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11	V.	FEES, EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARDS; MEMORANDUM OF LAW
12	APPLE, INC., <i>et al.</i> ,	IN SUPPORT THEREOF
13	Defendants.	Dept.: Courtroom 4 – 5th Floor Judge: Honorable Edward J. Davila
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NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION

2 TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., in Courtroom 4 of the 4 United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Robert F. Peckham Federal 5 Building and U.S. Courthouse, 280 South First Street, San Jose, California 95113, the Honorable Edward J. Davila presiding, Plaintiffs Michel Polston, Nancy Martin, Maria Rodriguez, and 6 Andrew Hagene (collectively, "Plaintiffs"),¹ will and do hereby move for an Order pursuant to 7 8 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(h)(1) and 54(d)(2) to award: (i) attorneys' fees to Class 9 Counsel equal to just under one third of the non-reversionary \$35 million Settlement fund ("Settlement Fund"), or \$11.65 million²; (ii) unreimbursed litigation expenses paid by each firm 10 to the litigation fund and each firm's individual unreimbursed litigation expenses totaling 11 12 \$546,657.27; and (iii) Service Awards of \$10,000 for each of the four named Plaintiffs, totaling 13 \$40,000.

The Motion is based upon this Notice of Motion, the Memorandum of Law set forth below,
the accompanying Joint Declaration of Joseph P. Guglielmo, Nyran Rose Rasche, and Anthony F.
Fata, and the individual Declarations of Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP, Cafferty Clobes
Meriwether & Sprengel LLP, and Kirby McInerney LLP, and all exhibits attached thereto, the
pleadings and filings in this Action, and such other matters and arguments as the Court may
consider at the hearing of this Motion.

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On June 13, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a Notice of Suggestion of Death of Plaintiff Michael
 Rodriguez. ECF No. 272. Prior to Mr. Rodriguez's death, the parties had agreed that only a single
 service award would be sought for the Rodriguez Plaintiffs in connection with their joint claim,
 and that the award would be sought in the name of Maria Rodriguez. *See id.*

All capitalized words and terms are defined in the Class Action Settlement and Release
 Agreement ("Settlement Agreement"), ECF No. 266-2, unless otherwise defined herein.

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1		STATEMENT OF ISSUES TO BE DECIDED
2	1.	Whether the Court should approve Class Counsel's request for an award of
3		attorneys' fees in an amount \$11.65 million, or just under one-third of the
4		Settlement Fund;
5	2.	Whether the Court should approve Class Counsel's request for \$546,657.27 for
6		reimbursement of in out-of-pocket litigation expenses reasonably and necessarily
7		incurred in furtherance of this Action;
8	3.	Whether the Court should approve Service Awards of \$10,000 to each of the four
9		named Plaintiffs for their time and effort in pursuing this Action.
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MEMORANDUM OF LAW

2 Plaintiffs Michel Polston, Nancy Martin, Maria Rodriguez, and Andrew Hagene and Court-3 appointed Class Counsel respectfully submit this Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiffs' 4 Motion for an award of attorneys' fees of \$11.65 million, or just under one-third of the Settlement 5 Fund, reimbursement of out-of-pocket litigation expenses in the amount of \$546,657.27, and Service Awards of \$10,000 to each of the four named Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel 6 7 submit this Memorandum pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(h) and 54(d)(2) and the 8 Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement in Barrett v. Apple Inc. 9 et al., Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD, 2024 WL 2927182 (N.D. Cal. May 16, 2024) ("Preliminary 10 Approval Order"). Plaintiffs also submit the Joint Declaration of Joseph P. Guglielmo, Nyran 11 Rose Rasche, and Anthony F. Fata ("Joint Decl."), and the individual Declarations of Scott+Scott 12 Attorneys at Law LLP, Cafferty Clobes Meriwether & Sprengel LLP, and Kirby McInerney LLP 13 ("Indiv. Decls.") in compliance with Civil Local Rule 54-5(b) in support of this Motion and to 14 address the various factors referenced under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23 and 54.2(f).

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I. **INTRODUCTION**

16 After more than three years of litigation and more than six months of active settlement 17 negotiations, Class Counsel successfully obtained a Settlement that provides meaningful relief to 18 the proposed Class and a remarkable resolution of this trailblazing Action, which is the first of its 19 kind to be filed and the first to provide relief to victims of gift card scams. Class Counsel is 20 unaware of any prior class action settlement that obtained a recovery for victims of gift card scams. 21 The Settlement provides that Apple will pay \$35 million into a non-reversionary Settlement Fund 22 from which Settlement Class Members can be made whole, potentially receiving 100% of the 23 amount they were defrauded into paying for Apple App Store and iTunes gift cards. Class Counsel 24 vigorously litigated this case and achieved an excellent result for the Settlement Class.

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In recognition of the dedicated and substantial work performed for the Class and the 26 extraordinary result achieved, Class Counsel request that the Court approve the requested 27 attorneys' fee award of just under one-third of the Settlement Fund, in the amount of \$11.65 million

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1 (plus interest earned), litigation expenses totaling \$546,657.27, and Service Awards of \$10,000 2 for each of the four named Plaintiffs.

As set forth below, an award of approximately one-third of the Settlement Fund is 3 4 reasonable and appropriate under Ninth Circuit authority based on the exceptional results achieved 5 for the Settlement Class, and the fact that it represents a negative multiplier, utilizing Class 6 Counsel's historical hourly rates that have previously been approved by courts in this District and 7 elsewhere.

8 Although an award of 25% of a common fund is the benchmark for attorneys' fee awards 9 in this District, exceptional circumstances present in this first-of-its-kind litigation support 10 approval of an upward adjustment to just under one-third of the Settlement Fund. "The benchmark 11 percentage should be adjusted, or replaced by a lodestar calculation, when special circumstances 12 indicate that the percentage recovery would be either too small or too large in light of the hours 13 devoted to the case or other relevant factors." Six (6) Mexican Workers v. Arizona Citrus Growers, 14 904 F.2d 1301, 1311 (9th Cir. 1990); see also In re Google Location History Litig, Case No. 5:18-15 cv-05062-EJD, 2024 WL 1975462, at *14 (N.D. Cal. May 3, 2024). As discussed below, the 16 quality of the result achieved in this ground-breaking litigation and the existence of considerable 17 litigation risk support the fee requested. Moreover, the fee request of just under one-third of the 18 Settlement Fund is reasonable and warranted when considered under the applicable standards and 19 is well within the normal range of awards made in contingent-fee consumer class actions in this 20 Circuit. See Section III, infra. Plaintiffs' objective in filing the lawsuit was to remedy the harm 21 caused to Plaintiffs and the Class. The Settlement achieves that goal by providing Class Members 22 the opportunity to be made whole.

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Also, reimbursement of Class Counsel's litigation expenses should be approved as such 24 expenses, which include costs for discovery, experts, travel, and mediation, were reasonable and 25 necessary in litigating the Action. These expenses are reasonable in light of the work performed 26 in the case and the complexity and duration of this Action. See Section II, infra.

27 Lastly, the Service Awards are reasonable given named Plaintiffs' active and ongoing 28 involvement and assistance with prosecution of this Action. Plaintiffs made public the details of

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the scams they suffered, put their personal and financial lives at issue, spent considerable time
assisting with discovery, sat for depositions, provided documents and other information about their
specific experiences, reviewed pleadings, and consistently communicated with Class Counsel to
remain informed of case developments. Moreover, such awards have been previously approved
by courts in this District and Circuit as appropriate for this type of action. *See* Section III, *infra*.
Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel respectfully request that the Court grant the
Motion.

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II. FACTUAL & PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

9 Co-lead Class Counsel Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP ("Scott+Scott"), Cafferty Clobes 10 Meriwether & Sprengel LLP ("Cafferty Clobes"), and Kirby McInerney LLP ("Kirby McInerney") 11 have devoted more than four years to this case on a fully contingent basis at the sacrifice of other 12 fee-generating work. As detailed below, Class Counsel expended considerable time and resources 13 on this Action, including an extensive factual and legal investigation into the potential claims, 14 drafting and amending the pleadings, engaging in extensive discovery, including hard-fought 15 discovery disputes before the Magistrate Judge, and engaging in lengthy and contentious 16 settlement negotiations leading to the Settlement. Class Counsel took significant risks and through 17 their efforts were able to negotiate and present this exceptional Settlement for approval by the 18 Court whereby Settlement Class Members can potentially obtain 100% of the amounts they were 19 defrauded. A description of Class Counsel's work in this litigation follows.

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A. Investigation and Filing

21 In late 2019, a victim of an iTunes gift card scam contacted Class Counsel seeking 22 assistance. Class Counsel spent months investigating the nature and scope of the scam, Apple's 23 role and refusal to issue refunds, and the resulting damages to victims of the scam. Class Counsel 24 researched potential claims and remedies available to victims, and ultimately drafted a Class Action Complaint and filed this first-of-its kind action on July 17, 2020. The complaint alleges 25 26 that unwitting consumers were tricked by third-party scammers into purchasing Apple App Store 27 and iTunes gift cards and providing the cards' redemption codes to scammers, and that Defendants 28 Apple, Inc. and Apple Value Services, LLC ("Defendants" or "Apple"), knowingly kept the money

stolen from the victims of those gift card scams and unconscionably and unlawfully refused to
 issue refunds to the victims. *See generally* ECF No. 1.

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B. Motions to Dismiss and to Stay Discovery

4 On October 8, 2020, Apple filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' initial complaint, ECF No. 5 33, which Plaintiffs opposed. ECF No. 39. While that motion was pending, Apple filed a motion 6 to stay discovery. ECF No. 36. Plaintiffs successfully opposed the motion to stay discovery, 7 which was denied on October 22, 2020. ECF Nos. 37-38. On March 4, 2021, the Court granted 8 Apple's motion to dismiss in full. ECF No. 51. Plaintiffs sought and obtained leave to amend to 9 add new claims and parties, ECF Nos. 54 and 58. On April 14, 2021, Plaintiffs filed the First 10 Amended Class Action Complaint amending the allegations, adding new claims, and adding 11 additional named Plaintiffs. ECF No. 59.

12 Following a second round of Rule 12(b)(6) briefing, the Court issued an Order on June 13, 13 2022, sustaining certain claims. ECF No. 97. Specifically, the Court denied Defendants' motion 14 to dismiss the following claims: (1) California Penal Code §496 for concealing and withholding 15 stolen property as to the Contact Subclass; (2) common law conversion for exercising dominion 16 and control over that stolen property as to the Contact Subclass; (3) claims under the California 17 Consumer Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") and Unfair Competition Law ("UCL") as to the 18 Nationwide Class; and (4) claims for declaratory judgment as to the Nationwide class. Id. 19 Following a ruling from the Supreme Court of California on an issue relevant to this Action, Class 20 Counsel sought leave to file a motion for reconsideration and briefed and presented argument on 21 a novel legal issue relating to California Penal Code §496. See ECF Nos. 134, 167, and 232. Class 22 Counsel demonstrated creativity, determination, and expertise against a resolute defense at every 23 stage of this Action.

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C. Discovery Efforts on Behalf of the Class

Discovery in this Action was contentious and lasted approximately three years. Plaintiffs served multiple sets of Requests for Production of documents and structured data, totaling 30 requests, 11 interrogatories, and 52 requests for admission. Defendants propounded separate sets of discovery on each named Plaintiff, and Plaintiffs thus responded in total to approximately 192

interrogatories and 152 document requests. The Parties engaged in dozens of meet and confers
 and exchanged frequent discovery correspondence. Plaintiffs also served and negotiated a Rule
 30(b)(6) notice, took depositions of ten Apple witnesses under Rule 30(b)(6), Rule 30(b)(1), or
 both, and served and negotiated several third-party discovery requests, including FOIA requests
 to various government agencies and subpoenas to Apple business partners known as integrators.

6 Motion practice relating to the Parties' discovery was hard fought (see ECF Nos. 138, 141, 7 144-45, 201) and included briefing and multiple rounds of oral argument before the Honorable 8 Virginia DeMarchi (see, e.g., ECF Nos. 158, 213), one of which lasted appoximately two hours 9 and required the courtroom to be cleared so that Plaintiffs could seek to compel production of 10 several categories of confidential documents and structured electronic data. Joint Decl., ¶17. 11 Apple ultimately produced, and Plaintiffs reviewed, hundreds of thousands of pages of documents 12 and several sets of structured electronic data. *Id.*, ¶20. Apple also served and supplemented useful 13 substantive responses to several of Plaintiffs' interrogatories. Id. As fact discovery came to a 14 close, at the Court's direction, Plaintiffs successfully negotiated with Apple a stipulation and 15 proposed order deferring certain categories of information until after a ruling on class certification. 16 ECF Nos. 204-05. In sum, the discovery period in this case was lengthy, complex, and contentious, 17 but ultimately productive.

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D. Motion for Class Certification

19 Prior to mediation, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Class Certification with extensive 20 supporting documentation. ECF No. 237. Moving for class certification was a significant 21 endeavor, which required consulting with and retaining two expert witnesses and preparation of a 22 coordinated, partially under-seal filing of the motion itself, two expert reports, and a compendium 23 of supporting evidence. Preparation of the class certification papers required Class Counsel to 24 devote multiple attorneys virtually full time to this action in the weeks leading up to the deadline. 25 Once filed, Plaintiffs scheduled dates for the two experts' depositions and began preparing for 26 mediation.

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Mediation and Settlement Administration Efforts on Behalf of the Class

2 The Parties achieved Settlement despite opposite views on the merits. On July 28, 2023, 3 the Parties attended a full-day, in-person mediation in California before Randall W. Wulff, of 4 Wulff Quinby Sochynsky. Joint Decl., ¶23. Prior to the mediation, the Parties prepared and 5 exchanged detailed written submissions regarding their positions. Joint Decl., ¶24. The session 6 ended with a Mediator's Proposal outlining the general terms of a settlement. Id. It then took 7 several months of negotiations to draft and reach agreement on a term sheet, followed by additional 8 months spent drafting and finalizing the long-form settlement agreement. Id., ¶25. The Parties 9 also negotiated and agreed on a list of candidates for the role of settlement administrator, developed 10 a detailed request for proposals which outlined many details of the notice plan, and reviewed and 11 negotiated the resulting submissions before jointly selecting the administrator. Ultimately, the 12 Parties completed their negotiations and execution of the long-form Settlement Agreement on 13 April 1, 2024. Id.

On April 2, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement
supported by declarations of counsel and the Settlement Administrator, KCC Class Action
Services LLC ("KCC"). ECF No. 266. On May 16, 2024, the Court granted preliminary approval
of the Settlement, provisionally certified the Settlement Class, and approved the Notice Plan. ECF
No. 269. The Court established July 15, 2024, as the beginning of the notice period and October
15, 2024, as the deadline for objections to the Settlement. *Id.*

Following preliminary approval, KCC began to implement the Settlement notice program. *See, e.g.*, www.giftcardscamsettlement.com. Class Counsel has been monitoring weekly activity reports and communicating with KCC concerning class member inquiries, technical updates, the functionality of the toll-free support lines, and data on submitted claims. Class Counsel expects that this process will continue as the administration progresses and until disbursement of Settlement funds is complete. Joint Decl., ¶31.

