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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

7 Jamie FELD, as an individual, and on
8 behalf of all others similarly situated,

9 Plaintiffs,

10 **-against-**

11 POSTMATES, INC., a Delaware state
12 corporation.

Defendants.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL REQUESTED

Date Action filed: May 1, 2019

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14 Plaintiff, Jamie Feld, hereby files this Class Action Complaint, individually, and on
15 behalf of all others similarly situated—and makes these allegations based on personal
16 knowledge, and information and belief and/or which are likely to have evidentiary support after a
17 reasonable opportunity for further investigation and discovery—against Defendant, Postmates,
18 Inc. (“POSTMATES” or “Defendant”), as follows:
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20 **I. INTRODUCTION**

21 1. Defendant has made false, misleading statements that are likely to deceive reasonable
22 customers. Defendant has mistakenly or misleadingly represented that its POSTMATES-branded
23 delivery application and website (“the Service”) would (1) delivery “Anything. Anytime.
24 Anywhere.”, and that it ran an “anything” network, when in fact, they do not, because the
25 Service does not allow delivery of anything, anytime, or anywhere; (2) deliver food for a stated
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1 “Delivery Fee”, which in fact, they do not, because the Service charges an extra, hidden “Service
2 Fee”.

3 2. Defendant’s “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” statement prominently displayed on the
4 POSTMATE’s website and application is false, misleading, and likely to deceive reasonable
5 customers, such as Plaintiff and members of the Class, because the Service is not able to deliver
6 “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.”.

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8 3. The ability to deliver from restaurants or kitchens in New York City (“NYC”) is highly
9 coveted, evinced by the operation of at least three other delivery services with exclusive
10 arrangements with restaurants (i.e., Seamless, Caviar, and Uber Eats). Contrary to Defendant’s
11 express or implied representations, the POSTMATE’s website and application cannot deliver
12 anything, anytime, anywhere – and might be POSTMATE’s attempt to increase the value of their
13 brand unfairly to customers, while their competitors continue to legally contract with local
14 businesses to fairly increase the value of their brands to customers.

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16 4. Defendant’s price representations to members of the Class, such as Plaintiff’s “\$1.99
17 Delivery Fee” statement, prominently displayed on the POSTMATE’s website and application
18 are also false, misleading, and likely to deceive reasonable customers, such as Plaintiff and
19 members of the Class, because the Service is not able to deliver from the restaurants for the
20 stated delivery fee amount.

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22 5. The ability to deliver restaurants or kitchens in New York City for a specific “Delivery
23 Fee” without a “Service Fee” is highly coveted, evinced by competitors clearly and obviously
24 disclosing both fees to customers in advertisements and on check-out screens. Contrary to
25 Defendant’s express or implied representations that it only charges a “Delivery Fee”,
26 POSTMATE’s website and application charge “Service Fee”.

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II. VENUE AND JURISDICTION

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2 6. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter presented by this Complaint
3 because it is a class action arising under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”), Pub.
4 L. No. 109-2, 119 Stat. 4 (2005), which explicitly provides for the original jurisdiction of the
5 Federal Courts of any class action in which any member of the plaintiff class is a citizen of a
6 state different from any Defendant, and in which the matter in controversy exceeds in the
7 aggregate the sum of \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

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9 7. Plaintiff alleges that the total claims of the individual members of the Plaintiff
10 Class in this action are in excess of \$5,000,000.00 in the aggregate, exclusive of interest and
11 costs, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2), (5). As set forth below, Plaintiff is a citizen of
12 New York, and POSTMATES can be considered a citizen of Delaware. Therefore, diversity of
13 citizenship exists under CAFA and diversity jurisdiction, as required by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a)(1),
14 (d)(2)(A). Furthermore, Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that defendant is not a citizen
15 of New York, where this action is originally being filed, and that the total number of members of
16 the proposed Plaintiff Class is greater than 100, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(d)(5)(B).

