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ALAN HARRIS declares under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States and the State of California as follows:

- 1. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of California and am one of the attorneys for Plaintiffs in the within action. I make this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for preliminary approval of the class-wide settlement that has been reached in this action. A true and correct copy of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement") is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. If sworn as a witness, I could competently testify to each and every fact set forth herein from my own personal knowledge.
- 2. I have been and am licensed as an attorney, first in Illinois (1974) and later in California (1989). I am a graduate of the University of Illinois (A.B. 1970, J.D. 1974). After graduation from law school in January 1974, I was hired as a litigation associate at a plaintiffs' antitrust boutique in Chicago, Illinois: Freeman, Freeman & Salzman, P.C. I became a partner in that firm in 1980, and I started my own practice in 1982. I speak before professional organizations on topics of interest to the Bar, and I have represented plaintiffs in antitrust and complex business litigation for over thirty-six years. See e.g., Illinois v. Ill. Brick Co., Inc., 431 U.S. 720 (1977); In re My Left Hook, LLC, 129 Fed. Appx. 352 (9th Cir. 2005); Gregory v. SCIE, LLC, 317 F.3d 1050 (9th Cir. 2003); In re Blue Coal Corp., 986 F.2d 687 (3d Cir. 1993); In re Blue Coal Corp., 206 B.R. 730 (M.D. Pa. 1997); U.S. v. Gleneagles Inv. Co., Inc., 584 F. Supp. 671, 689 (M.D. Pa. 1984), aff'd. in part and vacated in part, and remanded sub. nom., U.S. v. Tabor Ct. Realty Corp. 803 F.2d 1288 (3d Cir. 1986), cert. den. sub. nom., McClellan Realty Co. v. U.S. 483 U.S. 1005 (1987); In re Uranium Antitrust Litig., 503 F. Supp. 33 (N.D. Ill. 1981); In re

Of my still-living partners in Freeman, Freeman & Salzman, a firm that dissolved in 2007, each became a senior partner in a leading national law firm. Lee Freeman, Jr. was a partner and chair of the Antitrust Litigation Practice Group at Jenner & Block from 2007 to June 2011, and he is now of counsel at Katten & Temple LLP. Jerrold Salzman is of counsel at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Tyrone Fahner is a partner at Mayer Brown, having served as its co-chair from 1998 to 2001 and its chair from 2001 to 2007