26 III. THE ATTORNEYS' FEE REQUEST SHOULD BE APPROVED

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A. Legal Standards Governing the Award of Attorneys' Fees

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The Supreme Court "has recognized consistently that a litigant or a lawyer who recovers a

1 common fund for the benefit of persons other than himself or his client is entitled to a reasonable 2 attorney's fee from the fund as a whole." Boeing Co. v. Van Gemert, 444 U.S. 472, 478 (1980); 3 see also, e.g., Harrison v. Bank of Am. Corp., No. 19 Civ. 0316, 2021 WL 5507175, at *8 (N.D. 4 Cal. Nov. 24, 2021) ("When counsel recovers a common fund that confers a 'substantial benefit' 5 on a class of beneficiaries, counsel is 'entitled to recover their attorney's fees from the fund."") 6 (quoting Fischel v. Equitable Life Assurance Soc'y, 307 F.3d 997, 1006 (9th Cir. 2002)); see also 7 Williamson v. Microsemi Corp., No. 14 Civ. 01827-LHK, 2015 WL 13650045, at *1 (N.D. Cal. 8 Feb. 19, 2015) ("When counsel's efforts result in the creation of a common fund that benefits a 9 class, counsel have an equitable right to be compensated from that fund as a whole."). If the 10 Settlement is approved, Settlement Class Members will receive distributions from the non-11 reversionary Settlement Fund of \$35 million generated by the efforts of Class Counsel. Paying 12 reasonable attorneys' fees of just under one-third of the Settlement Fund compensates Class 13 Counsel for bringing and prosecuting the action. Moreover, as discussed below, an attorneys' fee 14 of approximately one-third of the Settlement Fund would result in a negative multiplier on Class 15 Counsel's lodestar, which further demonstrates that the rquest is fair and reasonable.

16 Where a settlement produces a common fund for the benefit of the entire class, courts have 17 discretion to employ either the lodestar method or the percentage-of-recovery method to determine 18 whether the requested fees are reasonable. The percentage-of-the-fund method is commonly 19 applied to common fund settlements. See In re Bluetooth Headset Prod. Liab. Litig., 654 F.3d 20 935, 942 (9th Cir. 2011) ("[b]ecause the benefit to the class is easily quantified in common-fund 21 settlements, ... courts [may] award attorneys a percentage of the common fund in lieu of the often 22 more time-consuming task of calculating the lodestar"); see also Thomas v. MagnaChip 23 Semiconductor Corp., No. 14 Civ. 1160, 2018 WL 2234598, at *3 (N.D. Cal. May 15, 2018). This 24 method allows courts to focus on the benefits conferred to the class and the results of the efforts 25 of counsel in creating the fund. See In re Korean Air Lines Co., Ltd. Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 26 1891, 2013 WL 7985367, at *1 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 23, 2013) ("The use of the percentage-of-the-fund 27 method in common-fund cases is the prevailing practice in the Ninth Circuit for awarding 28 attorneys' fees and permits the Court to focus on a showing that a fund conferring benefits on a

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class was created through the efforts of plaintiffs' counsel."). When using the percentage method,
courts are also encouraged to conduct a cross-check under the lodestar method to "guard against
an unreasonable result." *Bluetooth Headset*, 654 F.3d at 944; *see also Vizcaino v. Microsoft Corp.*,
290 F.3d 1043, 1050 (9th Cir. 2002) ("Calculation of the lodestar, which measures the lawyers'
investment of time in the litigation, provides a check on the reasonableness of the percentage
award.").

"A district court may depart from the [25%] benchmark" for attorneys' fees calculations
in the Ninth Circuit if it is "'made clear by the district court how it arrives at the figure ultimately
awarded." *Powers v. Eichen*, 229 F.3d 1249, 1256-57 (9th Cir. 2000).³ The percentage awarded
varies depending on the facts of the case, and "in most common fund cases, the award exceeds [the
25%] benchmark." *Knight v. Red Door Salons, Inc.*, No. 08 Civ. 1520, 2009 WL 248367, at *6
(N.D. Cal. Feb. 2, 2009).

13 Courts consider six factors when determining whether a departure from the benchmark is 14 appropriate, including: (1) the extent to which class counsel achieved exceptional results for the 15 class; (2) whether the case was risky for class counsel; (3) whether counsel's performance 16 generated benefits beyond the cash Settlement Fund; (4) the market rate for the particular field of 17 law; (5) the burdens class counsel experienced while litigating the case; and (6) whether the case 18 was handled on a contingency basis. Vizcaino, 290 F.3d at 1048-50; see also Martin v. Marriott 19 Int'l, Inc., No. 18 Civ. 0494, 2021 WL 4888973, at *6 (D. Haw. Oct. 19, 2021). These factors 20 support the requested fee. As discussed herein and in the Joint Declaration, an award of just under 21 one-third of the Settlement Fund is warranted because, among other things, counsel achieved an 22 extraordinary result – the potential for Settlement Class Members to recover 100% of their losses 23 – all in an action that presented an outsized risk of nonpayment due to the novelty of the legal and 24 factual theories. 25

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A Fee Award of Approximately One-Third of the Settlement Fund Is Appropriate

Class Counsel achieved an exceptional result for the Class in a trailblazing action that presented a significant risk of nonpayment due to the novelty of the legal and factual theories. Class Counsel's request for an award of \$11.65 million, or approximately one-third of the common fund, "is within the 'usual range'" of fee awards that Ninth Circuit courts award in common fund cases, and it is reasonable under the factors that courts in this Circuit apply to evaluate a fee award. *Munoz v. Big Bus Tours Ltd.*, No. 18 Civ. 05761, 2020 WL 13533045, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 12, 2020) (citing *Vizcaino*, 290 F.3d at 1047). In support of the upward adjustment from the benchmark, Class Counsel presents a table of cases in which fee awards of one-third were ordered. *See* Appendix A attached hereto.

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1. Class Counsel Achieved an Exceptional Result for the Class

The result achieved is the most important factor to be considered in awarding attorneys' fees. *Hensley v. Eckerhart*, 461 U.S. 424, 436 (1983) ("most critical factor is the degree of success obtained"); *see also In re Omnivision Techs. Inc.*, 559 F. Supp. 2d 1036, 1046 (N.D. Cal. 2008) ("The overall result and benefit to the class from the litigation is the most critical factor in granting a fee award."); *see also* Federal Judicial Center, MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION, §21.71, at 336 (4th ed. 2004) ("[T]he fundamental focus is the result actually achieved for class members.") (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(h) committee note).

Class Counsel achieved a superior result for the Class. Plaintiffs' objective in filing the 20 lawsuit was to remedy the alleged conduct of refusing to refund victims of false pretense gift card 21 scams – and that is the precise result obtained through this Settlement. Class Counsel undertook 22 this case despite greater-than-ordinary risks and demonstrated their commitment to the Class 23 through the advancement of substantial out-of-pocket costs and investment of attorney and staff 24 resources that were commensurate to the challenge of litigating against sophisticated Defendants 25 with virtually unlimited resources. Class Counsel negotiated a Settlement which is likely to 26 provide all Settlement Class Members who submit valid claims with a cash recovery of 100% of 27 their losses. Joint Decl., ¶32. Indeed, the Settlement Fund is equal to approximately 21% of the 28

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1 estimated total actual losses of the Settlement Class, and given anticipated claim rates, victims who file a valid claim will likely recover their full losses. Joint Decl., ¶26. Courts in this Circuit 2 3 and elsewhere have found that settlements achieving a recovery of 20% of damages or less 4 constitute an exceptional result warranting an upward departure from the 25% benchmark. See In 5 re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litig., Master File No. 15-md-02617, 2018 WL 3960068, at *9-10 6 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 8, 2018) (holding that a 14.5% recovery justified a greater than benchmark 7 percentage fee of 27%); In re General Instr. Sec. Litig., 209 F. Supp. 2d 423, 431, 434 (E.D. Pa. 8 2001) (one-third fee awarded from \$48 million settlement fund that was 11% of the plaintiffs' 9 estimated damages); In re Corel Corp., Inc. Sec. Litig., 293 F. Supp. 2d 484, 489-90, 498 (E.D. 10 Pa. 2003) (one-third fee awarded from settlement fund that comprised about 15% of damages); 11 Cullen v. Whitman Medical Corp., 197 F.R.D. 136, 148 (E.D. Pa. 2000) (one-third awarded in fees 12 from settlement of class consisting of defrauded vocational students that was 17% of the tuition 13 the class members paid).

Here, the Settlement provides an exceptional recovery for novel claims for purchasers of
Apple App Store and iTunes gift cards that were victims of gift card scams. The Settlement Fund
ensures that all Settlement Class Members who submit valid claims will receive a cash recovery,
and is large enough that they are likely to recover 100% of their losses. In cases where losses often
total hundreds, thousands, or even tens of thousands of dollars, such a recovery is an exceptional
result that warrants an upward departure from the 25% benchmark.

20 To the extent any settlement funds remain unclaimed, as described in Plaintiffs' Motion 21 for Preliminary Approval (ECF No. 266), and summarized below, the cy pres award of those funds 22 will ensure that the Settlement Fund will not revert back to Defendants. Cy pres distribution in 23 large class actions is not uncommon. See, e.g., In re Google Inc. Street View Electronic 24 Communications Litig., 21 F.4th 1102, 1109 (9th Cir. 2021) (affirming final approval of \$13 25 million settlement distributed entirely as cy pres); Lane v. Facebook, 696 F.3d 811, 819-20 (9th 26 Cir. 2012) (affirming \$9.5 million settlement distributed as cy pres in case with statutory damages 27 available); In re Netflix Privacy Litig., No. 11 Civ. 0379, 2013 WL 1120801, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 28 18, 2013) (approving \$9 million settlement distributed as cy pres); In re Google Buzz Privacy 10

Litig., No. 10 Civ. 672-JW, 2011 WL 7460099, at *4 (N.D. Cal. June 2, 2011) (approving
 settlement creating \$8.5 million *cy pres* fund). If the Settlement is approved, any unclaimed funds
 remaining in the \$35 million Settlement Fund, after payment of Court-awarded notice and
 Settlement administration costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, service awards, and Settlement
 Class Member claims, will be distributed to organizations approved by the Court.

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2. Class Counsel Undertook Substantial Risk in this Litigation

7 The risk associated with litigation is an important factor in determining whether a requested 8 fee award is reasonable. See, e.g., Vizcaino, 290 F.3d at 1048 ("[r]isk is a relevant circumstance" 9 when applying the percentage of the fund method); see also Google Location History, 2024 WL 10 1975462, at *14. Uncertainty that any recovery will ultimately be obtained is highly relevant in 11 determining risk. Id.; see also Ladore v. Ecolab, Inc., No. 11 Civ. 9386, 2013 WL 12246339, at 12 *11 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 12, 2013) ("The risks assumed by [c]lass [c]ounsel, particularly the risk of 13 non-payment or reimbursement of expenses, is a factor in determining counsel's proper fee 14 award."). This includes the risk of advancing costs, as well as the contingent nature of the work 15 performed. Id.

16 Although Plaintiffs believe their case is strong, from the time of filing there has been a 17 great deal of uncertainty as to whether the Court would grant certification, deny a motion for 18 summary judgment, and accept Plaintiffs' damages models. The theory of the case here is unique. 19 Class Counsel are not aware of any similar class action litigation asserting comparable claims that 20 has survived a motion to dismiss or settled. As such, Class Counsel knew at the outset that they 21 would have to present novel factual and legal theories to achieve success. Liability issues were 22 likely from the start to boil down to hotly contested facts and an inherently unpredictable battle of 23 the experts and expenses would be substantial. Given the inherent risks that existed from the outset 24 and the likelihood of protracted litigation, engendering enormous time and monetary expenditure, 25 an upward adjustment from the benchmark is warranted here.

The risk of little or no recovery weighs in favor of the requested fee award. Courts in the
Ninth Circuit have concluded there are considerable risks related to obtaining class certification,
surviving summary judgment, prevailing at trial, and withstanding a potential appeal. *Bower v.*

Cycle Gear, Inc., No. 14 Civ. 02712, 2016 WL 4439875, at *7 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 23, 2016); *see also Destefano v. Zynga, Inc.*, Case No. 12-cv-04007-JSC, 2016 WL 537946, at *17 (N.D. Cal. Feb.
 11, 2016) (noting the "substantial" risk associated with "obtaining [and maintaining] class
 certification"); *Roberti v. OSI Systems, Inc.*, No. 13 Civ. 09174, 2015 WL 8329916, at *6 (C.D.
 Cal. Dec. 8, 2015) (the defendant's "vigorous opposition" represented a "substantial" risk
 weighing in favor of the requested attorney's fees).

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3. The Settlement Required Expertise and Exemplary Performance

8 Class Counsel's expertise and the exemplary performance they brought to bear in this case 9 also favor granting the requested fee award. Class Counsel have decades of relevant expertise in 10 high-profile consumer and financial class actions. *See, e.g.*, Joint Decl., ¶¶42-49 (describing 11 consumer class action cases). Class Counsel's expertise in consumer class actions was critical to 12 the prosecution of this Action. Class Counsel's expertise in class action litigation also resulted 13 in timely identification and retention of the types of experts necessary to support a class 14 certification filing.

15 The quality of Class Counsel's representation is reflected in the work they performed 16 throughout the case and, ultimately, in the favorable Settlement for Plaintiffs and the Class. See 17 generally Joint Decl. "The 'prosecution and management of a complex national class action 18 requires unique legal skills and abilities." Omnivision, 559 F. Supp. 2d at 1047; see also Wallace 19 v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., No. 08 Civ. 1463, 2015 WL 13284517, at *9 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 20 17, 2015) (noting customary factors reflecting counsel's skill such as developing the facts and 21 legal claims, conducting discovery, reviewing documents, retaining experts, motion practice, and 22 negotiating and drafting the settlement).

As discussed above, the Settlement was difficult to achieve. Over the course of three years,
Class Counsel prosecuted the Class's claims against a resolute defense and aggressively pursued
discovery, reviewing and analyzing hundreds of thousands of internal documents from Apple.
Joint Decl., ¶¶15-20. These efforts put Class Counsel in the best possible position to negotiate a
favorable resolution for the Class. *See generally id.*; *see also Barbosa v. Cargill Meat Solutions Corp.*, 297 F.R.D. 431, 449 (E.D. Cal. 2013) (class counsel used their "specialized skill" in the

1 particular area of law which represented an asset to class members and weighed in favor of the fee 2 request); Omnivision, 559 F. Supp. 2d at 1047 (explaining that the fact that plaintiffs' case 3 withstood a motion to dismiss, "despite other weaknesses, is some testament to Lead Counsel's 4 skill" and that "[t]his factor also supports the requested fee"); In re Heritage Bond Litig., No. 02– 5 ML-1475 DT, 2005 WL 1594403, at *19 (C.D. Cal. June 10, 2005) (finding fact investigation, 6 detailed complaints, extensive motion practice, and review of numerous documents demonstrated 7 class counsel's legal skills); In re Lenovo Adware Litig., No. 15-md-02624-HSG, 2019 WL 8 1791420, at *8 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 24, 2019) (noting favorable result given that the case had "been 9 actively litigated for the past four years, and required complex legal and factual research and 10 analysis by Class Counsel").

