settlement Administrator" means ILYM Group, Inc.

3 **C. PAYMENT OF CONSIDERATION**

4 1. Settlement Consideration. Defendant shall pay the Gross Settlement Amount as
5 specified in this Agreement, which shall be used to pay: (1) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; (2)
6 Enhancement Payment; (3) Settlement Administration Costs; (4) payment to the LWDA; and (5)
7 Individual Settlement Payments to the Aggrieved Employees. The Parties agree that this is a non-
8 reversionary Settlement and that no portion of the Gross Settlement Amount shall revert to
9 Defendant. Payment shall be made to the Settlement Administrator for disbursement in
10 accordance with this Agreement and the Order and Judgment approving the PAGA Settlement.
11 Except as set forth in paragraph D.6.a, *infra*, under no circumstances shall Defendant be
12 responsible under this Settlement for payment of more than the Gross Settlement Amount.

13 2. Pay Periods. The Gross Settlement Amount was calculated with, and is premised
14 on, Aggrieved Employees working 9,200 compensable pay periods in California during the
15 PAGA Period ("Affected Pay Periods").

16 3. Funding of the Gross Settlement Amount. In exchange for the releases,
17 obligations, and promises set forth in this Agreement (and subject to the terms and conditions
18 contained in this Agreement), no later than five (5) business days after the Effective Date and
19 receipt by Defendant of wire or payment instructions and a completed Form W-9 from the
20 Settlement Administrator, Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount by
21 transmitting the Gross Settlement Amount to the Settlement Administrator by wire or as
22 otherwise instructed by the Settlement Administrator. Any interest that is earned on the Gross
23 Settlement Amount shall be allocated to the Net Settlement Fund. The Parties agree to cooperate
24 with the Settlement Administrator and one another to the extent reasonably necessary to carry
25 out the provisions of this Section.

26 4. Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund. The Net Settlement Fund shall be used to
27 satisfy Individual Settlement Payments to Aggrieved Employees and payment to the LWDA in
28 accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Net Settlement Fund is the maximum amount

1 that will be available for distribution to the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees in full satisfaction
2 of all PAGA Released Claims. Pursuant to PAGA, seventy-five percent (75%) of the Net
3 Settlement Fund will be paid to the LWDA, and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%), will
4 be paid to all Aggrieved Employees (“Net PAGA Payment”).

5 5. Calculation of Individual Settlement Payment. The Settlement Administrator
6 shall calculate the Individual Settlement Payments by dividing the Net PAGA Payment by the
7 total number of Affected Pay Periods. That value will then be multiplied by the number of pay
8 periods worked by each respective Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period. Aggrieved
9 Employees are entitled to 100% of the Net PAGA Payment.

10 6. Tax Treatment of Individual Settlement Payment. All Individual Settlement
11 Payments shall be allocated 100% as penalties. The amount of payments shall be reported on an
12 IRS Form 1099 (to the extent required by law) by the Settlement Administrator and shall not be
13 subject to local, state or federal tax withholdings.

14 7. No Credit Toward Benefit Plans. Payments to Aggrieved Employees as
15 referenced herein will not be utilized to calculate any additional benefits under any benefit plans
16 to which any Aggrieved Employee may be eligible, including, but not limited to profit-sharing
17 plans, bonus plans, 401(k) plans, stock purchase plans, vacation plans, sick leave plans, PTO
18 plans, and any other benefit plan. Rather, it is the Parties’ intention that this Settlement
19 Agreement will not affect any rights, contributions, or amounts to which any Covered Employee
20 may be entitled under any benefit plans.

21 8. Enhancement Payment. Defendant agrees not to oppose or impede any
22 application or motion by Plaintiff for an Enhancement Payment of up to Five Thousand Dollars
23 and Zero Cents (\$5,000) to the named Plaintiff. The Enhancement Payment shall be paid from
24 the Gross Settlement Amount, and shall be paid in addition to Plaintiff’s Individual Settlement
25 Payment as an Aggrieved Employee. It is understood by Plaintiff that the Court has final
26 discretion in any Enhancement Payment. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an IRS Form
27 1099 to Plaintiff reflecting the Enhancement Payment. Plaintiff shall be solely and legally
28 responsible to pay any and all applicable taxes on her Enhancement Payment and shall hold

harmless Defendant from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties, or interest arising as a result of the Enhancement Payment. Any portion of the Enhancement Payment not awarded to Plaintiff shall be added to the Net Settlement Fund and shall be distributed to Aggrieved Employees as provided in this Agreement.

8. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. In full satisfaction of all claims Plaintiff may have for attorneys' fees, litigation costs, and expenses arising out of the Action, Defendant agrees that Plaintiff's Counsel may apply to the Court for an amount of reasonable attorneys' fees not to exceed One-Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars and Zero Cents (\$133,333.33) and will request actual costs, up to a maximum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$20,000) ("Attorneys' Fees and Costs"), pursuant to PAGA, which provides for the recovery of attorneys' fees and costs, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an IRS Form 1099 to Plaintiff's Counsel reflecting the awarded attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses. The Parties understand that the Court makes the final determination on the award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and that any portion of these amounts not awarded as Attorneys' Fees and Costs shall be added to the Net Settlement Fund and distributed to Aggrieved Employees and LWDA as provided in this Agreement.