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     Grand Jury, 469 F. Supp. 666 (M.D. Pa. 1980); In re Chicken Antitrust Litig., 560 F.
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     Supp. 963 (N.D. Ga. 1980); In re Anthracite Coal Antitrust Litig., 82 F.R.D. 364 (M.D.
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     Pa. 1979); In re Folding Carton Antitrust Litig., 83 F.R.D. 251 (N.D. Ill. 1978); In re
     Anthracite Coal Antitrust Litig., 78 F.R.D. 709 (M.D. Pa. 1978); In re Masterkey
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     Antitrust Litig., 1977 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12948 (D. Conn. 1977) (six-week jury trial for
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     plaintiffs); A. Cherney Disposal Co. v. Chicago & Suburban Refuse Disposal Corp., 68
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     F.R.D. 383 (N.D. Ill. 1975); In re Cement-Concrete Block, Chicago Area, Grand Jury
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     Proceedings, 381 F. Supp. 1108 (N.D. III. 1974); Parmet v. Lapin, 2004 Cal. App.
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     Unpub. LEXIS 5217 (June 1, 2004). I have gone to jury and bench trials in class actions
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     on behalf of plaintiffs and, once, a bench trial for defendant, Allstate Insurance Company.
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     I have represented numerous classes of plaintiffs in state and federal courts. See, e.g.,
     Jacobs v. CSAA Inter Ins. Bureau, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 37153 (N.D. Cal. filed May 1,
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     2009); Escobar v. Whiteside Constr. Corp., 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 68439 (N.D. Cal.
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     2008) (certification of collective action); Tremblay v. Chevron Stations, Inc., 2008
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     Westlaw 2020514 (N.D. Cal. 2008) (certification of collective action); Gonzalez v.
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     Preferred Freezer Servs. LBF, LLC, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 93013 (C.D. Cal. filed July
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     5, 2012) (successful opposition to a defense motion to compel arbitration in a putative
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     class action); Gonzalez v. Preferred Freezer Servs. LBF, LLC, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS
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     139764 (C.D. Cal. filed Sept. 27, 2012) (successful motion to correct improper defense
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     contact of class members in a putative class action); Covillo v. Specialty's Café, 2012
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     U.S. Dist. LEXIS 114602 (N.D. Cal. filed Aug. 14, 2012) (successful opposition to a
     defense motion to compel arbitration in a putative class action); Perez v. Maid Brigade,
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     Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78412 (N.D. Cal. filed Oct. 11, 2007) (successful opposition
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     to a defense motion to compel arbitration in a putative class action); Hoffman v. Uncle P
     Prods., 2008 Cal. App. Unpub. LEXIS 3609; Bithell v. E.P. Mgmt. Servs., LP, 2007 WL
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     4216854 (Cal. Ct. App. 2007) (sustaining a class-wide settlement as fair and reasonable,
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     and finding that class counsel adequately represented the class); DuPont v. Avalon
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     Hollywood Servs., Inc., 2007 WL 93386 (Cal. App. 2007); Gregory v. Superior Court,
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- 2004 WL 2786357 (Cal. Ct. App. 2004). In addition, I have been appointed lead class 1 counsel in many settled class actions. See, e.g., Kang v. Albertson's, Inc., C.D. Cal. Case 2 3 No. CV 07-00894 CAS (\$6,637,500 settlement); Tremblay v. Chevron Stations, Inc., N.D. Cal. Case No. CV 07-6009 EDL (\$4,500,000 settlement); Doty v. Costco Wholesale 4 5 Corp., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 05-3241 FMC (\$7,500,000 settlement); Agatep v. Exxon Mobil Corp., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 05-2342 GAF (\$1,500,000 settlement); Alfano v. 6 7 Int'l Coffee & Tea, LLC, C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 04-8996 SVW; Jenne v. On Stage Audio Corp., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 04-2045 CAS; Hansen v. Advanced Tech Sec. 8 9 Servs., Inc., Los Angeles Sup. Ct. Case No BC 367175 (\$1,050,000 settlement); Ross v. 10 Human Res., Inc., Los Angeles Sup. Ct. Case No. BC 351506; Harrington v. Manpay, 11 LLC, Los Angeles Sup. Ct. Case No. BC 312171 (\$1,000,000 settlement); Brackett v. Saatchi & Saatchi, Los Angeles Sup. Ct. Case No. BC 298728; Readmond v. Straw Dogs, 12 Inc., Los Angeles Sup. Ct. Case No. BC257394; Greenberg v. EP Mgmt. Servs., LP, Los 13 Angeles Sup. Ct. Case No. BC 237787 (\$5,348,000 settlement); Angel Paws, Inc. v. 14 Avalon Payroll Servs., Inc., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 188982; Saunders 15 v. Metro Image Group, San Diego Sup. Ct. Case No. GIC 809753; Stratford v. Citicorp 16 West FSB, Monterey Sup. Ct. Case No. M 81026; Deckard v. Banco Popular N. Am., 17 related to Silva v. Banco Popular N. Am., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 08-6709 JFW 18 (\$1,050,000 settlement).
 - 3. David Zelenski, who is an attorney at my firm working on the abovecaptioned matter, has worked with me on numerous class-action matters. See, e.g., Gonzalez v. Preferred Freezer Servs. LBF, LLC, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 93013 (C.D. Cal. filed July 5, 2012) (successful opposition to a defense motion to compel arbitration in a putative class action); Gonzalez v. Preferred Freezer Servs. LBF, LLC, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 139764 (C.D. Cal. filed Sept. 27, 2012) (successful motion to correct improper defense contact of class members in a putative class action); Covillo v. Specialty's Café, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 114602 (N.D. Cal. filed Aug. 14, 2012) (successful opposition to a defense motion to compel arbitration in a putative class