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18 8. Venue in this judicial district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a) because,
19 as set forth below, Defendant conducts business in, and may be found in, this district, and
20 Plaintiff signed-up, downloaded, and/or made purchases through the subject Services of this
21 action in this judicial district.
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24 **III. PARTIES**

25 9. Plaintiff is an individual more than 18-years-old, and is a citizen of New York,
26 resident of Manhattan County. Plaintiff respectfully requests a jury trial on all damage claims. In
27 2019, Plaintiff signed-up, downloaded and/or made purchases through the Service,
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1 POSTMATES delivery website and application with advertisements that claim to be able to (1)
2 deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.”, but whose Service is actually limited to certain
3 vendors. See **Exhibit 1**, *Scanned Copy of Website Marketing Page – necessary to view before*
4 *sign up*, and **Exhibit 2**, *Scanned Copy of Postmates Press and Media Page’s “About*
5 *Postmates”*, attached hereto and incorporated herein. And (2) allow use of their Service for a set
6 “Delivery Fee”, but whose Service charges a “Service Fee” that is hidden through the checkout
7 process by an inconspicuous box titled “Taxes and Fees”. See **Exhibit 3**, *Scanned Copy of “1.99*
8 *Delivery Fee”*; **Exhibit 4**, *Scanned Copy of Check-Out Screen Disclosures with Hidden Fee*;
9 **Exhibit 5**, *Scanned Copy of Hidden Fee Found*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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12 10. In making purchases through the Service, Plaintiff read and relied on the material
13 statement that the Service could deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” For example, Plaintiff
14 downloaded the POSTMATES application believing it to be able to deliver “Anything. Anytime.
15 Anywhere.” because she read and relied on POSTMATES material statement that the Service
16 can deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” prominently displayed on their website,
17 application, and press releases. Plaintiff has been damaged by her purchase of the Service
18 because the labeling and advertising for the Service was and is false and/or misleading under
19 New York law; therefore, the Service is worth less than what Plaintiff paid for it and/or Plaintiff
20 did not receive what she reasonably intended to receive when purchasing the Service.

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22 11. Defendant, Postmates, Inc. (“POSTMATES”) is a Delaware licensed corporation with
23 its principal place of business located at 201 Third Street, Floor 2, San Francisco, CA 94103.
24 POSTMATES lists with the Delaware Secretary of State a Registered Agent designated as The
25 Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE
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1 19801. Therefore, POSTMATES can be considered a “citizen” of the State of Delaware for
2 purposes of diversity jurisdiction or diversity of citizenship.

3 12. POSTMATES is the owner, manufacturer and distributor of the Service, and is the
4 company that created and/or authorized the false, misleading and deceptive labeling and
5 advertising for the Service and is the company that promoted, marketed, and sold the Service at
6 issue in this judicial district.

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8 13. POSTMATES labeling and advertising relied upon by Plaintiff was prepared and/or
9 approved by POSTMATES and its agents, and was disseminated by POSTMATES and its agents
10 through labeling and advertising containing the misrepresentations alleged herein. The labeling
11 and advertising for the Service was designed to encourage customers to make purchases with the
12 Service and reasonably mislead a reasonable customer, i.e. Plaintiff and the Class.

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14 14. Plaintiff alleges that, at all relevant times, POSTMATES and its subsidiaries,
15 affiliates, and other related entities, as well as their respective employees, were the agents,
16 servants and employees of POSTMATES, and at all relevant times, each acted within the
17 purpose and scope of that agency and employment. Plaintiff further alleges on information and
18 belief that at all times relevant herein, the distributors and retailers who delivered and sold the
19 Service, as well as their respective employees, also were POSTMATES agents, servants and
20 employees, and at all times herein, each was acting within the purpose and scope of that agency
21 and employment.

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23 15. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that, in committing the wrongful acts alleged
24 herein, POSTMATES, in concert with its subsidiaries, affiliates, and/or other related entities and
25 their respective employees, planned, participated in and furthered a common scheme to induce
26 members of the public to make purchases with the Service by means of false, misleading,
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1 deceptive and fraudulent representations, and that POSTMATES participated in the making of
2 such representations in that it disseminated those misrepresentations and/or caused them to be
3 disseminated.

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5 16. Whenever reference in this Complaint is made to any act by POSTMATES or its
6 subsidiaries, affiliates, distributors, retailers and other related entities, such allegation shall be
7 deemed to mean that the principals, officers, directors, employees, agents, and/or representatives
8 of POSTMATES committed, knew of, performed, authorized, ratified and/or directed that act or
9 transaction on behalf of POSTMATES while actively engaged in the scope of their duties.

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11 **IV. LACK OF FORMATION**

12 17. Plaintiff and members of the Class did not agree to the “terms and conditions” that
13 would require submitting to arbitration.

14 18. Plaintiff and members of the Class signed up for POSTMATES without notice of the
15 terms and conditions.

16 19. POSTMATES terms and conditions were hidden, obscure, and not obvious.