9. Settlement Administration Costs. The Settlement Administrator shall be paid for the reasonable costs of administration of the Settlement from the Gross Settlement Amount, currently estimated at \$5,850.00. These costs, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, shall include, *inter alia*, the required tax reporting on the Individual Settlement Payments, the issuance of Form 1099 IRS forms, and providing necessary reports and declarations. Any portion of the Settlement Administration Costs not allowed shall be added to the Net Settlement Fund and shall be distributed to Aggrieved Employees and the LWDA as provided in this Agreement.

D. ADMINISTRATION OF SETTLEMENT

1. Approval of PAGA Settlement. Plaintiff's Counsel shall request the entry of an order and judgment granting approval of the Settlement pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation

for Settlement and Release, which shall include findings and orders: (i) approving the Settlement, (ii) adjudging the terms to be fair, reasonable, and adequate and binding on the State of California, (iii) reciting the release terms, (iv) directing that the Settlement's terms and provisions be carried out; (v) entering final judgment in accordance with this Agreement and without further fees or costs to any party except as expressly set forth in this Agreement; and (vi) retaining jurisdiction to oversee administration and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement and the Court's orders. Plaintiff's motion shall be unopposed by Defendant, unless Plaintiff's approval motion seeks relief inconsistent with or not specified by this Agreement. In such event, Defendant reserves the right to address any assertions that are not consistent with this Agreement.

2. Settlement Administration. The Parties agree to cooperate in the administration of the Settlement and to make all reasonable efforts to control and minimize the costs and expenses incurred in the administration of the Settlement. The Settlement Administrator shall provide the following services:

- a. Calculate the Individual Settlement Payment to be paid to each Covered Employee in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement;
- b. Print and issue Individual Settlement Payment checks;
- c. Verify the last known address for each Covered Employee through a generally utilized, national address update database prior to mailing the Individual Settlement Payment check;
- d. Disburse any awards of costs and attorneys' fees;
- e. Prepare and issue 1099 Forms;
- f. Post the Plaintiff's PAGA Notice, Operative Complaint, Notice Packet to the Aggrieved Employees and Final Order and Judgment on its website for One-hundred and Twenty days (120) days; and
- g. Perform such other tasks necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement or as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders the Parties to perform.

3. Delivery of the Covered Employee List and Data. Within thirty (30) calendar days

1 of the Court order approving this Settlement, Defendant shall provide the Settlement
2 Administrator with a Microsoft Office Excel spreadsheet that includes each Aggrieved
3 Employee's: full name; last known mailing address; last known telephone number; social
4 security number; and the total number of applicable Pay Periods worked by the employee during
5 the PAGA Period. All information provided by Defendant to the Settlement Administrator shall
6 remain confidential and will not be disclosed to any person except as reasonably necessary for
7 the Settlement Administrator to carry out its duties, or pursuant to Defendant's express written
8 authorization or by order of the Court in the Action.

9 4. Timing of Distribution. Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the payment of
10 the entire Gross Settlement Amount, the Settlement Administrator shall initiate payments to: (a)
11 Aggrieved Employees; (b) the LWDA; (c) Plaintiff; and (d) Plaintiff's Counsel. The Settlement
12 Administrator will issue the appropriate tax forms for all payments issued under this Settlement.

13 5. Mailing of Individual Settlement Payments to Aggrieved Employees:

14 a. When making payments to the Aggrieved Employees as provided for in
15 this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will mail to each Aggrieved Employee, via first-
16 class United States Mail, the following: (a) the PAGA Settlement Notice in English and Spanish,
17 attached as **Exhibit B**; and (b) the Individual PAGA Payment (collectively, the "PAGA Packet").

18 b. Prior to mailing, the Settlement Administrator will update all addresses
19 using the National Change of Address System (NCOA). In the event that a PAGA Packet is
20 returned to the Settlement Administrator with a forwarding address, the Settlement Administrator
21 will re-send the PAGA Packet to the forwarding address identified. If no forwarding address is
22 provided, then the Settlement Administrator will promptly conduct a "standard search,"
23 sometimes called, "Skip Trace" or "Credit Header" searches, to locate a better address. If a better
24 address is found, the Settlement Administrator will promptly re-send the PAGA Packet. If a
25 better address is not found or the PAGA Packet is ultimately returned without a forwarding
26 address, neither the Settlement Administrator, Defendant, Defense Counsel, Plaintiff's Counsel
27 or named Plaintiff shall be required to take further action.

28 c. Aggrieved Employees shall have 180 calendar days after the date the

1 PAGA Packet is mailed to them to cash their settlement payment checks. If any Covered
2 Employee's check is not cashed within that period, the settlement payment check will be voided
3 and a stop-payment will be issued. Neither Defendant, Defendant's counsel, Plaintiff, nor
4 Plaintiff's Counsel will have any liability for lost or stolen settlement payment checks, forged
5 signatures on settlement payment checks, unauthorized negotiation of settlement payment checks
6 or failure to timely cash a settlement payment check within the 180-day period.

7 d. Any unpaid cash residue or unclaimed Covered Employee funds, plus any
8 accrued interest that has not otherwise been distributed pursuant to order of the Court, shall be
9 delivered to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved
10 Employee.

11 6. Additional PAGA Pay Periods.