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action); Perez v. Maid Brigade, Inc., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 78412 (N.D. Cal. filed Oct. 11, 2007) (successful opposition to a defense motion to compel arbitration in a putative class action). He has also been appointed as class counsel in numerous actions. See e.g., Kang v. Albertson's, Inc., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 07-00894 CAS (\$6,637,500 settlement); Doty v. Costco Wholesale Corp., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 05-3241 FMC (\$7,500,000 settlement); Agatep v. Exxon Mobil Corp., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 05-2342 GAF (\$1,500,000 settlement); Stratford v. Citicorp West FSB, Monterey Sup. Ct. Case No. M 81026 (\$950,000 settlement). Mr. Zelenski is a graduate of Reed College (B.A. 1999) and the University of Southern California (J.D. 2003) (law review). He is a member of the California bar (June 28, 2004), and his law-school Note, Talent Agents, Personal Managers, and Their Conflicts in the New Hollywood, 76 S. Cal. L. Rev. 979 (2003), has been cited by the California Supreme Court in Marathon Entertainment, Inc. v. Blasi, 42 Cal. 4th 974 (2008). In addition, Mr. Zelenski was designated a 2013 "Super Lawyers Rising Star."

- 4. In May 2007, my firm first began investigating Defendants West Publishing Corporation ("West") and Kaplan, Inc.'s ("Kaplan") alleged violations of antitrust laws in the bar-review-course market. In the course of my firm's initial investigation, I reviewed thousands of documents, interviewed Class Members and competitors, and engaged in extensive legal research. In addition, through a review of court filings and informal discovery, I confirmed what I believed to be the implicit message of a settlement reached with West and Kaplan in Rodriguez v. West Publishing Corp., C.D. Cal. Case No. CV 05-3222 R, namely, that West and Kaplan had violated antitrust laws by entering an illegal market-division arrangement. True and correct copies of the first amended complaint of the order granting final approval of the settlement in Rodriguez are attached as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively, to the Request for Judicial Notice filed herewith.
- 5. The Complaint in the above-captioned action was filed in February 2008. The Complaint alleges that West and Kaplan violated section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15

- U.S.C. § 1, by conspiring to restrain trade in the full-service bar-review-course market. The Complaint also alleges that West (but not Kaplan) violated section 2 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2, by unlawfully acquiring and/or maintaining a monopoly of the bar-review-course market. On March 14, 2008, West filed a Motion to dismiss the Complaint, a Motion in which Kaplan joined. Principally, West's Motion argued that Plaintiffs' claims were effectively preempted under the settlement reached in Rodriguez,
- in which West and Kaplan agreed to terminate their market-division agreement. The Court agreed with Defendants, and, on April 10, 2008, Plaintiffs' Complaint was dismissed with prejudice.
 - 6. On May 7, 2008, my office filed a timely appeal. The basis of the appeal was that the Rodriguez settlement covered an earlier class of purchasers distinct from the Class alleged in the within action. Specifically, while the Rodriguez class period spanned the ten-year period from August 1, 1997, through July 31, 2006, Plaintiffs' claims herein have been brought on behalf of individuals who purchased bar-review courses *after* July 31, 2006. Plaintiffs' claims, in other words, concern any *residual* impact on the bar-review-course market of conduct that took place almost exclusively prior to the commencement of the Class Period. A true and correct copy of Plaintiffs' briefing on this issue is attached as Exhibit 5 to the Request for Judicial Notice filed herewith.
 - 7. Oral argument as to the appeal was heard by the Ninth Circuit on September 30, 2009. On October 9, 2009, in lieu of ruling on the appeal, the Ninth Circuit issued an Order "referr[ing the matter] to the Ninth Circuit Mediation Office to explore a possible resolution through mediation." A true and correct copy of that Order is attached as Exhibit 6 to the Request for Judicial Notice filed herewith. For the next eight months, the parties engaged in numerous settlement conferences supervised by the appointed Ninth Circuit Mediator, Roxane Ashe. During the course of settlement discussions, my firm's primary goal was to achieve the maximum substantive relief possible for the Class. To that end, I consistently insisted that any settlement include relief designed to accelerate competition in the bar-review-course market.