11 The quality of opposing counsel also should be considered when evaluating Class 12 Counsel's performance. See In re American Apparel, Inc. S'holder Litig., No. 10 Civ. 6352, 2014 13 WL 10212865, at *22 (C.D. Cal. July 28, 2014) ("In addition to the difficulty of the legal and 14 factual issues raised, the court should also consider the quality of opposing counsel as a measure 15 of the skill required to litigate the case successfully.") (citing Wing v. Asarco Inc., 114 F.3d 986, 16 989 (9th Cir. 1997)). Apple, a defendant with virtually unlimited resources, was represented in 17 this case by two renowned national law firms; first by Jenner & Block LLP, and then by Weil, 18 Gotshal & Manges LLP. Each firm is highly respected and known for exemplary litigation skills, 19 significant resources, and extensive experience defending consumer class actions. Clearly, this 20 factor weighs in favor of the requested fee award. See Heritage Bond, 2005 WL 1594403, at *20 21 ("[P]laintiffs in this litigation were opposed by highly skilled and respected counsel with well-22 deserved local and nationwide reputations for vigorous advocacy in the defense of their clients.").

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4. The Requested Fee Is Consistent with Those Awarded in Similar Cases

Fee awards in class actions with contingency risks such as this one routinely reflect multipliers of counsel's lodestar to account for the possibility of non-payment. *See Rihn v. Acadia Pharms. Inc.*, No. 15 Civ. 0575, 2018 WL 513448, at *6 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 22, 2018) ("Courts have 'routinely enhanced the lodestar to reflect the risk of non-payment in common fund cases'"

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because, in doing so, it provides a "financial incentive to accept contingent-fee cases which may 1 produce nothing."); see also Hopkins v. Stryker Sales Corp., No. 11 Civ. 2786, 2013 WL 496358, 2 3 at *4 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 6, 2013) ("Multipliers of 1 to 4 are commonly found to be appropriate in 4 complex class action cases."); Buccellato v. AT & T Operations, Inc., No. 10 Civ. 0463, 2011 5 WL3348055, at *2 (N.D. Cal. June 30, 2011) (awarding fee representing 4.3 multiplier). Here, 6 the negative multiplier supports the reasonableness of the under one-third fee. See In re Portal 7 Software, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 03 Civ. 5138, 2007 WL 4171201, at *16 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 26, 2007) 8 ("negative multiplier suggests that the percentage-based amount is reasonable and fair").

9 Courts have held that an upward adjustment from the benchmark to one-third of a common 10 fund is appropriate where the percentage of recovery for class members represented an exceptional 11 result. See In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litig., No. 14-md-02521-WHO, 2018 WL 4620695, at *1 12 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 20, 2018) (awarding one-third of \$105 million settlement under the percentage 13 method); Waldbuesser v. Northrop Grumman Corp., No. 06 Civ. 6213, 2017 WL 9614818, at *2-14 3 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 24, 2017) (awarding one-third fee where counsel recovered 40% of damages 15 under the percentage method and noting "the exceptional result achieved in this action justifies an 16 attorney fee award of one-third of the settlement fund"). Indeed, fee awards in common fund 17 settlements of comparable size regularly reach one-third of the settlement fund. See, e.g., 18 *Omnivision*, 559 F. Supp. 2d at 1047 ("in most common fund cases, the award exceeds that [25%] 19 benchmark"); In re Mego Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig., 213 F.3d 454, 463 (9th Cir. 2000), as amended 20 (June 19, 2000) (affirming fee award of one-third of common fund); Carlin v. DairyAmerica, Inc., 21 380 F. Supp. 3d 998, 1022 (E.D. Cal. 2019), appeal dismissed sub nom. Carlin v. Spooner, 808 F. 22 App'x 571 (9th Cir. 2020) (awarding one-third of \$40 million recovery, and citing cases in 23 support); Lidoderm, 2018 WL 4620695, at *1 (awarding one-third of \$105 million settlement); 24 Patel v. Trans Union, LLC, No. 14 Civ. 0522, 2018 WL 1258194, at *12 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 11, 2018) 25 (awarding one-third of settlement fund); Lusby v. GameStop Inc., No. 12 Civ. 3783, 2015 WL 26 1501095, at *9 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 31, 2015) (awarding one-third of common fund); Smith v. CRST 27 Van Expedited, Inc., No. 10 Civ. 1116, 2013 WL 163293, at *5 (S.D. Cal. Jan. 14, 2013) ("Under 28 the percentage method, California has recognized that most fee awards based on either a lodestar 14

or percentage calculation are 33 percent") (citing *In re Consumer Privacy Cases*, 175 Cal. App.
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The Burdens Class Counsel Experienced Favor the Requested Fee

4 This factor considers burdens such as the cost of litigation, duration, and foregoing other 5 work. Vizcaino, 290 F.3d at 1048-50. Class Counsel incurred substantial costs in attorney time and litigation expenses, as detailed in the Joint Decl., ¶¶54-55. These costs include, but are not 6 7 limited to, the months of research prior to bringing the Action, actively litigating this action for 8 nearly three years – at times, requiring attorneys to work exclusively on the Action – billing 9 thousands of hours researching and drafting the legal claims, propounding and responding to 10 numerous sets of discovery, reviewing documents, briefing arguments, preparing for and taking 11 depositions, working with experts, and arguing before this Court. See id. The meet-and-confer 12 process during discovery took hundreds of hours of attorney time, as did the deposition process, 13 the class-certification process, and many other aspects of the case, with no guarantee that the time 14 or expenses would ever be recouped. See id., ¶34. At all times, Class Counsel had to forego 15 significant other work to ensure that proper resources could be dedicated to this Action. Therefore, 16 this factor supports the reasonableness of Class Counsel's requested fee award.

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6. The Case Was Handled on a Fully-Contingent Basis for Years

18 The Ninth Circuit has long recognized that the public interest is served by rewarding 19 attorneys who assume representation on a contingent basis to compensate them for the risk that 20 they might be paid nothing at all for their work. In re Washington Public Power Supply Sys. Sec. 21 Litig., 19 F.3d 1291, 1299 (9th Cir. 1994) ("Contingent fees that may far exceed the market value 22 of the services if rendered on a non-contingent basis are accepted in the legal profession as a 23 legitimate way of assuring competent representation for plaintiffs who could not afford to pay on 24 an hourly basis regardless whether they win or lose."); Vizcaino, 290 F.3d at 1051 (courts reward 25 successful class counsel in contingency cases "for taking the risk of nonpayment by paying them 26 a premium over their normal hourly rates"). "[W]hen counsel takes cases on a contingency fee 27 basis, and litigation is protracted, the risk of non-payment after years of litigation justifies a 28 significant fee award." Bellinghausen v. Tractor Supply Co., 306 F.R.D. 245, 261 (N.D. Cal.

1 2015). "This substantial outlay, when there is a risk that none of it will be recovered, further 2 supports the award of the requested fees." In re Nexus 6P Products Liability Litig., No. 17 Civ. 3 02185, 2019 WL 6622842, at *13 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 12, 2019) (quoting Omnivision, 559 F. Supp. 4 2d at 1047). "Courts have long recognized that the public interest is served by rewarding attorneys 5 who assume representation on a contingent basis with an enhanced fee to compensate them for the risk that they might be paid nothing at all for their work." Ching v. Siemens Industry, Inc., No. 11 6 7 Civ. 04838, 2014 WL 2926210, at *8 (N.D. Cal. June 27, 2014); see also Washington Public 8 *Power Supply Sys.*, 19 F.3d at 1299 ("It is an established practice in the private legal market to 9 reward attorneys for taking the risk of non-payment by paying them a premium over their normal 10 hourly rates for winning contingency cases."). "A contingent fee must be higher than a fee for the 11 same legal services paid as they are performed. The contingent fee compensates the lawyer not 12 only for the legal services he renders but for the loan of those services." Ladore, 2013 WL 13 12246339, at *11.

Class Counsel undertook this action on an entirely contingent basis, assuming an outsized
risk that the litigation would yield little to no recovery and leave them uncompensated for their
time and substantial out-of-pocket expenses. Joint Decl., ¶34. Indeed, to date, Class Counsel have
received no compensation for their efforts or expenditures. *Id.* Accordingly, the fully contingent
nature of the representation here also strongly supports the requested fee.

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IV. A LODESTAR CROSS-CHECK SUPPORTS THE FEE REQUEST

20 Although not required, courts often perform a "cross-check" of the percentage fee award 21 against the applicable lodestar to confirm the reasonableness of the percentage award. See 22 Bluetooth Headset, 654 F.3d at 944-45; see also Martin, 2021 WL 4888973, at *7 n.6 (noting that 23 where a cross check is used, the court need not "carefully scrutinize the nature of the tasks 24 completed and make any necessary deductions for non-compensable time" included in the 25 lodestar); HCL Partners Ltd. P'ship v. Leap Wireless Int'l, Inc., No. 07 Civ. 2245, 2010 WL 26 4156342, at *2 (S.D. Cal. Oct. 15, 2010) ("Courts have found that a lodestar analysis is not 27 necessary when the requested fee is within the accepted benchmark."). When the lodestar is used 28 only as a cross-check, the "focus is not on the 'necessity and reasonableness of every hour' of the

1 lodestar, but on the broader question of whether the fee award appropriately reflects the degree of 2 time and effort expended by the attorneys." In re Tyco Int'l, Ltd. Multidistrict Litig., 535 F. Supp. 3 2d 249, 270 (D.N.H. 2007); see In re Am. Apparel, Inc. S'holder Litig., No. 10 Civ. 6352, 2014 4 WL 10212865, at *23 (C.D. Cal. July 28, 2014). The lodestar cross check routinely confirms 5 multipliers of the lodestar because of the risk of losing, an ever-present risk of contingency litigation. See Vizcaino, 290 F.3d at 1051 (stating that "courts have routinely enhanced the 6 7 lodestar to reflect the risk of non-payment in common fund cases" and noting that "[t]his mirrors 8 the established practice in the private legal market of rewarding attorneys for taking the risk of 9 nonpayment by paying them a premium over their normal hourly rates for winning contingency 10 cases").

11 Here, even at historical rates, Class Counsel's requested fee already has a negative 12 multiplier of .99, and that multiplier will continue to go down as Class Counsel continues to 13 perform work in connection with obtaining final approval and administering the Settlement. See, 14 e.g., Portal Software, 2007 WL 4171201, at *16 ("negative multiplier suggests that the percentage-15 based amount is reasonable and fair"); Covillo v. Specialtys Cafe, No. 11 Civ. 0594, 2014 WL 16 954516, at *7 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 6, 2014) ("Plaintiffs' requested fee award is approximately 65% of 17 the lodestar, which means that the requested fee award results in a so-called negative multiplier, 18 suggesting that the percentage of the fund is reasonable and fair."); Zyda v. Four Seasons Hotels 19 and Resorts, No. 16 Civ. 0591, 2020 WL 9762910, at *3 (D. Haw. Apr. 1, 2020) ("negative lode-20 star [] further supports the reasonableness of attorneys' fees requested in this matter") (emphasis 21 in original). As noted, significant additional work is anticipated in connection with final approval 22 and claims administration.

As of July 31, 2024, Class Counsel spent 16,622.5 hours litigating the Action, resulting in
a lodestar of \$11,701,465 based on historical, standard hourly rates of counsel. *See* Joint Decl.,
¶38. The hours billed in this matter were spent, *inter alia*, drafting pleadings and briefs, engaging
in party and third-party discovery, and negotiating the Settlement. *See generally id*. Class Counsel
billed at their standard hourly rates, which have been accepted by courts in this Circuit and
elsewhere. *See Google Location History*, 2024 WL 1975462, at *15 (approving hourly rates from

1 \$550 to \$1,300 for partners, \$420 to \$710 for associates, and \$535 for paralegals). Class Counsel's rates are within the range of reasonable fees for attorneys working on sophisticated class action 2 3 litigation and have also been approved by courts in this District. See, e.g., In re Vaxart, Inc. 4 Securities Litig., No. 20 Civ. 59490, ECF No. 274 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 25, 2023) (approving fee award 5 with Scott+Scott's rates ranging from \$795 to \$1,395 for partners or senior counsel, \$595 to \$750 6 for associates, and roughly \$395 for paralegals); Steamship Trade Ass'n of Balt. - Int'l 7 Longshoremen's Ass'n Pension Fund v. Olo Inc., No. 1:22-cv-08228 (S.D.N.Y. June 11, 2024), 8 ECF Nos. 123-2, 125-5 (approving fee award with Scott+Scott's rates ranging from \$1,150 to 9 \$1,975 for partners or senior counsel, \$525 to \$675 for associates, and roughly \$435 for 10 paralegals); In re Foreign Exch. Benchmark Rates Antitrust Litig., No. 13 Civ. 7789, 2018 WL 11 5839691, at *5 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 8, 2018) (approving partner rates, including for Class Counsel, of 12 \$630 to \$1,375, and associate rates of \$325 to \$625), aff'd sub nom. Kornell v. Haverhill Ret. Sys., 13 790 F. App'x 296 (2d Cir. 2019); Nielsen v. Walt Disney Parks and Resorts U.S., Inc., No. 8:21-14 cv-02055, ECF Nos. 93-2 and 102 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 4, 2024) (approving Cafferty Clobes' rates of 15 \$700 to \$1,100 for partners, \$525 to \$550 for associates, and \$375 for paralegals); Budicak Inc. v. 16 Lansing Trade Grp., LLC, No. 19-CV-02449, ECF Nos. 369 and 380, 2023 WL 7189144, at *2 17 (D. Kan. June 16, 2023) (approving Cafferty Clobes' rates of \$900 to \$1,100 for partners, \$525 to 18 \$600 for associates, and \$375 for paralegals).; Tim Doyle v. Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc., No. 4:21-19 cv-00987, ECF No. 84 (E.D. Tex. Mar. 29, 2024) (approving Kirby McInerney's rates of \$900 to 20 \$1,250 for partners, \$450 to \$800 for associates, and \$275 to \$300 for paralegals); Macovski v. 21 Groupon, Inc., No. 1:20-cv-02581, ECF No. 129 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 28, 2022) (approving Kirby 22 McInerney rates of \$800 to \$995 for partners, \$350 to \$525 for associates, and \$275 to \$300 for 23 paralegals); In re Libor-Based Financial Instruments Antitrust Litigation, Master File No. 11-md-24 2262, ECF No. 899 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 5, 2024) (approving Kirby McInerney rates of \$900 to \$1,250 25 for partners, \$400 to \$800 for associates, and \$275 to \$300 for paralegals). The lodestar crosscheck 26 weighs strongly in favor of the reasonableness of the requested fee award.