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18 20. POSTMATES terms and conditions were not presented on any screen shown to
19 Plaintiff and members of the Class and would require multiple clicks to access.

20 21. POSTMATES’ hidden hyperlink to terms and conditions was on one cluttered screen
21 that users view before they use POSTMATES.

22 22. POSTMATES does not require any affirmative assent to its terms and conditions,
23 such as “click-wrap” where users would click to affirm assent.

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25 23. Plaintiff and members of the Class signed up for POSTMATES without notice of the
26 terms and conditions related to mandatory class arbitration.

1 24. Defendant’s placement of the hyperlinked terms and conditions was not conspicuous
2 enough to put Plaintiff and members of the Class on notice of the waiver of their substantial right
3 to class action litigation for POSTMATES illegal activities.

4 25. POSTMATES terms and conditions include a material term limiting class action
5 litigation.

6 26. Defendant did not draw attention to the other, non-visible terms that would alter what
7 a reasonable customer would understand to be default rights, i.e., the right to bring a class action,
8 when initiating an online transaction from their state of residence.

9 27. Plaintiff and members of the Class were not put on notice that there were terms and
10 conditions different from what a reasonable customer would understand their default rights to be,
11 i.e., the right not to arbitrate and instead bring federal or state litigation.

12 28. Plaintiff and members of the Class were not made aware there was a small statement
13 under the “Sign Up” button that stated, “By clicking the Sign Up or Facebook button, you agree
14 to our Terms of Service and Privacy Policy”. *See Exhibit 6, Scanned Copy of Hidden Terms,*
15 attached hereto and incorporated herein.

16 29. Plaintiff and members of the Class signed up for POSTMATES through a portal that
17 gave no clear or obvious notice of the existence of extra terms and conditions, besides those
18 common in the use of delivery services of goods.

19 30. Plaintiff and members of the Class did not have any in-person, over the phone, or any
20 other type of communication with representatives from POSTMATES that could have put them
21 on notice of the other, non-visible terms and conditions.

1 31. There is no substantial evidence or anything in the design or content of the
2 POSTMATES website or application that would put Plaintiff or members of the Class on notice
3 of the existence of other, non-visible terms and conditions.

4 32. Defendant's Service obscured and minimized the importance of the details of the
5 contract by increasing the size, weight, placement, and view of the physical manifestation of
6 assent expected by the "Sign Up" button and other features on the site, e.g., multiple colorful
7 foods and other links.

8 33. Defendant's Service presents Plaintiff and members of the Class with fields to enter
9 Email and Password information in much larger and noticeable type face than the terms and
10 conditions.
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12 34. Defendant's hyperlinked terms and conditions was not next to the only button that
13 will allow the user to continue since there are multiple ways of signing up, e.g., by use of a
14 Facebook account.
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16 35. Defendant's hyperlinked terms and conditions was not adjacent to the only button that
17 was intended to manifest assent, e.g., not near both "Sign Up" and "Facebook" links, which
18 could lead a user to think only Facebook terms apply.
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20 36. Defendant did not notify Plaintiff or members of the Class of the other, non-visible
21 terms by website notice when they signed in to use the Service after signing up, e.g., no notice at
22 time of sale.

23 37. Defendant did not notify Plaintiff or members of the Class of the other, non-visible
24 terms by email or direct mail after signing up.
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V. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

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2 38. POSTMATES manufactures, distributes, markets, advertises, and sells the Service,
3 which claims to be able to (1) deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” when in fact, it is not,
4 because the Service will not deliver anything, anytime, anywhere, and (2) allow use of their
5 Service for a set “Delivery Fee”, but whose Service charges other non-tax variable fees.
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7 39. Defendant’s statements that it can deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” for a set
8 “Delivery Fee” prominently displayed on the Service’s main, primary screen (i.e., it is necessary
9 to view to use the Service) and its other marketing, including packaging and/or labeling, is false,
10 misleading, and likely to deceive reasonable customer, such as Plaintiff and members of the
11 Class, because the Service does not allow delivery of “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.”, as
12 evinced by the options available in the Service, and also charges more than a simple “Delivery
13 Fee”, as evinced by a hidden “Service Fee”.
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15 40. Delivery of “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” would mean to a reasonable NYC
16 customer that delivery was possible for anything sold in the local NYC stores to a NYC location
17 since it is reasonable to believe a business could provide such a service, since competitors exist
18 and do provide such services (e.g., TaskRabbit, Uber). Contrary to Defendant’s express or
19 implied representations, the Service does not provide for delivery of “Anything. Anytime.
20 Anywhere.”, even in local NYC.
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22 41. Delivery for a set “Delivery Fee” would mean to a reasonable NYC customer that
23 delivery was possible for that price, plus tax and cost of goods since it is reasonable to believe a
24 business could provide such a service, since competitors exist and do provide such services or
25 disclose the use of an extra “Service Fee” conspicuously without needing extra clicks (e.g.,
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1 Seamless, Uber Eats). Contrary to Defendant’s express or implied representations, the Service
2 does not provide for delivery for only a “Delivery Fee”.