- 8. In approximately June 2010, after a series of arm's length negotiation sessions, the Ninth Circuit Mediator issued a proposal that Plaintiffs settle their claims against West for \$5,285,000. Plaintiffs and West ultimately accepted the Mediator's proposal as to that sum. My office also negotiated additional, non-monetary relief with Kaplan, under which Kaplan would provide Class Members with discount certificates redeemable toward the purchase of future Kaplan educational courses. Because the certificates would have been usable for purchasing bar-review courses, it was the parties' good-faith belief that the coupons would hasten competition between Kaplan—the new entrant to the bar-review market—and West. A global settlement agreement reflecting the discount-certificate settlement with Kaplan and the monetary settlement with West was executed in October 2010, and, in December 2010, the case was remanded to this Court for settlement-approval purposes. A true and correct copy of the Order remanding the case is attached as Exhibit 7 to the Request for Judicial Notice filed herewith.
- 9. Two months later, Plaintiffs filed their Motion for preliminary approval of the initial settlement agreement. After a full hearing on the merits, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion. Further to the Court's ruling, notice was delivered to the Class, and Members were afforded an opportunity to submit claims. According to the Claims Administrator appointed by the Court, a total of 184,496 notice packets were delivered to the Class. Also according to the Claims Administrator, from those 184,496 notice packets, a total of 47,542 timely claim forms were submitted, representing 57,262 separate bar-review-course purchases. Only 113 exclusion requests and 62 objections were received by the Claims Administrator.
- 10. After the claims period had closed, Plaintiffs filed their Motion for final approval of the initial proposed settlement. The Court denied that Motion, holding that the amount of the average recovery did not reasonably compare to that in Rodriguez or to that in another recent antitrust settlement against West: Park v. Thomson Corp., Southern District of New York Case No. 05 Civ. 2931 (WHP). True and correct copies of the Park claims administrator's declaration (containing data as to the size of the Park class and as

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to the number of claims submitted) and of the order granting final approval of the Park settlement are attached as Exhibits 3 and 4, respectively, to the Request for Judicial Notice filed herewith.

- In Rodriguez, a total settlement fund of \$49,000,000 was established on 11. behalf of over 376,000 class members. According to the Rodriguez claims administrator, approximately 88,000 claim forms were submitted in that action, representing approximately 130,000 separate bar-review-course purchases. In Rodriguez, the settlement funds were distributed pro rata based on the relative amount that each class member who submitted a valid claim form paid for bar-review courses.
- Following the Court's denial of final approval of the initial settlement, 12. jurisdiction returned to the Ninth Circuit for a ruling on the Order granting West's Motion to dismiss. A true and correct copy of the Ninth Circuit Order resubmitting the appeal is attached as Exhibit 8 to the Request for Judicial Notice filed herewith. On November 7, 2011, the Ninth Circuit reversed. A true and correct copy of that Order of reversal is attached as Exhibit 9 to the Request for Judicial Notice filed herewith. However, instead of immediately issuing its mandate, the Ninth Circuit again "refer[red matters] to the Ninth Circuit Mediation Office to explore a resolution through mediation." The parties then resumed active, arm's length negotiations before Ms. Ashe, the appointed Ninth Circuit Mediator. The parties also participated in a private mediation before John Francis Carroll. During the course of these mediations, my primary goal was to achieve the maximum substantive relief possible for the Class, while Defendants, of course, sought to minimize the costs of any settlement. Ultimately, after mediation with Mr. Carroll had concluded, and under the Ninth Circuit Mediator's supervision, the parties agreed to settle this matter for \$9,500,000. Mr. Carroll has since reviewed the terms of the present Settlement Agreement, and he recommends that the Court approve it "[w]ithout reservation." A true and correct copy of Mr. Carroll's Declaration supporting the Settlement Agreement is filed concurrently herewith.
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engaging in any formal discovery in negotiating and executing the new Settlement Agreement. However, my co-counsel and I have had the benefit of considering the opinion of Mr. Carroll, who has declared that he is "particularly knowledgeable of the underlying facts" in this action, given his role as special master in Rodriguez. My cocounsel and I have also reviewed the extensive case file from Rodriguez, including the substantial discovery taken therein. We have also undertaken our own extensive investigation to inform our negotiating position, including comprehensive market research and risk re-evaluation in light of intervening federal-court decisions, including Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes, 131 S. Ct. 2541 (2011). Dukes in particular has serious implications as to the manageability through trial of the nationwide Class herein, given (i) that Plaintiffs' proposed nationwide Class implicates different bar exams—each costing different amounts—administered across separate States and (ii) that the residual anticompetitive impact from the now-terminated co-marketing agreement has arguably decreased with each new bar-exam administration. I have also very carefully considered the risks of further litigation, including the significant risks stemming from (i) the fact that Kaplan's agreement not to purchase West Bar took place nearly a decade before the current Class Period and (ii) the fact that the "co-marketing" agreement that was also earlier at issue was dissolved as part of the Rodriguez settlement. As to the co-marketing agreement, I further note that, since this case's inception, Defendants have argued that it was actually pro-competitive arrangement. I have also taken note of West's repeated argument that its dominant market position is simply the result of the high-quality products and services it offers, not of any alleged violations of the Sherman Act. In light of these potential defenses and risks, as well as in light of the expenses that would be involved in continuing to litigate this action, the potential recovery to the Class if the case were fully litigated through trial, and the probability of any recovery being delayed by the taking of an appeal, I believe that the Settlement Agreement represents a fair and reasonable result for all parties involved. Based on my experience in matters of this nature, the \$9,500,000 Gross Settlement Fund will be adequate to provide Class Members