Pursuant to the Court's initial appointment order, Class Counsel maintained
contemporaneous time records and provided monthly reporting of their time that was audited and

1 reviewed on a regular basis, and also performed an additional audit and review in advance of bringing this motion. Joint Decl., ¶39. As summarized in Section II infra, Class Counsel 2 3 performed a significant amount of work in this Action – all of which is reflected in their monthly 4 time reports. See generally Joint Decl. . In total, Class Counsel collectively report approximately 5 16,622.5 hours on this matter through July 31, 2024. Id., ¶38. Class Counsel divided tasks to avoid overlap and unnecessary duplication of efforts. Id., ¶39. Class Counsel continue to devote 6 7 substantial time and resources to this action daily by overseeing the Settlement administration 8 process and will continue to do so until the conclusion of the Settlement's disbursement process, 9 which may take many months depending on the *cy pres* process. Joint Decl., ¶41

Time spent by attorneys and paralegals who worked fewer than 10 hours on the case has
been omitted from the lodestar calculation. Joint Decl., ¶40. Moreover, the time set forth in the
Declarations of Scott+Scott, Cafferty Clobes, and Kirby McInerney, does not include the hundreds
of hours Class Counsel will spend briefing final approval of the Settlement, communicating with
Class members, preparing for and attending the Final Approval hearing on December 12, 2024,
and administering the Settlement, assuming it is approved by the Court. *Id*.

16 All of the totals discussed above are based on Class Counsel's historical billing rates, *i.e.*, 17 the rates in effect at the time the work was performed. Because Class Counsel will have been 18 litigating this case for more than four years by the time they can recover any compensation for 19 their work and expenses, the Court can cross-check the requested fee utilizing a lodestar based on 20 counsel's *current* hourly rates. In re HPL Techs., Inc. Sec. Litig., 366 F. Supp. 2d 912, 919–20 21 (N.D. Cal. 2005) ("For hourly rates, the court will simply use current [] hourly rates; doing so 22 simplifies the calculation and accounts for the time value of money in that lead counsel has not 23 been paid contemporaneously with their work in this case."). If Class Counsel's current hourly 24 rates were applied to all of the time they have already spent litigating this Action, then their total 25 lodestar would be significantly higher, leading to a larger negative multiplier. Just as in the case 26 with Class Counsel's historical rates, the negative multiplier applied to any fee award will continue 27 to go down as Class Counsel continues to work on the case to obtain final approval and administer 28 the Settlement. These facts further support the manifest reasonableness of the fee requested here.

V.

THE REQUESTED LITIGATION EXPENSES ARE REASONABLE

2 Attorneys who create a common fund or benefit for a class are entitled to be reimbursed 3 for their out-of-pocket expenses incurred in creating the fund or benefit, so long as the submitted 4 expenses are reasonable, necessary, and directly related to the prosecution of the action. 5 OmnvVision Techs, 559 F. Supp. 2d at 1048 ("Attorneys may recover their reasonable expenses that would typically be billed to paying clients in non-contingency matters."). Class Counsel have 6 7 incurred \$546,657.27 in unreimbursed litigation expenses, including costs advanced in connection 8 with expert fees, legal research, court reporting services, mediation fees, fees for document review and hosting, and other customary litigation expenses.⁴ Joint Decl., ¶54. See also Indiv. Decls., 9 10 Exs 2 and 3. These expenses were recorded contemporaneously by the respective firms and 11 represent an accurate record of costs and expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution of 12 this Action. Joint Decl., ¶55. The unreimbursed expenses were advanced by Class Counsel on a 13 fully-contingent basis, including, but not limited to, their respective contributions to the litigation 14 fund used to finance the prosecution of this Action. Joint Decl., ¶56.

15 The expenses for which Class Counsel seek reimbursement were reasonably necessary for 16 the prosecution and resolution of this litigation and were incurred by Class Counsel for the benefit 17 of the Class. Courts frequently find such expenses recoverable. See, e.g., In re LendingClub Sec. 18 Litig., No. 16 Civ. 2627, 2018 WL 4586669, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 24, 2018) (expenses such as 19 expert and consultant fees, court fees, travel and lodging costs, legal research fees, and copying 20 expenses were reasonable and recoverable); Thomas, 2018 WL 2234598, at *4 (granting requests 21 for costs consisting of "court fees, online research fees, postage and copying, travel costs, 22 electronic discovery expenses, deposition costs, mediation charges, and travel costs"). 23 Accordingly, the Court should approve Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of reasonable 24 litigation expenses.

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⁴ This amount will be updated at or shortly before the final approval hearing to reflect expenses incurred after July 31, 2024.

VI. THE SERVICE AWARDS ARE WARRANTED

2 "[N]amed plaintiffs, as opposed to designated class members who are not named plaintiffs, are eligible for reasonable incentive payments." Staton v. Boeing Co., 327 F.3d 938, 977 (9th Cir. 3 4 2003). To evaluate the reasonableness of a requested payment, courts should consider "the 5 actions the plaintiff has taken to protect the interests of the class, the degree to which the class has 6 benefitted from those actions, [and] the amount of time and effort the plaintiff expended in 7 pursuing the litigation" Id. "[Incentive] awards are discretionary . . . and are intended to 8 compensate class representatives for work done on behalf of the class, to make up for financial or 9 reputational risk undertaken in bringing the action, and, sometimes, to recognize their willingness 10 to act as a private attorney general." Rodriguez v. W. Publ'g Corp., 563 F.3d 948, 958-59 (9th Cir. 11 2009).

12 Plaintiffs seek Service Awards of \$10,000 each in compensation for their involvement in 13 this Litigation over three years and their service on behalf of other Class Members. Plaintiffs 14 provided tremendous assistance in the prosecution of the litigation, expending numerous hours 15 reviewing drafts of pleadings and discovery responses, participating in telephone calls with Class 16 Counsel, retrieving documents to produce during discovery, responding to several discovery 17 requests from Defendants, preparing for and appearing for their depositions, and reviewing and 18 approving the Settlement. Joint Decl., ¶57. The requested Service Awards will have minimal 19 impact on the amount of settlement funds available to Settlement Class Members. If the Court 20 approves them, the total Service Awards will be \$40,000 which is 0.11% of the Settlement Fund, 21 a ratio that falls well below the range of what has been deemed to be reasonable. See, e.g., In re 22 Online DVD-Rental Antitrust Litigation, 779 F.3d 934, 948 (9th Cir. 2015) (finding incentive 23 awards which made up "a mere .17% of the total settlement fund of \$27,250,000" reasonable and 24 far less than the Ninth Circuit's award of 6% in *Staton*, 327 F.3d at 948-49, 976-77).

Awards of this size are routinely awarded to class representatives in this District and elsewhere. *See Barrett, et al. v. Apple Inc., et al.*, No. 20 Civ. 4812-EJD, Preliminary Approval Hearing at 11:12-14 (opining that the service awards of \$10,000 requested per named plaintiff "is within the ballpark and range of N.D. Cal."); *Nelson v. Avon Products, Inc.*, No. 13 Civ. 2276,

1 2017 WL 733145, at *6-7 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 24, 2017) (finding \$10,000 service award appropriate 2 where plaintiff, inter alia, sat for deposition, searched for relevant documentation, and reviewed documents and settlement papers); Moore v. PetSmart, Inc., No. 12 Civ. 3577-EJD, 2015 WL 3 4 5439000, at *13 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2015) (awarding \$10,000 service awards to named plaintiffs 5 who actively participated in litigation). Therefore, the requested Service Awards are reasonable. 6 VII. **CONCLUSION** 7 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel respectfully request that the Court: (1) approve the request for an award of attorneys' fees of \$11.65 million, or just under one-third 8 9 of the Settlement Fund; (2) approve reimbursement of litigation expenses in the amount of \$546,657.27; and (3) approve Service Awards in the amount of \$10,000 to each of the four named 10 11 Plaintiffs. 12 Dated: September 10, 2024 Respectfully submitted 13 SCOTT+SCOTT ATTORNEYS AT LAW LLP 14 s/ Joseph P. Guglielmo Joseph P. Guglielmo (*pro hac vice*) 15 Amanda M. Rolon (*pro hac vice*) The Helmsley Building 16 230 Park Ave., 24th Floor 17 New York, NY 10169 Telephone: 212-223-6444 18 jguglielmo@scott-scott.com arolon@scott-scott.com 19 SCOTT+SCOTT ATTORNEYS AT LAW LLP 20 Hal D. Cunningham (CA Bar No. 243048) 21 600 W. Broadway, Suite 3300 San Diego, CA 92101 22 Telephone: 619-233-4565 hcunningham@scott-scott.com 23 **CAFFERTY CLOBES MERIWETHER** 24 & SPRENGEL LLP 25 s/ Nyran R. Rasche 26 27 28 22 NOTICE OF MOT. AND MOT. FOR ATTY FEES, EXPENSES, CASE NO. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD

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APPENDIX A

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Attorneys' Fees Awards of One-Third in Comparable Cases

Case Caption	Amount of Settlement	Amount of Fees Awarded
<i>In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litig.</i> , No. 14-md- 02521-WHO, 2018 WL 4620695 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 20, 2018)	\$105 million	\$34.9 million
<i>In re Tezos Sec. Litig.</i> , No. 3:17-cv-06779-RS, 2020 WL 13699946 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 28, 2020)	\$25 million	\$8.3 million
Patel v. Trans Union, LLC, No. 3:14-cv-00522, 2018 WL 1258194 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 11, 2018)	\$8 million	\$2.6 million
<i>Lusby v. GameStop Inc.</i> , No. 12-cv-3783-HRL, 2015 WL 1501095 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 31, 2015)	\$750,000	\$250,000
<i>Carlin v. DairyAmerica, Inc.</i> , No. 1:09-cv-0430 380 F. Supp. 3d 998 (E.D. Cal. May 8, 2019), <i>appeal dismissed sub nom. Carlin v. Spooner</i> , 808 F. App'x 571 (9th Cir. 2020)	\$40 million	\$13.3 million
<i>Waldbuesser v. Northrop Grumman Corp.</i> , No. 2:06-cv-6213, 2017 WL 9614818 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 24, 2017)	\$16.7 million	\$5.5 million
<i>In re Syngenta AG MIR 162 Corn Litig.</i> , 357 F. Supp. 3d 1094 (D. Kan. 2018)	\$1.51 billion	\$503.3 million
<i>In re Urethane Antitrust Litig.</i> , No. 04-1616, 2016 WL 4060156 (D. Kan. July 29, 2016)	\$835 million	\$278 million
Klein v. Bain Cap. Partners, LLC, No. 07-cv- 12388, ECF No. 1095 (D. Mass. Feb. 2, 2015)	\$590.5 million	\$200 million
In re Initial Pub. Offering Sec. Litig., 671 F. Supp. 2d 467 (S.D.N.Y. 2009)	\$586 million	\$170 million
<i>In re Vitamins Antitrust Litig.</i> , No. 99-197, 2001 WL 34312839 (D.D.C. July 16, 2001)	\$365 million	\$123 million
In re EpiPen Mktg., Sales Practices & Antitrust Litig., 545 F. Supp. 3d 922 (D. Kan. 2021)	\$345 million	\$115 million

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Case Caption	Amount of Settlement	Amount of Fees Awarded
In re Se. Milk Antitrust Litig., 801 F. Supp. 2d 705 (E.D. Tenn. 2011)	\$303.6 million	\$101 million
<i>In re U.S. Foodservice, Inc. Pricing Litig.</i> , No. 3:07-md-1894, 2014 WL 12862264 (D. Conn. Dec. 9, 2014)	\$297 million	\$99 million
<i>Osberg v. Foot Locker, Inc.,</i> No. 07-cv-1358, ECF No. 424 (S.D.N.Y. June 8, 2018)	\$290 million	\$95 million
In re EpiPen Marketing, Sales Practices and Antitrust Litig., No. 17-md-2785, 2022 WL 2663873 (D. Kan. July 11, 2022)	\$264 million	\$88 million
Hale v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co., No. 12- 0660, 2018 WL 6606079 (S.D. Ill. Dec. 16, 2018)	\$250 million	\$83.3 million
In re Tricor Direct Purchaser Antitrust Litig., No. 05-340, 2009 WL 10744518 (D. Del. Apr. 23, 2009)	\$250 million	\$83.3 million
First Impressions Salon, Inc. v. Nat'l Milk Producers Fed'n, No. 13 Civ. 00454, 2020 WL 3163004 (S.D. Ill. Apr. 27, 2020)	\$220 million	73.3 million
<i>DeLoach v. Philip Morris Cos.</i> , 01-cv-01235, 2003 WL 23094907 (M.D.N.C. Dec. 19, 2003)	\$211.8 million	\$70.8 million
<i>In re Neurontin Antitrust Litig.</i> , 02-cv-1830, 2014 WL 12962880 (D.N.J. Aug. 6, 2014)	\$191 million	\$63.5 million
<i>In re Relafen Antitrust Litig.</i> , No. 01-12239, 2004 WL 1068853 (D. Mass. Apr. 9, 2004)	\$175 million	\$58.3 million
Pearlstein v. BlackBerry Ltd., 13-civ-1760, 2022 WL 4554858 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 29, 2022)	\$165 million	\$55 million
<i>In re Titanium Dioxide Antitrust Litig.</i> , No. 10- CV-00318, 2013 WL 6577029 (D. Md. Dec. 13, 2013)	\$163.5 million	\$54.5 million
<i>Standard Iron Works v. ArcelorMittal</i> , No. 1:08- cv-05214, 2014 WL 7781572 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 2, 2014)	\$163.9 million	\$54 million
<i>In re Se. Milk Antitrust Litig.</i> , 2:08-md-1000, 2013 WL 2155387 (E.D. Tenn. May 17, 2013)	\$158.6 million	\$52.9 million
In re Flonase Antitrust Litig. 951 F. Supp. 2d 739 (E.D. Pa. 2013)	\$150 million	\$50 million