12 a. It is currently estimated that Aggrieved Employees worked 9,200 PAGA
13 Pay Periods through November 10, 2025. Plaintiff will provide Defendant within ten (10) days'
14 notice of his intent to file a Motion for Approval of the PAGA Settlement or Stipulation and
15 Order Requesting Approval of the PAGA Settlement. In the event the actual number of PAGA
16 Period pay periods worked by the Aggrieved Employees is more than ten percent (10%) greater
17 than the estimated amount at mediation (i.e., 10,121 or more pay periods), the Gross Settlement
18 Amount will be increased on a pro rata basis according to the number of additional PAGA Pay
19 Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees in excess of ten percent (10%) (i.e., if the total
20 number of pay periods in the PAGA Period was actually eleven percent (11%) more than 9,200,
21 the Gross Settlement Amount will increase by one percent (1%)).

22 7. Notice to LWDA.

23 a. Plaintiff's Counsel shall be responsible for submitting the final executed
24 Agreement and moving papers in support of Court approval to the LWDA upon filing with the
25 Court pursuant to Labor Code section 2699, but in no event less than three (3) days after this
26 Stipulation for Settlement and Release, and the motion thereon is filed. (Plaintiff represents that
27 she has submitted a file-stamped copy of the Operative Complaint to the LWDA pursuant to
28 Labor Code section 2699(l)(1).

b. Plaintiff shall further be responsible for submitting a copy of any order or judgment providing for or denying an award of civil penalties under PAGA, including any order and judgment approving this Settlement, to the LWDA within ten (10) days after entry of the judgment or order pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.

E. RELEASE OF CLAIMS

1. Release of Claims by Plaintiff on behalf of the State of California. Upon the payment of the Gross Settlement Amount by Defendant, Plaintiff, on behalf of the State of California, hereby does and shall be deemed to have fully and finally released and discharged the Released Parties from all PAGA Released Claims for statutory and civil penalties that could have been sought during the PAGA Period, arising out of the PAGA claims asserted in the Operative Complaint and PAGA Notice. Plaintiff does not release any other Aggrieved Employee's claim for wages or damages.

2. No Right to Opt-Out. The Parties agree there is no statutory right for any Covered Employee to opt out or otherwise exclude himself or herself from the Settlement.

3. General Release and Waiver of Claims by Plaintiff. Plaintiff (on behalf of herself and her spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees, and/or permitted assigns) also agrees to a general release of any and all claims against the Released Parties—which shall include without limitation any and all claims which in any way relate to her employment with Defendant or cessation thereof, under State or Federal law, in tort, common law, statute, contract, or equity, whether pled in the Operative Complaint or not, including but not limited to any claims under the FLSA, Title VII, ADA, FEHA, ADEA, PAGA, California Labor Code, or any Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order—now existing or arising in the future, based on any act, omission, event, occurrence, or nonoccurrence from the beginning of time to the date of execution hereof.

4. Waiver of Civil Code section 1542. Plaintiff (including expressly the Aggrieved Employees with respect to the PAGA Released Claims only) expressly waives and relinquishes, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights and benefits of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides: “**A general release does not extend to claims that the**

1 **creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time**
 2 **of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected**
 3 **his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.”** Notwithstanding the provisions of
 4 section 1542, and for the purpose of implementing a full and complete release and discharge of
 5 all of the claims released herein, Plaintiff (including the Aggrieved Employees with respect to
 6 the PAGA Released Claims only) expressly acknowledges that this Settlement is intended to
 7 include in its effect, without limitation, all claims released herein which Plaintiff does not know
 8 or suspects to exist in her favor at the time of execution hereof, and that the Settlement
 9 contemplates the extinguishment of all such claims. Neither Plaintiff nor the Aggrieved
 10 Employees are releasing their respective claims or vested rights to any Employee Stock Option
 11 Plan (“ESOP”) or similar plan as a result of employment with Defendant.

12 5. No Additional Attorneys’ Fees or Costs. The Parties agree to bear their own
 13 attorneys’ fees and costs related to this Action except as specifically provided in this Agreement.

14 F. MISCELLANEOUS

15 1. Tax Liability. Defendant, Defense Counsel, the Settlement Administrator, and
 16 Plaintiff’s Counsel make no representation as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments
 17 called for hereunder, and Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees are not relying on any statement,
 18 representation, or calculation by Defendant, Defense Counsel, Plaintiff’s Counsel, or by the
 19 Settlement Administrator in this regard. Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees understand and agree
 20 that they will be solely responsible for the payment of any and all taxes and penalties assessed
 21 on their respective payments described herein and will defend, indemnify, and hold Defendant,
 22 Defense Counsel, Plaintiff’s Counsel and the Settlement Administrator free and harmless from
 23 and against any claims resulting from treatment of such payments as non-taxable
 24 penalties/damages.