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- 14. After a careful analysis of all the relevant factors, I have formed and now hold the opinion that the terms and conditions embodied in the new Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable, and equitable; that they represent a good result; and that the risks and delay of further litigation likely outweigh the potential benefits that might derive from further litigation. All of the Plaintiffs in this action have reached the same conclusion. True and correct copies of Plaintiffs' Declarations supporting the Settlement Agreement are attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.
- 15. The parties recommend that Gilardi & Co., LLC ("Gilardi") be appointed as Claims Administrator. Gilardi is a well-established firm based in San Rafael, California with a respected national reputation. I believe that the Class will be well-served by the appointment of Gilardi as Claims Administrator. This is the same firm that was appointed in connection with the preliminary approval of the earlier settlement, and substantial efficiencies will therefore be achieved by appointing Gilardi once again under the new Settlement Agreement. Under the Settlement Agreement, Gilardi is to deliver a copy of the Notice (a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3) and Claim Form (a true and correct template of which is attached as Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement) to the last-known postal address of each Class Member. In addition, a Summary Notice will be published in The National Law Journal, Lawyers Weekly USA, and USA Today. The Summary Notice will contain a toll-free phone number for inquiry purposes and a website address that Class Members can use to obtain copies of the Notice and Claim Form. The website will include a copy of the Settlement Agreement, the Notice, the Summary Notice, contact information for the Claims Administrator, and answers to frequently asked questions.
- 16. Since the execution of the Settlement Agreement, Gilardi has informed the parties that significant administration expenses can be saved (i) if e-mail and/or postcard notification is used the "first step" of notification to Class Members instead of the first-class-mail procedures specified in the Settlement Agreement and (ii) if Class Members

- 17. The parties have since met and conferred on this issue, and they recommend that Gilardi proceed with this alternative notice mechanism by (i) delivering an e-mail to each Class Member containing the language of the Summary Notice and (ii) mailing to those Class Members whose e-mails "bounce back" as undeliverable a follow-up postcard also containing the language of the Summary Notice. Again, the Summary Notice will direct Class Members to a website where the long-form Notice may be reviewed and downloaded, as well as a telephone number for inquiry purposes that can be used by those Class Members who, for whatever reason, do not have computerized access to the website. The website will also permit Class Members to submit their Claim Forms electronically.
- 18. Mr. Disner and my firm have advanced all costs of this case to date. The required legal services—including drafting the Complaint, conducting legal research, successfully bringing the appeal, and participating in the Ninth Circuit-mandated mediation—have been provided on a contingent-fee basis. The undersigned has no conflict of interest with Plaintiffs or any Members of the Class, and both Harris & Ruble and Perrin Disner (my co-counsel) have fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class.

I have read the foregoing, and the facts set forth therein are true and correct of my

own personal knowledge. Executed March 18, 2013, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. /s/ Alan Harris Alan Harris

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