Case Caption	Amount of Settlement	Amount of Fees Awarded
<i>Haddock v. Nationwide Life Ins. Co.,</i> 3:01-cv- 1552, 2015 WL 13942222 (D. Conn. Apr. 9, 2015)	\$140 million	\$49 million
<i>In re Apollo Grp. Inc. Sec. Litig.</i> , CV-04-2417, 2012 WL 1378677 (D. Ariz. Apr. 20, 2012)	\$145 million	\$48.4 million
Hosp. Auth. of Metro. Gov. of Nashville & Davidson Cnty., Tennessee v. Momenta Pharm. Inc., No. 3:15-cv-01100, 2020 WL 3053468 (M.D. Tenn. May 29, 2020)	\$120 million	\$40 million
Loestrin 24 FE Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 2472, 2020 WL 4035125 (D.R.I. July 17, 2020)	\$116 million	\$38.6 million
<i>In re Peanut Farmers Antitrust Litig.</i> , No. 2:19- cv-00463, 2021 WL 9494033 (E.D. Va. Aug. 10, 2021)	\$102.7 million	\$34.2 million
<i>Cabot E. Broward 2 LLC v. Cabot</i> , 16-cv-61218, 2018 WL 5905415 (S.D. Fla. Nov. 9, 2018)	\$100 million	\$33.3 million
<i>Erica P. John Fund, Inc. v. Halliburton Co.</i> , No. 02-cv-1152, 2018 WL 1942227 (N.D. Tex. Apr. 25, 2018)	\$100 million	\$33.3 million
City of Greenville v. Syngenta Crop Prot., Inc., 904 F. Supp. 2d 902 (S.D. Ill. 2012)	\$105 million	\$32.1 million
<i>Grae v. Corr. Corp. of America,</i> No. 16 Civ. 2267, 2021 WL 5234966 (M.D. Tenn. Nov. 8, 2021)	\$56 million	\$18.6 million
Jackson County Emps.' Ret. Sys. v. Ghosn, No. 18 Civ. 1368, ECF No. 267 (M.D. Tenn. Oct. 7, 2022)	\$36 million	\$12 million
In re SandRidge Energy, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 12 Civ. 1341, ECF No. 592 (W.D. Okla. Dec. 30, 2022)	\$21.8 million	\$7.2 million
NECA-IBEW Pension Tr. Fund v. Precision Castparts Corp., No. 16 Civ. 1756, 2021 WL 11910935 (D. Or. May 7, 2021)	\$21 million	\$7 million
Indiana State District Council of Laborers & HOD Carriers Pension & Welfare Fund v. Omnicare, Inc., No. 06 Civ. 26, ECF No. 332 (E.D. Ky. June 27, 2019)	\$20 million	\$6.6 million

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Case Caption	Amount of Settlement	Amount of Fees Awarded
<i>In re Deutsche Bank AG Sec. Litig.</i> , No. 09 Civ. 1714, 2020 WL 3162980 (S.D.N.Y. June 11, 2020)	\$18.5 million	\$6.1 million
Hawaii Structural Ironworkers Pension Tr. Fund v. AMC Ent. Holdings, Inc., No. 18 Civ. 299, 2022 WL 4136175 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 14, 2022)	\$18 million	\$6 million
<i>Dahhan v. OvaScience, Inc.</i> , No. 17 Civ. 10511, ECF No. 210 (D. Mass. Dec. 20, 2022)	\$15 million	\$5 million
<i>Gordon v. Vanda Pharm., Inc.</i> , No. 19 Civ. 1108, ECF No. 112 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 11, 2023)	\$11.5 million	\$3.8 million
<i>Erlandson v. Triterras, Inc.</i> , No. 20 Civ. 10795, ECF No. 82 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 8, 2022)	\$9 million	\$3 million
<i>Lea v. Tal Educ. Grp.</i> , No. 18 Civ. 5480, ECF No. 90 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 30, 2021)	\$7.5 million	\$2.5 million
<i>Cullen v. Whitman Med. Corp.</i> , 197 F.R.D. 136 (E.D. Pa. 2000)	\$6 million cash & \$1.3 million loan forgiveness	\$2.4 million
Oklahoma Police Pension Fund and Ret. Sys. v. Teligent, Inc., No. 19 Civ. 3354, 2021 WL 5630806 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 1, 2021)	\$2 million	\$666,600
<i>In re Micro Focus Int'l plc Sec. Litig.</i> , No. 18 Civ. 01549 (San Mateo Cty. Super Ct. July 27, 2023)	\$107.5 million	\$35.8 million
<i>In re Eventbrite, Inc. Shareholder Litig.</i> , No. 19- cv- 2798 (San Mateo Cty. Super. Ct. June 10, 2022)	\$19.25 million	\$6.4 million
<i>Eaton v. Halifax PLC</i> , No. MON-L-2365-03 (N.J. Super. Ct. Law Div. May 26, 2011)	\$8.6 million	\$2.9 million
Plymouth Cnty. Contributory Ret. Sys. v. Adamas Pharm., Inc., No. RG19018715, 2021 WL 9626239 (Alameda Cty. Super. Ct.	\$7.5 million	\$2.4 million

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1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT				
2	NORTHERN DISTRIC	CT OF CALIFORNIA			
3	SAN JOSE	DIVISION			
4	4 CARL BARRETT, et al., Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD				
5	Plaintiffs,	[PROPOSED] ORDER			
6	V.	APPROVING FEE, EXPENSE, AND SERVICE AWARD			
7	APPLE, INC., et al.,	APPLICATION			
8	Defendants.	Judge: Edward J. Davila			
9	Derendants.				
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11	WHEREAS, this matter is before the Court on Class Counsel's Fee, Expense, and Service				
12	Award Application ("Application").				
13	WHEREAS, the Court has considered all matters submitted to it in connection with the				
14	Application, including the Joint Declaration of Joseph P. Guglielmo, Nyran Rose Rasche, and				
15	Anthony F. Fata filed on September 10, 2024, and the exhibits thereto, and Class Counsel's Motion				
16	and Memorandum of Law in Support of Class Counsel's Application, filed September 10, 2024;				
17	WHEREAS, the Court-approved form of Notice disseminated in this matter advised				
18	Settlement Class Members that Class Counsel intended to submit an Application in which they				
19	would apply for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed one-third of the Settlement				
20	Fund, and for reimbursement of litigation expens	es in an amount not to exceed \$700,000, plus an			
21	award of \$10,000 per named Plaintiff totaling no	more than \$40,000; and that all Class Members			
22	had the right to submit to the Court objections to	the Fee and Expense Application or any portion			
23	thereof, by following procedures set forth in the l	Notice;			
24	WHEREAS, the Court has considered all	materials submitted in connection with the Fee			
25	and Expense Application, and reviewed the releva	nt standards and factors for assessing the fairness			
26	and reasonableness of the requested Application.				
27	NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY O	RDERED THAT:			
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	[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING FEE.	L CASE NO. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD			

1	1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation and				
2	Agreement of Settlement dated April 2, 2024 (ECF No. 266) ("Stipulation") and all capitalized				
3	terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation.				
4	2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order and over the subject matter of the				
5	Action and all Parties to the Action, including all Settlement Class Members.				
6	3. Class Counsel is hereby awarded as attorneys' fees a sum equal to% of the				
7	Settlement Amount, plus \$ in litigation expenses (both amounts to be				
8	paid from the Settlement Fund), together with any interest thereon for the same time period at the				
9	same rate as that earned on the Settlement Fund until paid pursuant to the terms set forth in the				
10	Stipulation. The Court finds that the amount of fees hereby awarded is fair, reasonable, and				
11	appropriate, after taking into consideration, inter alia:				
12	a. the results achieved by Class Counsel for the benefit of the Class, notably				
13	the creation of an all-cash \$35 million Settlement Fund;				
14	b. the significant litigation risks involved in pursuing the action, in terms of				
15	establishing both liability and damages, as well as in terms of collectability				
16	even assuming that Plaintiffs were to ultimately prevail on the merits at trial,				
17	such that absent Settlement there was a high risk that Plaintiffs and the Class				
18	would have recovered little or nothing from the Defendants after trial;				
19	c. the complexity of the claims alleged, and the perseverance, diligence, and				
20	expertise required from Class Counsel;				
21	d. the fully contingent nature of the representation;				
22	e. fee awards in similar cases, and the exceptional circumstances warranting				
23	an upward departure of the Ninth Circuit's benchmark;				
24	f. the time and effort expended by Class Counsel to the litigation and				
25	settlement of the Claims, which involved 16,662.5 hours of attorney and				
26	paraprofessional time with a combined lodestar value of \$11,701,465;				
27	g. consideration of "lodestar cross-check," which indicates that the requested				
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1	fee (or \$11.65 million before interest) equates to an unexceptional			
2	multiplier of .99 on the value of Class Counsel's above-referenced			
3	combined lodestar; and,			
4	h. the reaction of the Class, including that [no] [no more than] Class			
5	Members have objected to the requested fees or expense.			
6	4. The Court also finds that the requested expenses are reasonable in amount and are			
7	for expenses of a type (<i>e.g.</i> , filing fees, electronic legal research fees, expert fees, mediation fees)			
8	that are customarily awarded in class action cases of this type.			
9	5. Such fees and expenses may be paid out of the Settlement Fund to Class Counsel			
10	at any time after entry of this Order, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections			
11	thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof,			
12	provided, however, that such payments shall be subject to all of terms, conditions, and obligations			
13	are expressly incorporated herein.			
14	6. The named Plaintiffs Nancy Martin, Michel Polston, Andrew Hagene and Maria			
15	Rodriguez are hereby awarded \$ for their service as representatives of the Class,			
16	which sum the Court finds to be fair and reasonable.			
17	7. Any appeal or any challenge affecting the finality of the Court's order approving			
18	the Application shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the Court's Judgment approving the			
19	Settlement, or any other judgment that may be entered in this Action.			
20	SO ORDERED this of, 2024			
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23	EDWARD J. DAVILA United States District Judge			
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	3 [PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING FEE, CASE NO. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD			
	EXPENSE, AND SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION			

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8 9	UNITED STATES I NORTHERN DISTRIC SAN JOSE	CT OF CALIFORNIA	
10	CARL BARRETT, et al.,	Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD	
11	Plaintiffs,	JOINT DECLARATION IN SUPPORT	
12	V.	OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND	
13	APPLE, INC., et al.,	SERVICE AWARDS	
14	Defendants.	Judge: Hon. Edward J. Davila	
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16	We, Joseph P. Guglielmo, Nyran Rose I	Rasche, and Anthony F. Fata, on behalf of our	
17	respective firms ("Class Counsel"), submit this	Joint Declaration and declare under penalty of	
18	perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746 as follows:		
19	1. I, Joseph P. Guglielmo, am a par	tner at the law firm of Scott+Scott Attorneys at	
20	Law LLP ("Scott+Scott"). I am admitted pro had	c vice to this Court to represent Plaintiffs Michel	
21	Polston, Nancy Martin, Maria Rodriguez, and Andrew Hagene (together, "Plaintiffs") in the		
22	above-captioned action.		
23	2. I, Nyran Rose Rasche, am a partne	er at the law firm of Cafferty Clobes Meriwether	
24	& Sprengel LLP ("Cafferty Clobes"). I am ad	mitted pro hac vice to this Court to represent	
25	Plaintiffs in the above-captioned action.		
26	3. I, Anthony F. Fata, am a partner a	t the law firm of Kirby McInerney LLP ("Kirby	
27	McInerney"). I am admitted pro hac vice to t	his Court to represent Plaintiffs in the above-	
28	captioned action.		
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4. On February 17, 2023, Class Counsel were appointed by the Court as interim Co Lead Class Counsel in the above-captioned action (the "Action") against Defendants Apple, Inc.,
 and Apple Value Services LLC ("Defendants" or "Apple") (collectively with Class Counsel, the
 "Parties"). ECF No. 132. Class Counsel has personal knowledge of the matters stated herein, and
 could testify competently regarding these matters if called upon by the Court to do so.

6 5. Class Counsel respectfully submit this Joint Declaration in support of Plaintiffs'
7 Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Awards in connection with the Settlement of
8 the Action ("Motion").

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INTRODUCTION

6. After filing this first-of-its-kind lawsuit and three years of hard-fought litigation,
 Class Counsel negotiated the Settlement, which is the first to provide relief to victims of gift card
 scams. The Settlement provides that Apple will pay \$35 million into a non-reversionary
 Settlement Fund from which Settlement Class Members can be made whole, receiving up to 100%
 of the amount they were defrauded into paying for Apple App Store and iTunes gift cards.

7. Class Counsel vigorously pursued this Action against greater-than-usual risks and
a resolute defense at every stage of the litigation. Class Counsel performed a substantial amount
of work, as described in more detail below, and as summarized as follows:

- a. Conducting an initial investigation of the nature and scope of the scam,
 Apple's role and refusal to issue refunds, and the resulting damages to
 victims;
 - b. Identifying potential claims and remedies available to victims, and ultimately filing this first-of-its-kind action on July 17, 2020;
- c. Filing the First Amended Class Action Complaint amending the allegations,
 adding additional named Plaintiffs, and asserting claims under: (1) the
 California Penal Code §496 for concealing and withholding stolen property;
 (2) common law conversion for exercising dominion and control over that
 stolen property; and (3) the California Consumers Legal Remedies Act
 ("CLRA") and Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), and for declaratory

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1		relief;		
2	d.	Opposing Apple's second Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' claims;		
3	e.	Engaging in extended negotiations to propose an Electronically Stored		
4		Information ("ESI") Protocol and Protective Order acceptable to the Parties;		
5	f.	Propounding multiple sets of Requests for Production of documents and		
6		structured data, totaling 30 requests, 11 interrogatories, and 52 requests for		
7		admission;		
8	g.	Responding to discovery requests propounded on each named Plaintiff		
9		totaling approximately 192 interrogatories and 152 document requests;		
10	h.	Engaging in dozens of meet and confers and exchanging frequent discovery		
11		correspondence;		
12	i.	Taking the depositions of 10 Apple witnesses under Rule 30(b)(6), Rule		
13		30(b)(1), or both;		
14	j.	Propounding several third-party discovery requests, including FOIA		
15		requests to various government agencies and subpoenas to Apple's business		
16		partners known as integrators;		
17	k.	Reviewing and analyzing over 680,000 pages of documents produced by		
18		Apple and third parties;		
19	1.	Submitting discovery disputes and engaging in multiple rounds of oral		
20		argument before the Honorable Virginia DeMarchi;		
21	m.	Searching for and consulting with expert witnesses, including retaining two		
22		experts on class certification issues and overseeing their reports regarding		
23	critical components of the litigation;			
24	n.	Coordinating the efforts of Plaintiffs in developing and reviewing pleadings		
25		and written discovery responses, retrieving documents for production,		
26		appearing for their depositions, and reviewing and approving the		
27		Settlement;		
28	о.	Drafting Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification with extensive		
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1	supporting expert disclosures and accompanying exhibits;
2	p. Negotiating the Settlement which involved drafting a detailed mediation
3	statement, participating in a full-day mediation, and subsequently
4	negotiating and drafting the Settlement terms;
5	q. Obtaining preliminary approval of the Settlement; and
6	r. Communicating with Class members and the settlement administrator
7	regarding the Settlement.
8	8. Class Counsel has continued to dedicate considerable time and resources to
9	overseeing the Settlement administration process and, if the Settlement is approved, will continue
10	to do so, likely for many months, to ensure that distribution of the Settlement funds is completed.
11	II. DESCRIPTION OF THE LITIGATION AND WORK PERFORMED
12	A. The Complaints and Motions to Dismiss
13	9. Following a thorough investigation by Class Counsel, on July 17, 2020, Plaintiffs
14	filed the Class Action Complaint against Defendants, alleging that unwitting consumers were
15	tricked by third-party scammers into purchasing Apple App Store and iTunes gift cards and
16	providing the cards' redemption codes to scammers, and that Defendants knowingly kept the
17	money stolen from the victims of those gift card scams and unconscionably and unlawfully refused
18	to issue refunds to the victims. See generally ECF No. 1.
19	10. On March 4, 2021, the Court granted Apple's Motion to Dismiss in full, with leave
20	to amend. ECF No. 51. Plaintiffs sought leave to include new parties and new claims in the
21	amended pleading, which leave was granted (see ECF Nos. 54 and 58), and on April 14, 2021,
22	Plaintiffs filed the First Amended Class Action Complaint. ECF No. 59. Class Counsel dedicated
23	substantial effort to the pleadings, from the beginning of the pre-suit investigations through the
24	filing of the respective complaints, including analyzing publicly available information and reports
25	relating to Apple's alleged conduct and investigating the individual experiences of gift card scam
26	victims.
27	11. Following a second round of Rule 12(b)(6) briefing, the Court issued an order on
28	June 13, 2022, sustaining certain claims. ECF No. 97. Specifically, the Court denied Defendants'

motion to dismiss the following claims arising from Apple's unconscionable application of its
disclaimer language to gift card scam victims: (1) California Penal Code §496 for concealing and
withholding stolen property as to the Contact Subclass; (2) common law conversion for exercising
dominion and control over that stolen property as to the Contact Subclass; (3) claims under the
CLRA and UCL; and (4) claims for declaratory judgment.