25 2. Circular 230 Disclaimer. EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT (FOR
 26 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE “ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY” AND EACH PARTY
 27 TO THIS AGREEMENT OTHER THAN THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY, AN “OTHER
 28 PARTY”) ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT (1) NO PROVISION OF THIS

1 AGREEMENT, AND NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE BETWEEN
2 OR AMONG THE PARTIES OR THEIR ATTORNEYS AND OTHER ADVISERS, IS OR
3 WAS INTENDED TO BE, NOR SHALL ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION OR
4 DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTE OR BE CONSTRUED OR BE RELIED UPON AS, TAX
5 ADVICE WITHIN THE MEANING OF UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
6 CIRCULAR 230 (31 CFR PART 10, AS AMENDED); (2) THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY
7 (A) HAS RELIED EXCLUSIVELY UPON HIS OR ITS OWN, INDEPENDENT LEGAL AND
8 TAX COUNSEL FOR ADVICE (INCLUDING TAX ADVICE) IN CONNECTION WITH
9 THIS AGREEMENT, (B) HAS NOT ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT BASED UPON
10 THE RECOMMENDATION OF ANY OTHER PARTY OR ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR
11 TO ANY OTHER PARTY, AND (C) IS NOT ENTITLED TO RELY UPON ANY
12 COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE BY ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY
13 OTHER PARTY TO AVOID ANY TAX PENALTY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE
14 ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY; AND (3) NO ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY OTHER
15 PARTY HAS IMPOSED ANY LIMITATION THAT PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY
16 OF ANY SUCH ATTORNEY'S OR ADVISER'S TAX STRATEGIES (REGARDLESS OF
17 WHETHER SUCH LIMITATION IS LEGALLY BINDING) UPON DISCLOSURE BY THE
18 ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY OF THE TAX TREATMENT OR TAX STRUCTURE OF ANY
19 TRANSACTION, INCLUDING ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS
20 AGREEMENT.

21 3. Confidentiality. Plaintiff represents and agrees that she has not and will not
22 disclose or publish the existence of this Agreement through the news media, social media,
23 websites, litigation reporting service or through any other means, except as reasonably necessary
24 to obtain Court approval and administer the terms of the Settlement, or to enforce this Agreement.
25 Plaintiff's counsel can use the existence of this matter and the Settlement for adequacy of counsel
26 declarations in future actions.

27 4. No Prior Assignments. The Parties and their counsel represent, covenant, and
28 warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported

1 to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim,
2 demand, action, cause of action or right herein released and discharged. None of the rights,
3 commitments, or obligations recognized under this Agreement may be assigned by any Party,
4 Plaintiff's Counsel, or Defense Counsel without the express written consent of each Party.
5 Plaintiff expressly warrants that Plaintiff has not transferred to any person or entity any right or
6 cause of action, or claim released by this Agreement.

7 5. Nullification of Settlement Agreement. In the event that the Court does not
8 approve the Settlement as provided herein, the Parties agree to meet and confer to address any
9 concerns the Court raises and determine whether resolution of the claims encompassed by the
10 Settlement can be obtained in a manner consistent with the Court's concerns. The Parties agree
11 to return to mediator Steven Serratore, Esq. to assist in that process. If the Court does not grant
12 approval of the Settlement, and the Parties are not able to address any concerns the Court raises
13 after meeting and conferring, then the Settlement will be null and void and the Parties will be
14 returned to their original respective positions. However, a modification of amounts awarded to
15 named Plaintiff as an Enhancement Payment or to Plaintiff's counsel as attorneys' fees and
16 litigation costs and expenses shall not be deemed a material modification of the Settlement.

17 6. Continued Jurisdiction. Upon entry of judgment, the Court shall have continuing
18 jurisdiction over the Settlement pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §664.6 and California Rules
19 of Court, Rule 3.769.

20 7. Entire Agreement. This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entirety of the
21 Parties' settlement terms. No other prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements may be
22 deemed binding on the Parties.

23 8. Amendment or Modification. This Settlement Agreement may be amended or
24 modified only by a written instrument, signed by either the Parties or their successors-in-interest
25 or counsel for all Parties.

26 9. Cooperation. The Parties agree to cooperate jointly and to take all appropriate
27 action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate
28 its terms and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

1 The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to effect
2 the implementation of the Settlement. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or
3 content of any document needed to implement the Settlement, or on any supplemental provisions
4 that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement, the Parties may seek the
5 assistance of the Court to resolve such disagreement.

6 10. Binding on Successors and Assigns. This Settlement Agreement will be binding
7 upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties hereto.

8 11. California Law Governs. All terms of this Settlement Agreement will be governed
9 by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.

10 12. Execution and Counterparts. This Agreement is subject only to the execution of
11 all Parties. However, the Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed
12 counterparts and each of them, including facsimile and scanned copies of the signature page, will
13 be deemed to be one and the same instrument provided that counsel for the Parties will exchange
14 among themselves original signed counterparts.

15 13. Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable. The Parties believe
16 this Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement of the Action and have arrived at
17 this Settlement after arm's-length negotiations. The Parties further acknowledge that they are
18 each represented by competent counsel of their choosing and that they have had an opportunity
19 to consult with their counsel regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Settlement.

20 14. Invalidity of Any Provision. Before declaring any provision of this Agreement
21 invalid, the Court will first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the fullest extent possible
22 consistent with applicable precedents so as to define all provisions of this Agreement valid and
23 enforceable. If any immaterial provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid or
24 unenforceable in any respect, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions
25 contained herein shall not be affected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the releases contained
26 herein shall not be deemed severed or deleted from this Agreement except upon waiver in writing
27 by Defendant.

28 15. Captions. The captions and section numbers in this Agreement are inserted for the

1 reader's convenience, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of the
2 provisions of this Agreement.

3 16. Waiver. No waiver of any condition or covenant contained in this Agreement or
4 failure to exercise a right or remedy by any of the Parties hereto will be considered to imply or
5 constitute a further waiver by such party of the same or any other condition, covenant, right or
6 remedy.