3 42. The Service does not provide delivery of “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.”. The
4 Service only provides delivery from a specific set of vendors at specified times and locations,
5 and are thus not delivering “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.”, thereby causing the Service to fail
6 to be able to deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.”
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8 43. The Service does not provide delivery for a set “Delivery Fee”. The Service provides
9 delivery for a fee that includes the “Delivery Fee” and a hidden “Service Fee”, and are thus not
10 delivering for a set fee based on only the “Delivery Fee”, thereby causing the Service to fail to be
11 able to deliver for a set “Delivery Fee”.
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13 44. Defendant manufactures, markets, advertises, distributes and sells the Service on the
14 world-wide web throughout the United States and in this judicial district claiming to be able to
15 deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” specifically, on the website and application for the
16 Service.
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18 45. Defendant provides, markets, advertises, distributes and sells the Service on the
19 world-wide web throughout the United States and in this judicial district claiming to be able to
20 deliver for a set “Delivery Fee” specifically, on the website and application for the Service.

21 46. As a result, through a variety of advertising, including but not limited to the website,
22 application, and other packaging and labeling of the Service, POSTMATES has made false and
23 misleading material statements and representations regarding the Service that have been relied
24 upon by Plaintiff and members of the Class.
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26 47. Simply put, the Service does not deliver from local NYC vendors for the fee that was
27 shown to Plaintiff and members of the Class, and is thus not able to deliver “Anything. Anytime.
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1 Anywhere.” for a set “Delivery Fee”. Therefore, Defendant’s advertising and labeling statement
2 that the Service is able to deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” for a set “Delivery Fee” is
3 deceptive and likely to mislead reasonable customers, such as Plaintiff and members of the
4 Class.

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6 48. Plaintiff, like members of the Class, signed-up, downloaded, and/or made purchases
7 through the Service relying on the material misrepresentation that it was able to deliver
8 “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” for a set “Delivery Fee” at the time of purchase.

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10 49. Plaintiff based her purchases upon POSTMATES material statement that the
11 Service could deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” for a set “Delivery Fee”, which she read
12 on the front labeling of the Service (i.e., website and application screens that are necessary to
13 view to use the Service), and relied upon prior to making her purchase.

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15 50. Plaintiff would not have sign-up for, downloaded, and/or made purchases through the
16 Service if she had known that the Defendant’s Product is not able to deliver “Anything. Anytime.
17 Anywhere.” because it cannot deliver from local NYC vendors, and is not able to deliver for a
18 set “Delivery Fee” because it charges extra hidden “Service Fees”.

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20 51. Plaintiff and members of the Class have been economically damaged by their
21 purchase of the Product because it does not deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” for a set
22 “Delivery Fee”.

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24 52. At a minimum, Plaintiff contends that Defendant should cease labeling the
25 Service as being able to delivery “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” for a set “Delivery Fee”, in
26 line with competitors’ disclosures.

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28 53. Plaintiff therefore brings this class action to secure, among other things, equitable

1 relief and damages for the Class against POSTMATES for false and misleading advertising in
2 violation of NEW YORK'S GENERAL BUSINESS LAW § 349, along with Unjust Enrichment.

3 **VI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

4 54. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in each
5 of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

6 55. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, Plaintiff brings this class action
7 and seeks certification of the claims and certain issues in this action on behalf of a Class defined
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10 **all New York persons (i.e., consumers and non-consumers) who have used**
11 **Postmate's services, during the period extending from January 15, 2012,**
12 **through and to the filing date of this Complaint.**

13 56. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the Class definition if further investigation
14 and discovery indicates that the Class definition should be narrowed, expanded, or otherwise
15 modified. Excluded from the Class are governmental entities, Defendant, any entity in which
16 Defendant has a controlling interest, and Defendant's officers, directors, affiliates, legal
17 representatives, employees, co-conspirators, successors, subsidiaries, and assigns. Also
18 excluded from the Class is any judge, justice, or judicial officer presiding over this matter and
19 the members of their immediate families and judicial staff.