6 12. Following a ruling from the Supreme Court of California on an issue relevant to
7 this Action, Class Counsel sought leave to file a motion for reconsideration and briefed and
8 presented argument on a novel legal issue relating to California Penal Code §496. *See* ECF Nos.
9 134, 167, and 232.

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B.

Appointment of Class Counsel

13. On August 31, 2022, Class Counsel filed their motion to appoint interim class 11 12 counsel. ECF No. 109. On February 17, 2023, the Court appointed the undersigned as Interim 13 Co-Lead Class Counsel following a hearing on the motion ("Appointment Order"). ECF No. 132. 14 14. Subsequently, on May 16, 2024, the Court appointed Nyran Rose Rasche and 15 Nickolas Hagman of Cafferty Clobes Meriwether & Sprengel LLP, Anthony Fata and Sarah Flohr of Kirby McInerney LLP, and Joseph Guglielmo and Amanda Rolon of Scott+Scott, together with 16 their law firms, as Class Counsel. ECF No. 269. 17

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C. Discovery Efforts

19 15. Class Counsel conducted an extensive discovery process, investing considerable 20 time consulting with experts and utilizing specialized knowledge to determine appropriate 21 discovery requests. Class Counsel drafted, propounded, and responded to discovery requests and 22 engaged in frequent and lengthy negotiations concerning discovery responses, objections, and 23 document production. The process included protracted discussions over initial custodians and 24 search terms, followed by the negotiation of additional custodians and search terms, as well as 25 simultaneous negotiation of an ESI Protocol and Protective Order to govern discovery. Discovery 26 in this matter was highly contested at all phases and included the submission of multiple discovery 27 disputes to the Magistrate Judge, along with the negotiation of a stipulation and proposed order to 28 defer certain categories of discovery until after a ruling on class certification.

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16. 1 Class Counsel reviewed approximately 680,000 pages of documents, many of 2 which were highly technical and industry-specific. Class Counsel organized the efficient and 3 expeditious review of documents. A team of approximately 10 attorneys from Scott+Scott, 4 Cafferty Clobes, and Kirby McInerney reviewed and coded documents, met weekly to share and 5 discuss discovery-related issues, identified key witnesses and departments within Apple, and developed a keen understanding of the technological concepts and core functionalities within 6 7 Apple that relate to the alleged Apple App Store and iTunes gift card scams. This extensive work 8 frequently involved linking issues and concepts across multiple documents and sets of structured 9 data. The team also collaborated closely to exchange insights on critical aspects of the case, 10 including Apple's internal handling and discussion of gift card scams and the details surrounding 11 the flow of funds related to gift card scams within Apple's systems. By the time the class 12 certification motion was filed, and settlement was reached, Plaintiffs had gained a deep 13 understanding of how Apple's systems function and had pinpointed the areas for further discovery, should discovery resume. 14

15 17. Motion practice related to the Parties' discovery was hard fought (*see* ECF Nos.
16 138, 141, 144-45, 201) and included briefing and multiple rounds of oral argument before the
17 Honorable Virginia DeMarchi (*see, e.g.*, ECF Nos. 158, 213), one of which lasted approximately
18 two hours and required the courtroom to be cleared so that Plaintiffs could seek to compel
19 production of several categories of confidential documents and structured electronic data.

18. Class Counsel also served and negotiated a Rule 30(b)(6) notice, took depositions
of 10 Apple witnesses pursuant to Rule 30(b)(6), Rule 30(b)(1), or both, and defended the
depositions of the five named Plaintiffs.

19. Class Counsel consulted with and retained two experts on key issues concerning
the litigation, such as Apple's structured data and other technological aspects, including the
ascertainability of class members and damages. Class Counsel also worked with the experts to
coordinate the preparation of two reports supporting class certification.

27 20. Despite the Parties' disputes regarding the scope of certain discovery in this Action,
28 Apple ultimately produced, and Plaintiffs reviewed, hundreds of thousands of pages of documents

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and several sets of structured electronic data. Apple also served and supplemented substantive
 responses to several of Plaintiffs' interrogatories. As fact discovery came to a close, at the Court's
 direction, Plaintiffs successfully negotiated with Apple a stipulation and proposed order deferring
 certain categories of data until after a ruling on class certification. ECF Nos. 204-05.

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D. Motion for Reconsideration

6 21. On August 31, 2022, following a ruling from the Supreme Court of California,
7 Class Counsel sought leave to file a motion for reconsideration, and ultimately briefed and
8 presented oral argument on a novel legal issue relating to California Penal Code §496. This effort
9 involved a thorough analysis of the legal framework and innovative advocacy for an interpretation
10 of the decision of the Supreme Court of California favorable to the Class. Although the Court
11 ultimately denied reconsideration, this effort required both creativity and a willingness to navigate
12 the complexities of uncharted legal territory on behalf of the Class.

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E. Motion for Class Certification

22. On June 15, 2023, Plaintiffs filed their Motion for Class Certification. *See* ECF
No. 237. This tremendous effort by Class Counsel involved identifying and compiling supporting
common evidence, meticulous preparation of comprehensive legal briefs, and coordination and
incorporation of two expert reports on key aspects of the litigation.

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F. Mediation And Settlement Administration Efforts on Behalf of the Class

19 23. On July 28, 2023, the Parties attended a full-day, in-person mediation in California
20 before Randall W. Wulff, of Wulff Quinby Sochynsky.

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24. Prior to the mediation, the Parties prepared and exchanged detailed, written submissions regarding their positions. The session ended with a Mediator's Proposal outlining the general terms of a settlement.

24 25. It then took several months of negotiations for the Parties to reach agreement on a
25 term sheet, followed by additional months spent drafting and finalizing the long-form settlement
26 agreement. The Parties also negotiated and agreed on a list of candidates for the role of settlement
27 administrator, developed a detailed request for proposals which outlined many details of the notice
28 plan, and reviewed and negotiated the resulting submissions before jointly selecting the

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administrator. Ultimately, the Parties completed their negotiations and execution of the long-form
 Settlement Agreement and Release on April 1, 2024. *See* ECF No. 266-2.

26. The Settlement is an outstanding result as it provides a significant non-reversionary
cash fund and the opportunity for Settlement Class Members to recover up to 100% of the amount
each lost in the scam. Indeed, the Settlement Fund is equal to approximately 21% of the estimated
total actual losses of the Settlement Class, and given anticipated claim rates, Class Counsel believe
that victims who file a valid claim will likely recover their full losses. This result will be
extraordinarily impactful for Settlement Class Members, many of whom lost hundreds, thousands,
or even tens of thousands of dollars in Apple App Store and iTunes gift card scams.

10 27. Further, the non-reversionary aspect of the Settlement ensures that any remaining
11 or unclaimed funds will be distributed to *cy pres* recipients and will not revert back to Defendants.
12 Class Counsel believe that this Settlement is the best possible outcome for the named Plaintiffs
13 and the Class, who previously stood to recover none of their losses.

14 28. In sum, years of effort and preparation by Class Counsel put them in a position to
15 negotiate this extraordinarily impactful first-of-its-kind Settlement for Plaintiffs and the Settlement
16 Class Members.

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G. Preliminary Approval and Dissemination of the Notice

18 29. On April 2, 2024, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Preliminary Approval of the
19 Settlement supported by declarations of counsel and the Settlement Administrator, KCC Class
20 Action Services LLC ("KCC"). ECF No. 266.

21 30. On May 16, 2024, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Settlement,
22 provisionally certified the Settlement Class, and approved the Notice Plan. ECF No. 269.

31. Following preliminary approval, KCC began to implement the Settlement notice
program. *See, e.g.*, www.giftcardscamsettlement.com. Class Counsel have been reviewing
weekly activity reports and have communicated with KCC concerning class member inquiries,
technical updates, the functionality of the toll-free support lines, and data on submitted claims.
Class Counsel expect that this process will continue as the administration progresses and will
continue until disbursement of settlement funds is complete.

1 **III.** 2

ATTORNEYS' FEES, LITIGATION EXPENSES, AND SERVICE AWARDS

A. Attorneys' Fees Incurred by Class Counsel

3 32. Class Counsel's efforts in this case – which over the course of three years of 4 adversarial litigation and more than a year of active settlement work have included thousands of 5 hours of work – culminated in a Settlement that provides for an exceptional recovery for novel claims. Class Counsel undertook this case despite greater-than-ordinary risks and demonstrated 6 7 their commitment to the Class through the advancement of substantial out-of-pocket costs and 8 investment of attorney and staff resources that were commensurate to the challenge of litigating 9 against sophisticated Defendants with virtually unlimited resources. Class Counsel negotiated a 10 Settlement which is likely to provide all Settlement Class Members who submit valid claims with 11 a cash recovery of 100% of their losses.

33. Class Counsel made every effort to litigate this complex case with efficiency and
effectiveness, utilizing their specialized knowledge and invaluable experience in high-profile
consumer class actions. The work was performed by attorneys and staff from Scott+Scott, Cafferty
Clobes, and Kirby McInerney, under the leadership of Joseph P. Guglielmo, Nyran Rose Rasche,
and Anthony Fata.

17 34. Class Counsel undertook this action on an entirely contingent basis, assuming a
18 substantial risk that the litigation would yield little-to-no recovery and leave them uncompensated
19 for their time and substantial out-of-pocket expenses. To date, Class Counsel have received no
20 compensation for their efforts or expenditures.

21 35. Class Counsel are experienced in class action litigation, and they and their firms
22 have recovered billions of dollars, in total, on behalf of their clients in class actions nationwide.

23 36. Class Counsel request an award of \$11.65 million in attorneys' fees, which
24 represents just under one-third of the \$35 million Settlement Fund.

37. Filed concurrently herewith are the individual Declarations of Scott+Scott, Cafferty
Clobes, and Kirby McInerney ("Individual Declarations"), which identify the individuals who
performed work on this matter, along with their historical hourly rates.

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38. The reasonableness of the proposed percentage fee award is supported by a lodestar

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cross-check. As outlined in the Individual Declarations, as of July 31, 2024, Class Counsel have
 collectively devoted 16,622.5 hours to litigating this case, from inception through July 31, 2024,
 with a collective lodestar of \$11,701,465. Therefore, the requested fee award of \$11.65 million
 represents a negative multiplier of .99, with significant work remaining.

39. Pursuant to the Appointment Order, Class Counsel maintained contemporaneous
time records and provided monthly reporting of their time that was audited and reviewed on a
regular basis. *See generally* ECF No. 132. Class Counsel also performed an additional audit and
review of all time entries in advance of bringing this Motion. Class Counsel divided tasks to avoid
overlap and unnecessary duplication of efforts.

40. Time spent by attorneys and paralegals who worked fewer than 10 hours on the
case has been omitted from the fee calculation. Moreover, the time set forth in the individual
Declarations does not include the hundreds of additional hours Class Counsel will spend (1)
advocating for final approval of the Settlement, including briefing final approval issues and
attending the Final Approval hearing on December 12, 2024, and (2) communicating the class
members and, assuming it is approved by the Court, administering the Settlement to completion.

16 41. Class Counsel continue to devote substantial time and resources to this Action daily
17 by overseeing the Settlement administration process and will continue to do so until the conclusion
18 of the Settlement's disbursement process, which may take many months depending on the *cy pres*19 process.

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B. Billing Rates of Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP

42. Scott+Scott has grown into one of the most respected U.S.-based law firms
specializing in the investigation and prosecution of complex securities, antitrust, and other
commercial actions in both the United States and Europe. Today, Scott+Scott is comprised of 13
office locations worldwide, with its largest offices in New York, N.Y., and San Diego, CA., which
allow the firm to keep current on federal and California state law developments concerning
attorneys' fees. Accordingly, Scott+Scott is familiar with the prevailing California market rates
for leading attorneys in complex class action litigation addressing important issues.

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43. Scott+Scott periodically establishes hourly rates for the firm's billing personnel

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based on several factors, including prevailing market rates for attorneys and law firms in California
 that have comparable skill, experience, and qualifications. Scott+Scott's historical hourly rates
 applied here are fully commensurate with the hourly rates of prominent firms at that time, and as
 such are reasonable for each professional who performed work in this litigation.

5 44. Scott+Scott's billing rates have been accepted by courts in other contingent complex litigation and class actions. See, e.g., In re Vaxart, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 3:20-cv-05949-6 7 VC (N.D. Cal. Jan. 25, 2023), ECF No. 274 (approving fee award with Scott+Scott's rates ranging 8 from \$795 to \$1,395 for partners or senior counsel, \$595 to \$750 for associates, and roughly \$395 9 for paralegals); Steamship Trade Ass'n of Balt. – Int'l Longshoremen's Ass'n Pension Fund v. Olo 10 Inc., No. 1:22-cv-08228 (S.D.N.Y. June 11, 2024), ECF Nos. 123-2, 125-5 (approving fee award 11 with Scott+Scott's rates ranging from \$1,150 to \$1,975 for partners or senior counsel, \$525 to 12 \$675 for associates, and roughly \$435 for paralegals); In re Foreign Exch. Benchmark Rates 13 Antitrust Litig., No. 13 Civ. 7789, 2018 WL 5839691, at *5 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 8, 2018) (approving 14 partner rates, including for Class Counsel, ranging from \$630 to \$1,375, and \$325 to \$625 for 15 associates), aff'd sub nom. Kornell v. Haverhill Ret. Sys., 790 F. App'x 296 (2d Cir. 2019).

45. Biographical details for the members of the Scott+Scott litigation team who
dedicated their time to this Action can be found in Scott+Scott's firm résumé, filed with the Court. *See* Exhibit C to Joint Declaration in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint Interim Co-Lead
Counsel in this Action (ECF No. 109-3, at Exhibit C) (providing biographical details for members
of the Scott+Scott litigation team and a representative list of cases where Scott+Scott has
represented plaintiffs in a variety of matters, including consumer, antitrust, and securities cases).

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C. Billing Rates of Cafferty Clobes Meriwether Sprengel LLP

46. Cafferty Clobes – the originating firm which performed the initial investigation and
development of this lawsuit – is a national leader in managing and litigating complex class actions
on behalf of a wide variety of consumers and has recovered billions of dollars for consumers since
its founding in 1992.