7 17. Enforcement Action. In the event that one or more of the Parties institutes any
8 legal action or other proceeding against any other Party or Parties to enforce the provisions of
9 this Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement, the successful Party
10 or Parties will be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorneys'
11 fees and costs incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.

12 18. Mutual Preparation. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms
13 and conditions of this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement will not be construed more
14 strictly against one party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared
15 by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arm's-length
16 negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this
17 Agreement.

18 19. Representation by Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been
19 represented by counsel of their choosing throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution
20 of this Agreement, and that this Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of
21 counsel, and reviewed in full.

22 20. Binding Agreement. The Parties warrant that they understand and have full
23 authority to enter into this Settlement, and further intend that this Agreement will be fully
24 enforceable and binding on all Parties, and agree that it will be admissible and subject to
25 disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms, notwithstanding any mediation confidentiality
26 provisions that otherwise might apply under federal or state law.

27 21. Denial of Liability. The Parties expressly recognize that the making of this
28 Agreement does not in any way constitute an admission or concession of wrongdoing on the part

of Defendant. Nothing in this Settlement, nor any action taken in implementation thereof, nor any statements, discussions or communications, nor any materials prepared, exchanged, issued or used during the course of this Action, is intended by the Parties to, nor will any of the foregoing constitute, be introduced, be used or be admissible in any way in any other judicial, arbitral, administrative, investigative or other forum or proceeding, as evidence of any violation of any federal, state, or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, rule or executive order, or any obligation or duty at law or in equity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be used in any proceeding in the Court that has as its purpose the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the Settlement or any orders or judgments of the Court entered into in connection therewith, including, without limitation, by Defendant should any party seek relief against any of the Released Parties on any claims released herein.

22. Discovery of Documents and Information. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel agree that they will destroy all documents and information provided to them by Defendant during this Action within sixty (60) calendar days after the completion of the administration of the Settlement. Plaintiff's Counsel agree that none of the documents and information provided to them by Defendant shall be used for any purpose other than Settlement of the Action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Parties and their duly authorized representatives accept and agree to the terms of this Agreement and hereby execute it voluntarily and with a full understanding of its consequences.

DATE: 1/26/2026

By:

Signed by:

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Plaintiff Elizabeth Borie

GORJANA & GRIFFIN, INC. (now known as
 Gorjana & Griffin, LLC)

DATE: January 23, 2026

By:



Haylee Newton
 Chief People Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

DATE: January 26, 2026

THE WHEELER LAW FIRM, APC



Scott Ernest Wheeler
Justin A. Wheeler

Attorneys for Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved
Employees

DATE: January 23, 2026

JACKSON LEWIS P.C.



Jared L. Bryan
Kathy A. Le
Cindy Pham

Attorney for Defendant
Gorjana & Griffin, Inc. (now known as Gorjana &
Griffin, LLC)

EXHIBIT A

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE – CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER**

ELIZABETH BORIE, individually, and on behalf of all other aggrieved employees,

Plaintiff,

V.

GORJANA & GRIFFIN, INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 30-2024-01406001-CU-OE-CXC

[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. William Claster, Dept. CX101]

[California Labor Code § 2698 et seq.]

**[PROPOSED] ORDER AND JUDGMENT
APPROVING PAGA SETTLEMENT,
ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS AND
SERVICE AWARD**

1 **[PROPOSED] FINAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

2 Plaintiff Elizabeth Borie's unopposed Motion for Approval of the Private Attorneys
3 General ("PAGA") Settlement came on for hearing on February 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. before the
4 Honorable William Claster, Department CX101 of the above-entitled Court. The Court has
5 considered the proposed PAGA Settlement Agreement, and all evidence filed in support thereof.
6 This Order and Judgment incorporates the following defined terms.

7 **DEFINED TERMS**

8 1. "Operative Complaint" means Plaintiff's PAGA Complaint filed by Plaintiff in
9 this action (the "Action") on June 11, 2024. (ROA 2)

10 2. "LWDA Notices" means the March 22, 2024 and January 21, 2026, letters
11 submitted by Plaintiff to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) notifying the
12 LWDA of alleged California Labor Code violations by Defendant, Gorjana & Griffin, Inc. (now
known as Gorjana & Griffin, LLC) ("Defendant").

13 3. "Aggrieved Employee(s)" means all non-exempt, hourly employees who worked
14 for Defendant in the State of California at any time from April 7, 2023, through November 10,
15 2025.

16 4. "PAGA Claims" means all claims, rights, demands, liabilities, and causes of
17 action that were or reasonably could have been alleged, based the facts and allegations contained
18 in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA notice dated March 22, 2024, based upon the
19 following violations of the Labor Code: (1) failure to provide meal periods; (2) failure to provide
20 rest periods; (3) failure to pay overtime wages; (4) failure to pay minimum wages; (5) failure to
21 timely pay wages during employment; (6) failure to pay all wages due to discharged and quitting
22 employees; (7) failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements; (8) failure to maintain
23 required records; (9) failure to reimburse for necessary expenditures incurred in the discharge of
24 duties ; (10) failure to provide and maintain records relating to sick leave; (11) failure to provide
25 supplemental COVID-19 sick leave; (12) failure to provide notice of wage theft information; (13)
26 failure to provide all documents signed documents or documents obtained for purposes of
obtaining employment; and (14) failure to provide employment records.