20 57. Defendant's practices and omissions were applied uniformly to all members of
21 the Class, including any subclass arising out of the New York statutory claims alleged herein, so
22 that the questions of law and fact are common to all members of the Class and any subclass.
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24 58. All members of the Class and any subclass were and are similarly affected by the
25 deceptive labeling of the Service, and the relief sought herein is for the benefit of Plaintiff and
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1 members of the Class and any subclass.

2 59. Based on the annual sales of the Service and the popularity of the Service, it is
3 apparent that the number of customers in both the Class and any subclass is so large as to make
4 joinder impractical, if not impossible.

5 60. Questions of law and fact common to the Plaintiff Class and any subclass exist
6 that predominate over questions affecting only individual members, including, inter alia:
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8 a. Whether Defendant's practices and representations related to the marketing,
9 labeling and sales of the Service were unfair, deceptive and/or unlawful in
10 any respect, thereby violating NEW YORK'S GENERAL BUSINESS LAW § 349;

11 b. Whether Defendant's practices and representations related to the marketing,
12 labeling and sales of the Service amounted to unjust enrichment;

13 c. Whether Defendant's conduct as set forth above injured consumers and non-
14 consumers and if so, the extent of the injury.
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16 61. The claims asserted by Plaintiff in this action are typical of the claims of the
17 members of the Plaintiff Class and any subclass, as the claims arise from the same course of
18 conduct by Defendant, and the relief sought within the Class and any subclass is common to the
19 members of each.
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21 62. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the members
22 of the Plaintiff Class and any subclass.

23 63. Plaintiff is competent and experienced in both consumer protection and class action
24 litigation.
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26 64. Certification of this class action is appropriate under Federal Rule of Civil
27 Procedure 23 because the questions of law or fact common to the respective members of the
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1 Class and any subclass predominate over questions of law or fact affecting only individual
2 members. This predominance makes class litigation superior to any other method available for a
3 fair and efficient decree of the claims.

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5 65. Absent a class action, it would be highly unlikely that the representative Plaintiff
6 or any other members of the Class or any subclass would be able to protect their own interests
7 because the cost of litigation through individual lawsuits might exceed expected recovery.

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9 66. Certification also is appropriate because Defendant acted, or refused to act, on
10 grounds generally applicable to both the Class and any subclass, thereby making appropriate the
11 relief sought on behalf of the Class and any subclass as respective wholes. Further, given the
12 large number of customers of the Service, allowing individual actions to proceed in lieu of a
13 class action would run the risk of yielding inconsistent and conflicting adjudications.

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15 67. A class action is a fair and appropriate method for the adjudication of the
16 controversy, in that it will permit a large number of claims to be resolved in a single forum
17 simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary hardship that would result from the
18 prosecution of numerous individual actions and the duplication of discovery, effort, expense and
19 burden on the courts that individual actions would engender.

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21 68. The benefits of proceeding as a class action, including providing a method for
22 obtaining redress for claims that would not be practical to pursue individually, outweigh any
23 difficulties that might be argued with regard to the management of this class action.

24 **VII. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:**

25 **VIOLATION OF NEW YORK'S**

26 **GENERAL BUSINESS LAW § 349**

27 69. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in each
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1 of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

2 70. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant engaged in
3 extensive marketing and advertising, including, but not limited to, print, electronic media,
4 television, internet, and direct marketing through agents, to promote and sell the Service
5 as being able to deliver “Anything. Anytime. Anywhere.” for a set “Delivery Fee” when it is not,
6 because it cannot deliver from specific local NYC vendors and charges hidden fees behind a set
7 “Delivery Fee”.
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9 71. This cause of action is brought on behalf of Plaintiff and members of the general
10 public pursuant to New YORK’S GENERAL BUSINESS LAW § 349, which provides. “Deceptive acts
11 or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce or in the furnishing of any service
12 in this state are hereby declared unlawful” – Defendant’s act or practices are deceptive if they are
13 (i) consumer-oriented and misleading in a material respect, and (ii) caused injury to Plaintiff(s).
14 STUTMAN V. CHEMICAL BANK, 95 N.Y.2d 24, 29 (N.Y. 2000).
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16 72. Defendant committed unfair deceptive business acts and/or practices. Defendant
17 and its related entities represent themselves as being a reputable, reliable delivery service of food
18 products. However, the utility of Defendant’s practices related to the delivery, marketing,
19 and distribution of the Service for the purpose of selling is negligible, if any, when weighed
20 against the economic harm to the general public, Plaintiff, and members of the Class.
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22 73. Defendant committed a deceptive act or practice which has a capacity, tendency,
23 and/or likelihood to deceive or confuse reasonable customers in that such customers had a
24 good faith basis for believing the Services were marketed, distributed, and sold
25 in a reliable manner, consistent with the standards of Defendant’s industry.
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27 74. Defendant’s practices related to food delivery, marketing, and distribution of
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1 the Services for the purpose of selling, in such manner as set forth in detail above, constitute
2 unfair and/or deceptive business. Plaintiff and members of the general public were and are likely
3 to be deceived by Defendant as set forth herein.