27 47. Cafferty Clobes periodically establishes hourly rates for the firm's billing personnel
28 based on several factors, including prevailing market rates for attorneys and law firms that have

comparable skill, experience, and qualifications. Cafferty Clobes' historical hourly rates applied
 here are fully commensurate with the hourly rates of prominent firms at that time, and as such are
 reasonable for each professional who performed work in this litigation.

4 48. Cafferty Clobes' billing rates have been approved by courts in other contingent
5 complex litigation and class actions. *See, e.g., Nielsen v. Walt Disney Parks and Resorts U.S.,*6 *Inc.*, No. 8:21-cv-02055 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 4, 2024), ECF Nos. 93-2 and 102 (approving Cafferty
7 Clobes' rates of \$700 to \$1,100 for partners, \$525 to \$550 for associates, and \$375 for paralegals);
8 *Budicak Inc. v. Lansing Trade Grp., LLC*, No. 19-CV-02449, 2023 WL 7189144, at *2 (D. Kan.
9 June 16, 2023) (approving Cafferty Clobes' rates of \$900 to \$1,100 for partners, \$525 to \$600 for associates, and \$375 for paralegals).

49. Biographical details for the members of the Cafferty Clobes litigation team who
dedicated their time to this Action can be found in Cafferty Clobes' firm résumé filed with the
Court. *See* Exhibit A to Joint Declaration in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint Interim CoLead Counsel in this Action (ECF No. 109-3, at Exhibit A) (providing biographical details of the
Cafferty Clobes litigation team and a list and description of class action cases where Cafferty
Clobes has served as counsel, including those where it served as lead or co-lead counsel for
plaintiffs).

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D. Billing Rates of Kirby McInerney LLP

19 50. Kirby McInerney is a specialist plaintiffs' litigation firm with expertise in antitrust,
20 commodities, securities, structured finance, whistleblower, health care, consumer, and other fraud
21 litigation. Kirby McInerney attorneys have substantial experience in, and knowledge of, class
22 action litigation and have been at the forefront of consumer fraud class actions for over 70 years.

51. Kirby McInerney periodically establishes hourly rates for the firm's billing
personnel based on several factors, including prevailing market rates for attorneys and law firms
in California that have comparable skill, experience, and qualifications. Kirby McInerney's
historical hourly rates applied here are fully commensurate with the hourly rates of prominent
firms at that time, and as such are reasonable for each professional who performed work in this
litigation.

52. 1 Kirby McInerney's billing rates have been approved by courts in other contingent complex litigation and class actions. See, e.g., Tim Doyle v. Reata Pharms., Inc., No. 4:21-cv-2 3 00987 (E.D. Tex. Mar. 29, 2024), ECF No. 84 (approving Kirby McInerney's rates of \$900 to 4 \$1250 for partners, \$450 to \$800 for associates, and \$275 to \$300 for paralegals); Macovski v. 5 Groupon, Inc., No. 1:20-cv-02581 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 28, 2022), ECF No. 129 (approving Kirby McInerney rates of \$800 to \$995 for partners, \$350 to \$525 for associates, and \$275 to \$300 for 6 7 paralegals); In re Libor-Based Fin. Instruments Antitrust Litig., No. 1:11-md-02262 (S.D.N.Y. 8 Sept. 5, 2024), ECF No. 899 (approving Kirby McInerney rates of \$900 to \$1,250 for partners, 9 \$400 to \$800 for associates, and \$275 to \$300 for paralegals).

10 53. Biographical details for the members of the Kirby McInerney litigation team who
11 dedicated their time to this Action can be found in Kirby McInerney's firm résumé filed with the
12 Court. *See* Exhibit B to Joint Declaration in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion to Appoint Interim Co13 Lead Counsel in this Action (ECF No. 109-3, at Exhibit B) (providing biographical details of the
14 Kirby McInerney litigation team and a summary list of notable work where Kirby McInerney has
15 represented plaintiffs in consumer and antitrust litigation).

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E. Unreimbursed Costs and Litigation Expenses

17 54. Class Counsel have incurred \$546,657.27 in unreimbursed litigation expenses,
18 including costs advanced in connection with expert fees, legal research, court reporting services,
19 mediation fees, fees for document uploading and hosting, and other customary litigation expenses.
20 This amount will be updated at or shortly before the final approval hearing to reflect expenses
21 occurred after July 31, 2024.

55. These expenses were recorded contemporaneously by the respective firms and
represent an accurate record of costs and expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution of
this Action. Itemized reports of the unreimbursed expenses paid by each firm and the
unreimbursed expenses to the litigation fund are filed contemporaneously herewith as Exhibits 2
and 3 to Individual Declarations.

56. The unreimbursed expenses were advanced by Class Counsel on a fully contingent
basis, including, but not limited to, their respective contributions to the litigation fund used to

1 finance the prosecution of this Action.

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F. Service Award Payments to the Named Plaintiffs

57. Class Counsel seek \$10,000 in service awards for each of the four named Plaintiffs
in compensation for their involvement in this Action over three years and their service on behalf
of other Class Members. Plaintiffs provided tremendous assistance in the prosecution of the
litigation, expending numerous hours reviewing drafts of pleadings and discovery responses,
participating in telephone calls with Class Counsel, retrieving documents to produce during
discovery, responding to several discovery requests from Defendants, preparing for and appearing
for their depositions, and reviewing and approving the Settlement.

10 **IV. CONCLUSION**

11 58. The Settlement results from the cumulative efforts of Class Counsel in12 collaboration with Apple.

13 59. Class Counsel achieved an exceptional result for the Class in a groundbreaking,
14 first-of-its-kind action that presented an outsized risk of nonpayment due to the novelty of the legal
15 and factual theories.

60. Given Class Counsel's effort, expertise, and commitment of financial resources,
and considering both the significant trailblazing recovery negotiated in the Settlement and the
participation of the named Plaintiffs to achieve that recovery, we believe the relief requested in the
Motion is reasonable and appropriate.

20 We declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 21 September 10, 2024, in New York, New York, and Chicago, Illinois.

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12 13	Plaintiffs, v.	DECLARATION OF DARYL F. SCOTT IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES,	
13	APPLE, INC., et al.,	EXPENSES AND SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF SCOTT+SCOTT ATTORNEYS AT LAW LLP	
15	Defendants.	Judge: Hon. Edward J. Davila	
16		Judge. Hon. Edward J. Davna	
17			
18	I, Daryl F. Scott, subject to the penalties	of perjury provided by 18 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby	
19	declare as follows:		
20	1. I am a partner at the law firm Sc	cott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP ("Scott+Scott").	
21	I submit this Declaration in support of Plaint	iffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and	
22	Service Awards in connection with time spent and expenses incurred by my firm in connection		
23	with this litigation.		
24	2. On February 17, 2023, the Co	ourt appointed Cafferty Clobes Meriwether and	
25		+Scott as interim co-lead counsel for the proposed	
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3. My firm's submission of its time and expenses in this Declaration adheres to the reporting protocols established by Class Counsel in this Litigation.

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3 4. The work performed by Scott+Scott on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class includes 4 the following: investigating and developing the claims, including pre-filing factual and legal 5 development; drafting the initial complaint and subsequent amended complaints; opposing Apple's motions to dismiss; briefing and appearing in Court on various matters, including motion 6 7 practice and case management issues; participating in meetings of Class Counsel; obtaining and 8 reviewing discovery from Apple, including negotiating and reviewing document productions and 9 transaction data, taking and defending depositions; mediating the case, negotiating the settlement 10 agreement and obtaining preliminary approval thereof; liaising with the claims administrator in 11 connection with the settlement process; and engaging and working with experts and consultants 12 on numerous aspects of the case. The specifics of the work performed by my firm are set forth in 13 the concurrently-filed Joint Declaration of Nyran Rose Rasche, Anthony F. Fata and Joseph P. 14 Guglielmo in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Named Plaintiff Service Awards. 15

16 5. Exhibit 1 sets forth the time spent by partners, attorneys, and support staff of my
17 firm, from inception of the Litigation through July 31, 2024. The billing rates for the partners,
18 attorneys, and support staff align with the firm's standard billing rates for contingent cases. The
19 rates reflected are historical rates, *i.e.*, the rates that were in effect at the time when the work was
20 done.

6. The hours spent by my firm from inception of the Litigation through July 31, 2024
totals 6,137.40. The firm's lodestar totals \$3,880,647.50. Total hours were calculated through an
examination of contemporaneous time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm. My
firm and I have reviewed the accuracy of these time records and their relevance and have concluded
they are reasonable and necessary for the prosecution of the Litigation. While conducting this
review, my firm and I made adjustments to align certain entries with the reporting protocol

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1	established in this Litigation, as well as to adhere to the firm's policies and procedures. These
2	adjustments were not only consistent with the firm's best practices but also beneficial to the class.
3	7. Exhibit 2 sets forth the unreimbursed expenses my firm incurred in prosecuting the
4	Litigation from inception through July 31, 2024, totaling \$70,342.73. This amount will be updated
5	at or shortly before the final approval hearing to reflect expenses occurred after July 31, 2024.
6	8. These unreimbursed expenses, incurred on behalf of the Plaintiffs, are accurately
7	reflected on the books and records of my firm and were prepared from expense reports with
8	attached receipts, check records, and other source materials.
9	9. To facilitate the sharing of expenses, Class Counsel contributed to a litigation fund
10	administered by my firm. Exhibit 3 sets forth common expenses paid or incurred by the litigation
11	fund, which was fully funded by Class Counsel, from inception of the Litigation through the
12	present, 2024, totaling \$413,684.21.
13	I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that to
14	the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is true and correct.
15	Executed on this 10 th day of September, 2024 at Richmond, Virginia.
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3 DECLARATION OF DARYL F. SCOTT IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES AND NAMED PLAINTIFF SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF SCOTT+SCOTT ATTORNEYS AT LAW LLP Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD

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PROFESSIONAL	STATUS	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL LODESTAR AT HOURLY RATES
Daryl F. Scott	Р	\$1,495.00	1.50	\$2,242.50
Daryl F. Scott	Р	\$1,545.00	14.50	\$22,402.50
Chris Burke	Р	\$1,295.00	15.20	\$19,684.00
Joe Guglielmo	Р	\$1,150.00	342.90	\$394,335.00
Joe Guglielmo	Р	\$1,395.00	610.70	\$851,926.50
Joe Guglielmo	Р	\$1,420.00	81.20	\$115,304.00
Erin Comite	Р	\$995.00	5.30	\$5,273.50
Erin Comite	Р	\$1,095.00	13.40	\$14,673.00
Alex Outwater	А	\$725.00	481.70	\$349,232.50
Alex Outwater	А	\$750.00	260.70	\$195,525.00
Alex Outwater	А	\$795.00	85.60	\$68,052.00
Alex Outwater	А	\$875.00	1.40	\$1,225.00
Amanda Rolon	А	\$525.00	495.60	\$260,190.00
Amanda Rolon	А	\$550.00	365.20	\$200,860.00
Amanda Rolon	А	\$575.00	84.00	\$48,300.00
Melanie Porter (doc rev)	SA	\$400.00	1312.20	\$524,880.00
Victoria Burke (doc rev)	SA	\$400.00	1548.50	\$619,400.00
Ellen DeWan	PL	\$395.00	92.90	\$36,695.50
Kim Jager	PL	\$395.00	7.50	\$2,962.50
Kim Jager	PL	\$415.00	17.30	\$7,179.50
Kim Jager	PL	\$435.00	0.50	\$217.50
Michael Himes	PL	\$395.00	3.20	\$1,264.00
Michael Himes	PL	\$415.00	21.00	\$8,715.00
Michael Himes	PL	\$435.00	1.50	\$652.50
Matthew Malloy	PL	\$395.00	19.60	\$7,742.00
Sumner Caesar	PL	\$395.00	31.90	\$12,600.50
Sumner Caesar	PL	\$415.00	46.40	\$19,256.00
Mario Tlatenchi	0	\$395.00	14.40	\$5,688.00
Mario Tlatenchi	0	\$415.00	6.60	\$2,739.00
Jonathan Swerdloff	0	\$750.00	30.50	\$22,875.00
Jonathan Swerdloff	Ο	\$795.00	17.00	\$13,515.00
Jenna Goldin	0	\$500.00	9.50	\$4,750.00

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PROFESSIONAL	STATUS	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL LODESTAR AT HOURLY RATES
Jenna Goldin	0	\$525.00	7.00	\$3,675.00
Michelle Petrick	0	\$395.00	52.50	\$20,737.50
Ekene Avery	0	\$395.00	5.00	\$1,975.00
Ekene Avery	0	\$415.00	33.50	\$13,902.50
TOTAL			6137.40	\$3,880,647.50

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EXHIBIT 2 – Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP Expenses

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Filing/Court Fees	\$1,027.00
Federal Express/Local Courier, etc.	\$218.61
Lexis/Westlaw/Pacer	9,725.34
Photocopying	\$1,418.40
Postage	\$1.71
Travel (Hotel, Meals, Transportation)	\$14,943.90
Long Distance	\$372.64
Witness/Expert Fees	\$75.00
Investigation Fees/Service Fees	\$1,858.65
Transcripts	\$882.15
Miscellaneous (Electronic Document Storage costs, Supplies)	\$39,819.33
TOTAL	\$70,342.73

EXHIBIT 3 – Common Expenses Paid through the Litigation Fund

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Expert Bruce McFarlane	281,673.00
Expert Claudiu Dimofte	57,000.00
Mediator Randall W. Wulff	12,500.00
Miscellaneous (litigation fund check purchase)	147.96
Veritext Deposition Services	62,363.25
TOTAL	413,684.21

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NYRAN ROSE RASCHE (<i>pro hac vice</i>) nrasche@caffertyclobes.com NICKOLAS J. HAGMAN (<i>pro hac vice</i>) nhagman@caffertyclobes.com CAFFERTY CLOBES MERIWETHER & SPR 135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3210 Chicago, Illinois 60603 Telephone: (312) 782-4880 Facsimile: (312) 782-4485	RENGEL LLP			
IN THE UNITED STA	TES DISTRICT COURT			
FOR THE NORTHERN D	ISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
SAN JOSI	E DIVISION			
CARL BARRETT, et al.,	Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD			
Plaintiffs, v.	DECLARATION OF NYRAN ROSE RASCHE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR			
APPLE, INC., et al.,	ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES AND NAMED PLAINTIFF SERVICE			
Defendants.	AWARDS ON BEHALF OF CAFFERTY CLOBES MERIWETHER & SPRENGEL LLP			
	Judge: Hon. Edward J. Davila			
Judge. Hon. Edward J. Davia				
I, Nyran Rose Rasche, declare and state as follows:				
1. I am a partner at the law firm Cafferty Clobes Meriwether & Sprengel LLP. I				
submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs	s' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Named			
Plaintiff Service Awards in connection with time spent and expenses incurred by my firm in				
connection with this litigation.				
2. On February 17, 2023, the Court appointed Cafferty Clobes Meriwether and				
Sprengel LLP, Kirby McInerney LLP, and Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP as interim co-lead				
counsel for the proposed class in the above-captioned action (the "Litigation"). ECF No. 132. On				
1 DECLARATION OF NYRAN ROSE RASCHE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND NAMED PLAINTIFF SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF CAFFERTY CLOBES MERIWETHER & SPRENGEL LLP Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD				
	NYRAN ROSE RASCHE (pro hac vice) masche@caffertyclobes.com NICKOLAS J. HAGMAN (pro hac vice) nhagman@caffertyclobes.com CAFFERTY CLOBES MERIWETHER & SPR 135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3210 Chicago, Illinois 60603 Telephone: (312) 782-4880 Facsimile: (312) 782-4485 IN THE UNITED STA FOR THE NORTHERN D SAN JOSI CARL BARRETT, et al., Plaintiffs, v. APPLE, INC., et al., I, Nyran Rose Rasche, declare and state 1. I am a partner at the law firm submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs Plaintiff Service Awards in connection with t connection with this litigation. 2. On February 17, 2023, the Co Sprengel LLP, Kirby McInerney LLP, and Sco counsel for the proposed class in the above-capt DECLARATION OF NYRAN ROSE RASCHE IN SU FEES, COSTS AND NAMED PLAINTIFF SERVIC MERIWETHER			

May 16, 2024, the Court appointed the same firms as Class Counsel to represent the Settlement
 Class. ECF No. 269.