27 5. "PAGA Settlement" or "Settlement" means the settlement of the Action as
28 memorialized in the Settlement Agreement.

6. “PAGA Period” means April 7, 2023, through November 10, 2025.

TERMS OF THE ORDER AND JUDGMENT

The Court has determined that the Settlement provides genuine and meaningful relief that benefits the public, is fair, adequate, reasonable, and otherwise being fully informed and good cause appearing therefor, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Unless otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement Agreement and Release (“Settlement Agreement”). The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this lawsuit and all matters relating thereto, and over all parties to the action.

2. The Court finds that the Settlement has been reached as a result of serious and non-collusive, arm’s-length negotiations. The Court has considered the nature of the claims, the procedural history of this case, the amounts to be paid under the Settlement, the involvement of an experienced private mediator to facilitate the Settlement, the risks of continued litigation that Plaintiff would face, the civil penalties recoverable if Plaintiff was to prevail at trial on her theories of liability under her PAGA claim, the allocation of settlement proceeds among the Aggrieved Employees, and the fact that a settlement represents a compromise of the Parties’ respective positions rather than the result of a finding of liability at trial.

3. The Court hereby finds the Settlement involves the resolution of a bona fide dispute, was entered into in good faith, and is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court also finds that the Settlement provides genuine and meaningful relief that benefits the public consistent with the purpose of the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, California Labor Code § 2699 *et seq.*

4. The Court therefore approves the Settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement according to the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

5. Neither the Settlement nor any of the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement are admissions by Defendant, or any of the other Released Parties, of liability on any of the allegations alleged in the Action or otherwise, nor is this Order a finding of the validity of any claims in the Action, or of any wrongdoing by the Defendant, or any of the other Released Parties.

6. The Court finds that Plaintiff’s Counsel has adequately represented the Plaintiff, the Aggrieved Employees, and the LWDA for purposes of entering into and implementing the

1 Settlement.

2 7. The Court finds that the Settlement, and in particular the Gross Settlement Amount
3 (“GSA”) of \$400,000 total to be distributed as set forth herein and in the Settlement Agreement, is
4 in all respects fair, reasonable, and adequate and is hereby approved. *See* California Labor Code §
5 2699(1)(2).

6 8. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, Administration Costs in the amount of
7 \$4,000 which are necessary to administer the Settlement, are hereby granted and shall be paid to
8 ILYM Group, Inc., the designated third-party Settlement Administrator.

9 9. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, the requested attorneys’ fees in the amount
10 of \$133,333.33 are reasonable under the common fund method and the lodestar method. The GSA
11 of a total of \$400,000 represents a true and common fund, as Defendant must pay the full GSA and
12 no amount of the GSA will return to Defendant under any circumstances

13 10. The Court also finds that the requested attorneys’ fees are reasonable under the
14 lodestar method, or as a crosscheck on the percentage fee. Plaintiff’s counsel’s lodestar exceeds
15 the attorneys’ fees amount of \$133,333.33. In fact, the fee award amounts to an implied negative
16 multiplier on Plaintiff’s counsel’s lodestar.

17 11. The Court further finds that Plaintiff’s counsel’s requested litigation costs of
18 \$20,000 are reasonable and were necessary to prosecute the action.

19 12. Accordingly, and consistent with California Labor Code § 2699(g)(1), which
20 authorizes an award of attorneys’ fees and costs, the requested attorneys’ fees in the amount of
21 \$133,333.33 and litigation costs in the amount of \$20,000 are hereby granted and shall be paid to
22 The Wheeler Law Firm, APC pursuant to the terms of the Settlement.

23 13. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, a enhancement award to Plaintiff Elizabeth
24 Borie in the amount of \$5,000.00 in recognition of her efforts in prosecuting this Action for the
25 benefit of the State of California and Aggrieved Employees, and Plaintiff’s broad general release
26 of all of her individual claims against Defendant, is hereby granted and shall be paid to Plaintiff
27 Elizabeth Borie.

28 14. After deducting Settlement Administration Costs, Attorneys’ Fees and Costs, and
the Service Awards from the GSA, the remainder of \$237,666.67, consistent with California Labor
Code § 2699(i), shall be allocated seventy-five percent (75%) to the LWDA and twenty-five

1 percent (25%) to Aggrieved Employees. Accordingly, \$178,250 shall be paid to the LWDA, and
2 \$59,416.67 shall be paid to Aggrieved Employees. The payments to the Aggrieved Employees will
3 be paid proportionally based on the number of pay periods that each individual employee worked
4 for Defendant during the PAGA Period.