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3. My firm's submission of its time and expenses in this Declaration adheres to the reporting protocols established by Class Counsel in this Litigation.

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My firm's work on behalf of Plaintiffs includes the following: originating the case, 4. 6 including pre-filing and continuing case investigation; researching and drafting the initial 7 complaint and certain sections of the amended complaint; researching and drafting certain sections 8 9 of the oppositions to Apple's motions to dismiss; briefing and appearing in Court on case 10 management issues and discovery disputes; participating in meetings of Class Counsel; obtaining 11 discovery from Apple, including negotiating and reviewing document productions and transaction 12 data and taking several of the ten depositions of Apple employees; defending certain of the 13 depositions of named Plaintiffs, researching and drafting certain sections of the motion for class 14 certification; mediating the case, negotiating the settlement agreement and obtaining preliminary 15 16 approval thereof; liaising with the claims administrator in connection with the settlement process; 17 and engaging and working with experts and consultants on numerous aspects of the case. The 18 specifics of the work performed by my firm are set forth in the concurrently-filed Joint Declaration 19 of Nyran Rose Rasche, Anthony F. Fata and Joseph P. Guglielmo in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion 20 for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Named Plaintiff Service Awards. 21

5. Exhibit 1 sets forth the time spent by partners, attorneys, and support staff of my firm, from inception of the Litigation through July 31, 2024. The billing rates for the partners, attorneys, and support staff align with the firm's standard billing rates for contingent cases. The rates reflected are historical rates, *i.e.*, the rates that were in effect at the time when the work was done.

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6. The hours spent by my firm from inception of the Litigation through July 31, 2024 1 2 total 6476.6. The firm's lodestar totals \$5,297,295. Total hours were calculated through an 3 examination of contemporaneous time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm. I 4 have reviewed the accuracy of these time records and their relevance and have concluded they are 5 reasonable and necessary for the prosecution of the Litigation. While conducting this review, I 6 made adjustments to align certain entries with the reporting protocol established in this Litigation, 7 as well as to adhere to the firm's policies and procedures. These adjustments were not only 8 9 consistent with the firm's best practices but also beneficial to the class. 10 7. Exhibit 2 sets forth the unreimbursed expenses my firm incurred in prosecuting the

Litigation from inception through July 31, 2024, totaling \$32,010.74. This amount will be updated at or shortly before the final approval hearing to reflect expenses occurred after July 31, 2024.

8. These unreimbursed expenses, incurred on behalf of the Plaintiffs, are accurately
reflected on the books and records of my firm and were prepared from expense reports with
attached receipts, check records, and other source materials.

9. To facilitate the sharing of expenses, Class Counsel contributed to a litigation fund
 administered by my firm. Exhibit 3 sets forth common expenses paid or incurred by the litigation
 fund, which was fully funded by Class Counsel, from inception of the Litigation through the
 present, totaling \$413,684.21.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that to
 the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 10th day of September, 2024 at Chicago, Illinois.

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 DECLARATION OF NYRAN ROSE RASCHE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND NAMED PLAINTIFF SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF CAFFERTY CLOBES MERIWETHER & SPRENGEL LLP Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD

PROFESSIONAL	STATUS	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL LODESTAR AT HOURLY RATES
Nyran Rose Rasche	Р	1,125.00	428.8	482,400.00
Nyran Rose Rasche	Р	1,025.00	1486.4	1,523,560.00
Nyran Rose Rasche	Р	950.00	990.2	940,690.00
Nyran Rose Rasche	Р	900.00	612.2	550,980.00
Nyran Rose Rasche	Р	825.00	409.3	337,672.50
Anthony F. Fata	Р	950.00	2.8	2,660.00
Anthony F. Fata	Р	900.00	79.3	71,370.00
Anthony F. Fata	Р	925.00	92.2	85,285.00
Anthony F. Fata	Р	775.00	.8	620.00
Nickolas J. Hagman	Р	800.00	15	12,000.00
Nickolas J. Hagman	Р	700.00	243.6	170,520.00
Nickolas J. Hagman	Р	650.00	271.2	176,280.00
Nickolas J. Hagman	Р	600.00	437.8	262,680.00
Nickolas J. Hagman	Р	575.00	281.5	161,862.50
Nickolas J. Hagman	Р	400.00	5.1	2,040.00
Alex Lee	A	550.00	25.1	13,805.00
Mohammed Rathur	A	650.00	20	13,000.00
Paige Smith	A	550.00	77.8	42,790.00
Edward Khatskin	A	650.00	94.3	61,295.00
Olivia Lawless	A	525.00	146.3	76,807.50
Olivia Lawless	A	475.00	108.9	51,727.50
Olivia Lawless	A	450.00	40.6	18,270.00
Olivia Lawless	A	400.00	272.2	108,880.00
Christopher P. Tourek	A	600.00	5.8	3,480.00
Christopher P. Tourek	A	575.00	21.9	12,592.50
Christopher P. Tourek	A	525.00	18.6	9,765.00
Sharon M. Nyland	PL	425.00	9.3	3,952.50
Sharon M. Nyland	PL	375.00	22.5	8,437.50
Sharon M. Nyland	PL	350.00	30.4	10,640.00
Sharon M. Nyland	PL	325.00	8.9	2,892.50
Sharon M. Nyland	PL	300.00	4.8	1,440.00
Kelly McDonald	PL	425.00	24.6	10,455.00
Kelly McDonald	PL	375.00	72.9	27,337.50
Kelly McDonald	PL	350.00	38.3	13,405.00
Kelly McDonald	PL	325.00	30.8	10,010.00
Kelly McDonald	PL	300.00	10.7	3,210.00
Kathy Hollenstine	PL	350.00	35.2	12,320.00
Kathy Hollenstine	PL	325.00	.5	162.50
TOTAL			6476.6	5,297,295.00

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EXHIBIT 2 – CCMS Expenses

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Filing Fees	975.00
Miscellaneous (Poston Incident Report)	10.00
Miscellaneous (City of Salem Police Report)	23.00
Miscellaneous (Client Rodriguez Fax Charges)	20.42
Miscellaneous (Electronic Agreements)	63.00
On Line Research	15,927.44
Overnight Delivery	62.61
Photocopies	4,122.75
Postage	69.15
Service of Process	370.00
Travel (Hotel, Meals, Transportation)	10,367.37
TOTAL	32,010.74

EXHIBIT 3 – Common Expenses Paid through the Litigation Fund

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Expert Bruce McFarlane	281,673.00
Expert Claudiu Dimofte	57,000.00
Mediator Randall W. Wulff	12,500.00
Miscellaneous (litigation fund check purchase)	147.96
Veritext Deposition Services	62,363.25
TOTAL	413,684.21

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1 2 3 4 5	Anthony F. Fata (<i>pro hac vice</i>) Sarah E. Flohr (<i>pro hac vice</i>) KIRBY McINERNEY LLP 211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 550 Chicago, IL 60606 Telephone: 312-767-5180 afata@kmllp.com sflohr@kmllp.com				
6	IN THE UNITED STA	TES DISTRICT COURT			
7	FOR THE NORTHERN D	ISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
8	SAN JOSI	E DIVISION			
9	CARL BARRETT, et al.,	Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD			
10	Plaintiffs,	DECLARATION OF ANTHONY F. FATA IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'			
11	v.	MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES AND NAMED PLAINTIFF			
12	APPLE, INC., et al.,	SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF KIRBY MCINERNEY LLP			
13	Defendants.	Judge: Hon. Edward J. Davila			
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16 17	I, Anthony F. Fata, declare and state as follows:				
17	1. I am a partner at the law firm Kirby McInerney LLP. I submit this Declaration in				
19	support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Named Plaintiff Service Awards in				
20	connection with time spent and expenses incurred by my firm in connection with this litigation.				
21	2. On February 17, 2023, the Court appointed Cafferty Clobes Meriwether and				
22	Sprengel LLP, Kirby McInerney LLP, and Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP as interim co-lead				
23	counsel for the proposed class in the above-captioned action (the "Litigation"). ECF No. 132. On				
24	May 16, 2024, the Court appointed the same firms as Class Counsel to represent the Settlement				
25	Class. ECF No. 269.				
26	Class. LCI 100. 207.				
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28	DECLARATION OF ANTHONY F FATA DISUBBOD				
	DECLARATION OF ANTHONY F. FATA IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND NAMED PLAINTIFF SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF KIRBY McINERNEY LLP Case No. 5:20-cv-04812-EJD				

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3. My firm's submission of its time and expenses in this Declaration adheres to the reporting protocols established by Class Counsel in this Litigation.

3 4. My firm's work on behalf of Plaintiffs includes the following: originating the case, 4 including pre-filing and continuing case investigation; researching and drafting the initial 5 complaint and certain sections of the amended complaint; researching and drafting certain sections 6 of the oppositions to Apple's motions to dismiss; briefing and appearing in Court on case 7 management issues and discovery disputes; participating in meetings of Class Counsel; obtaining 8 9 discovery from Apple, including negotiating and reviewing document productions and transaction 10 data and taking several of the ten depositions of Apple employees; defending certain of the 11 depositions of named Plaintiffs, researching and drafting certain sections of the motion for class 12 certification; mediating the case, negotiating the settlement agreement and obtaining preliminary 13 approval thereof; liaising with the claims administrator in connection with the settlement process; 14 and engaging and working with experts and consultants on numerous aspects of the case. The 15 16 specifics of the work performed by my firm are set forth in the concurrently-filed Joint Declaration 17 of Nyran Rose Rasche, Anthony F. Fata and Joseph P. Guglielmo in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion 18 for Attorneys' Fees, Costs and Named Plaintiff Service Awards.

19 5. Exhibit 1 sets forth the time spent by partners, attorneys, and support staff of my 20 firm, from inception of the Litigation through July 31, 2024. The billing rates for the partners, 21 attorneys, and support staff align with the firm's standard billing rates for contingent cases. The 22 rates reflected are historical rates, *i.e.*, the rates that were in effect at the time when the work was 23 24 done.

25 6. The hours spent by my firm from inception of the Litigation through July 31, 2024 26 totals 4,008.5. The firm's lodestar totals \$2,523,522.50. Total hours were calculated through an 27 examination of contemporaneous time records regularly prepared and maintained by my firm. I 28 DECLARATION OF ANTHONY F. FATA IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND NAMED PLAINTIFF SERVICE AWARDS ON BEHALF OF KIRBY MCINERNEY LLP

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have reviewed the accuracy of these time records and their relevance and have concluded they are
reasonable and necessary for the prosecution of the Litigation. While conducting this review, I
made adjustments to align certain entries with the reporting protocol established in this Litigation,
as well as to adhere to the firm's policies and procedures. These adjustments were not only
consistent with the firm's best practices but also beneficial to the class.

- 7 7. Exhibit 2 sets forth the unreimbursed expenses my firm incurred in prosecuting the
 8 Litigation from inception through July 31, 2024, totaling \$30,619.59. This amount will be updated
 9 at or shortly before the final approval hearing to reflect expenses occurred after July 31, 2024.
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 8. These unreimbursed expenses, incurred on behalf of the Plaintiffs, are accurately
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 administered by my firm. Exhibit 3 sets forth common expenses paid or incurred by the litigation
 fund, which was fully funded by Class Counsel, from inception of the Litigation through the
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- I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that to
 the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 10th day of September, 2024 at Chicago, Illinois.

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<u>s/ Anthony F. Fata</u> Anthony F. Fata

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Reporting Period: (Inception - July 31, 2024) Lodestar Summary

Barrett, et al. v. Apple, Inc., et al. Case No. 5:20-cv-04812 (N.D. Cal.)

PROFESSIONAL	STATUS	HOURLY RATE	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL LODESTAR AT HISTORICAL RATES
Anthony F. Fata	Р	\$1,200	70.8	\$84,960.0
Anthony F. Fata	Р	\$1,100	387.6	\$426,360.0
Anthony F. Fata	Р	\$950	191.7	\$182,115.0
Sarah Flohr	А	\$700	152.2	\$106,540.0
Sarah Flohr	А	\$650	462.7	\$300,755.0
Sarah Flohr	А	\$525	279.9	\$146,947.5
Belden Nago	А	\$700	427.6	\$299,320.0
Belden Nago	А	\$575	28.1	\$16,157.5
Belden Nago*	А	\$400	401	\$160,400.0
Marko Radisavljevic	А	\$700	0.4	\$280.0
Marko Radisavljevic	А	\$600	670.6	\$402,360.0
Marko Radisavljevic	А	\$500	604.7	\$302,350.0
Marko Radisavljevic*	А	\$400	0.4	\$160.0
Elizabeth Ely	PL	\$300	20.2	\$6,060.0
Daniel Sokolin	PL	\$275	70.2	\$19,305.0
Fabiha Khan	PL	\$275	88.8	\$24,420.0
Kristen Bolster	PL	\$300	133.7	\$40,110.0
Kristen Bolster	PL	\$275	0.8	\$220.0
Marya Jureidini	PL	\$275	17.1	\$4,702.5

TOTAL: 4,008.5 \$2,523,522.5

* - These are document review hours billed at a capped rate

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EXHIBIT 2 – Kirby Expenses

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
Filing/Court Fees	\$575.79
Federal Express/Local Courier, etc.	\$294.95
Lexis/Westlaw/Pacer	\$16,746.26
Photocopying	\$235.21
Travel (Hotel, Meals, Transportation)	\$7,942.13
Deposition Costs - (Veritext)	\$215.25
Miscellaneous (Jury Profile Reports, Third Party Discovery - US Treasury - FOIA)	\$4,610.00
TOTAL	\$30,619.59

EXHIBIT 3 – Common Expenses Paid through the Litigation Fund

EXPENSE	AMOUNT
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