5 15. As of the Effective Date, Plaintiff, as the representative for the State of California,
6 and on behalf of all Aggrieved Employees, will forever completely release and discharge the
7 Released Parties from any claim for the recovery of civil penalties under the California Private
8 Attorneys General Act, California Labor Code § 2698, *et. seq.* only. It is expressly understood and
9 agreed that this settlement includes a release of all PAGA Representative Claims based on
10 violations of California Labor Code, including, without limitation, for: (1) failure to provide meal
11 periods; (2) failure to provide rest periods; (3) failure to pay overtime wages; (4) failure to pay
12 minimum wages; (5) failure to timely pay wages during employment; (6) failure to pay all wages
13 due to discharged and quitting employees; (7) failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements;
14 (8) failure to maintain required records; (9) failure to reimburse for necessary expenditures incurred
15 in the discharge of duties ; (10) failure to provide and maintain records relating to sick leave; (11)
16 failure to provide supplemental COVID-19 sick leave; (12) failure to provide notice of wage theft
17 information; (13) failure to provide all documents signed documents or documents obtained for
18 purposes of obtaining employment; and (14) failure to provide employment records. This release
19 shall only include a release for PAGA for penalties only pursuant to California Labor Code Sections
20 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 246, 248.1, 248.2, 248.6, 248.7, 432, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5,
21 1194, 1197, 1198, 1198.5, 2698, 2699, 2802, 2810.5, and IWC Wage Orders Sections 4-2001 and
22 7-2001, Sections 3, 4, 7, 11, 12, only. This release also includes claims for statutory penalties only
23 that were or could have been sought by the Labor Commissioner for the violations identified in
24 Plaintiff's PAGA Notice dated March 22, 2024, and/or the Operative Complaint. Plaintiff does not
25 release any other aggrieved employee's claim for wages or damages that is not permitted by law.

26 16. Neither this Order nor the Settlement Agreement (nor any other document referred
27 to herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Order) is, may be construed as, or may be used as,
28 an admission or concession by or against Defendant or the Released Parties of the validity of any
claim or actual or potential fault, wrongdoing, or liability. Entering into or carrying out the
Settlement Agreement, and any negotiations or proceedings related to it, shall not be considered

1 as, or deemed evidence of, an admission or concession as to Defendant's denials or defenses and
2 shall not be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding against any party hereto in
3 any court, administrative agency or other tribunal for any purpose whatsoever, except as evidence
4 of the Settlement or to enforce the provisions of this Order and the Settlement Agreement; provided,
5 however, that this Order and the Settlement Agreement may be filed in any action against or by
6 Defendant's or the Released Parties to support a defense of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release,
7 waiver, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, full faith and credit, or any other theory
8 of claim preclusion, issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

9 17. Judgment in this matter is entered in accordance with the terms of the Settlement
10 Agreement and Approval Order. This judgment is intended to be a final disposition of the above
11 captioned action in its entirety and is intended to be immediately appealable.

12 18. All envelopes transmitting settlement distribution to Aggrieved Employees shall
13 bear the notation, **"YOUR PAGA SETTLEMENT CHECK IS ENCLOSED."**

14 19. As set forth in the Settlement Agreement, all settlement checks shall be negotiable
15 for One Hundred and Eighty (180) days from the date of mailing.

16 20. ILYM Group, Inc. shall post the Operative Complaint, Notice Packet, and Final
17 Order and Judgment on its website for One-Hundred and Twenty (120) Days.

18 21. ILYM Group, Inc. shall mail a reminder postcard to any Aggrieved Employee
19 whose settlement distribution check has not been negotiated within sixty (60) days after the date
20 of mailing.

21 22. If any Aggrieved Employee who is a current employee of Defendant and the
22 distribution mailed to that Aggrieved Employee is returned to ILYM Group, Inc. as being
23 undeliverable, and ILYM Group, Inc. is unable to locate a valid mailing address, ILYM Group,
24 Inc. shall arrange with Defendant to have distribution delivered to any currently employed
25 Aggrieved Employee at their place of employment.

26 23. If a settlement check is not cashed, deposited, or otherwise negotiated within the
27 one hundred and eighty (180) day deadline by an Aggrieved Employee, the check will be voided,
28 and the funds associated with any such voided checks shall be remitted in the name of the
Aggrieved Employee to the State of California Controller's Unclaimed Property division.

24. Upon the Effective Date, Plaintiff and the State of California, shall have, by

1 operation of this Order and Judgment, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and
2 discharged Defendant from all PAGA Released Claims as defined by the terms of the Settlement
3 Agreement.

4 25. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters related to the
5 administration and consummation of the Settlement, to enforce the terms of the judgment, and
6 any and all claims, asserted in, arising out of, or related to the subject matter of the lawsuit,
7 including but not limited to all matters related to the Settlement and the determination of all
8 controversies relating thereto.

9 26. Counsel for Plaintiff shall file a Notice of Entry of Order and Judgment Granting
10 Approval of the Settlement pursuant to PAGA, and provide the same to ILYM Group, Inc., who
11 shall post the Order and Judgment on its website within seven (7) calendar days after entry of the
12 Order and Judgment. ILYM Group, Inc. shall post a copy of this signed judgment for one
13 hundred and eighty (180) calendar days on its website in compliance with Rule 3.771(b) of the
14 California Rules of Court in order to provide notice to the Aggrieved Employees this Order and
15 Judgment. ILYM Group, Inc. shall also provide a mailed copy of the Notice of Entry of Order
16 and Judgment to the Aggrieved Employees.

17 27. A final accounting status conference regarding the status of settlement
18 administration shall take place on _____ at 1:30 p.m., in Department CX-101,
19 located at 751 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, California 92701. The final report
20 from ILYM Group, Inc. Re: Status of Settlement Administration shall be filed at least ten (10)
21 days prior to the hearing. The report from ILYM Group, Inc. shall be in the form of a Declaration
22 from the Settlement Administrator, by a declarant with personal knowledge of the facts, and
23 describes: (i) the date the checks were mailed, (ii) the total number of checks mailed to
24 Aggrieved Employees, (iii) the average amount of those checks, (iv) the number of checks that
25 remain uncashed, (v) the total value of those uncashed checks, (vi) the average amount of the
26 uncashed checks, and (vii) the nature and date of the disposition of those unclaimed funds.

27 28. Plaintiff's Motion for Approval of the Settlement Pursuant to the Private
28 Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") is hereby granted and the Court directs that a judgment shall be
entered in accordance with the terms of this Order.

29. Judgment in this matter is entered in accordance with the terms of the Settlement

1 Agreement against Defendant in favor of Plaintiff, the State of California and Aggrieved
2 Employees.

3 30. This document shall constitute a Judgment for purposes of California Rule of
4 Court 3.769(h). This Judgment is intended to be a final disposition of the above captioned action
5 in its entirety and is intended to be immediately appealable.

6 31. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters related to the
7 administration and consummation of the Settlement, to enforce the terms of the judgment, and any
8 and all claims, asserted in, arising out of, or related to the subject matter of the lawsuit, including
9 but not limited to all matters related to the Settlement and the determination of all controversies
10 relating thereto, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure, §664.6 and California Rules of Court, Rule
11 3.769(h).

12 **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.**

13 DATED: _____

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16 HONORABLE WILLIAM CLASTER
17 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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EXHIBIT B

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<<ADDRESS>>

Elizabeth Borie, on behalf of the State of California v. Gorjana & Griffin, Inc.,
Orange County Superior Court, Case No.: 30-2024-01406001-CU-OE-CXC

Dear <<FIRST NAME>> <<LAST NAME>>:

Enclosed you will find a check made payable to you. This is your payment from the settlement of the lawsuit entitled Elizabeth Borie, on behalf of the State of California v. Gorjana & Griffin, Inc., Orange County Superior Court, Case No.: 30-2024-01406001-CU-OE-CXC (the “Action”).

This Notice relates to the settlement of the Action filed by Plaintiff Elizabeth Borie (“Plaintiff”) against Defendant Gorjana & Griffin, Inc. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff and Defendant have settled the Action as a representative action under California’s Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*) (“PAGA”) on behalf of the State of California and all persons who are or were employed by Defendant as hourly paid, non-exempt employees in the State of California at any time from April 7, 2023, through November 10, 2025 (the “PAGA Period”). A PAGA action is a lawsuit for civil penalties in which the State of California (the LWDA) receives 75% of any net settlement, and 25% of the net settlement is distributed amongst the employees. You have been identified as one of the individuals on whose behalf the case was brought.

The Plaintiff in the Action claimed that Defendant owed penalties under PAGA for alleged violations of the California Labor Code. More specifically, Plaintiff alleged Defendant violated the California Labor Code and Wage Orders for failure to: (1) pay overtime compensation, (2) pay minimum wages, (3) provide meal periods or pay meal premiums, (4) provide rest periods or pay rest premiums, (5) pay timely wages, (6) pay all wages at the time of separation of employment, (7) provide accurate and complete wage statements, (8) maintain accurate payroll records, (9) maintain records relating to supplemental COVID-19 sick leave; (10) pay supplemental COVID-19 sick pay, (11) reimburse necessary business expenses, (12) provide notice of wage theft pursuant to Labor Code Section 2810.5, (13) provide all documents signed or obtained for purposes of employment, and (14) provide employment records pursuant to Labor Code Sections 226 and 1198.5.

You are not releasing any individual Labor Code violations as a result of this settlement.

The Court has not ruled on the merits of the lawsuit, but it has approved the settlement amount the parties agreed to. The settlement provides for payment by Defendant in the amount of \$400,000 (“Gross Settlement Amount”). After deducting the

attorneys' fees (\$133,333.33), actual litigation costs (\$20,000), the service award to Plaintiff (\$5,000) and the Settlement Administrator's costs (\$4,000) from the Gross Settlement Amount, the remaining balance represents the Net Settlement Fund.

The Court has approved a Net Settlement Fund in the amount of \$237,666.67, consistent with California Labor Code § 2699(i), which shall be allocated seventy-five percent (75%) to the LWDA and twenty-five percent (25%) to Aggrieved Employees. Accordingly, \$178,250 shall be paid to the LWDA, and \$59,416.67 shall be paid to Aggrieved Employees who were allegedly affected by the Labor Code violations at issue in the case. Pursuant to the settlement, enclosed is a check for your share of a portion of the civil penalties.

You are not a party to this lawsuit, but you and the government will be bound by the judgment in this matter as to civil penalties. As such, you will be giving up or "releasing" Defendant from all PAGA claims predicated on the alleged violation of Labor Code Sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 246, 248.1, 248.2, 248.6, 248.7, 432, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1198, 1198.5, 2698, 2699, 2802, 2810.5, and IWC Wage Orders Sections 4-2001 and 7-2001, Sections 3, 4, 7, 11, 12, only, that arose during the period of time from April 7, 2023, through November 10, 2025.

Defendant maintains that it complied with the requirements of the California Labor Code and denies that it owes any penalties. In agreeing to this settlement, Defendant does not admit that it is liable in any way to current or former employees.

If you are a current employee, you will not be retaliated against by Defendant for cashing your check.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Settlement Administrator, [[redacted]] at [administrator phone number], or contact Plaintiff's counsel below:

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THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN EXPRESSION OF ANY OPINION BY THE COURT AS TO THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS OR DEFENSES BY EITHER SIDE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT REGARDING THIS CASE.