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5 75. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and members of the general public, seeks an order
6 of this Court:

7 (a) Enjoining Defendant from continuing to engage, use, or employ any unjust,
8 unfair and/or deceptive business acts or practices related to food delivery,
9 marketing, and distribution of the Services for the purpose of selling in such
10 manner as set forth in detail above; and

11 (b) Restoring all monies that may have been acquired by Defendant as a result of
12 Such unjust, unfair and/or deceptive acts or practices.

13 (c) Granting punitive damages to deter Defendant and future Defendants.

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15 76. Plaintiff and members of the general public may be irreparably harmed and/or
16 denied an effective and complete remedy if such an order is not granted. The unfair and/or
17 deceptive acts and practices of Defendant, as described above, present a serious threat to
18 Plaintiff and members of the general public.

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20 77. The harmful impact upon members of the general public and the Class who
21 purchased and used the Products for their intended and foreseeable purpose far outweighs any
22 reasons or justifications by Defendant for their practices related to food delivery, marketing,
23 and distribution of the Services for the purpose of selling. Defendant had an improper motive
24 (profit before accurate marketing) in their practices related to food delivery, marketing,
25 distribution, and sale of the Services, as set forth in detail above.

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27 78. The utilization of such unfair business acts and practices was and is under the
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1 sole control of Defendant, and was fraudulently and deceptively hidden from members of the
2 general public in their labeling, advertising, promotion and/or marketing of the Services.

3 79. As purchasers and customers of Defendant's Services, and as members of the
4 general public in New York who purchased the Services and used them for their intended and
5 foreseeable purpose, Plaintiff and members of the Class are entitled to and do bring this class
6 action seeking all available remedies under New York's General Business Law, including
7 declaratory, injunctive, and other equitable relief, as well as attorneys' fees and costs.
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9 80. As a result of Defendant's violation of New York's General Business Law,
10 moreover, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to restitution for out-of-pocket expenses and
11 economic harm. Plaintiff and members of the Class are further entitled to pre-judgment interest
12 as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's wrongful conduct. The amount of damages
13 suffered as a result is a sum certain and capable of calculation and Plaintiff and members of the
14 Class are entitled to interest in an amount according to proof.
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16 **VIII. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:**

17 **UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

18 81. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in each
19 of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint, and alleges now the same allegations above
20 regarding POSTMATES, noting specifically that the allegations include that POSTMATES
21 injured business clients (e.g., partnerships, corporations) as well as unaffiliated individuals in
22 their individual capacity. Plaintiff alleges and incorporates all allegations made above.
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24 82. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant was enriched by
25 customers by using advertisements stating delivery was available for "Anything. Anytime.
26 Anywhere." for only a "Delivery Fee" since it gained revenue from clients by inducing
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1 purchases and getting clients to view, rely on, download, give masses of data, and/or make
2 purchases through the Service.

3 83. Defendant's enrichment was at the Plaintiff's expense since it was Plaintiff who was
4 paying a premium for the basic Service that POSTMATES provided, instead of the cost that a
5 reasonable customer would pay to use a business similar to POSTMATES that (1) does not
6 deliver "Anything. Anytime. Anywhere." and (2) includes a "Service Fee" with a "Delivery
7 Fee".
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9 84. Enrichment equity and good conscience should require restitution because the failure
10 of the POSTMATES Service to perform as advertised by Defendant has caused Plaintiff and
11 members of the Class economic damages as herein described, in opposition to expectations that
12 the Service would perform as advertised, i.e., deliver "Anything. Anytime. Anywhere." and for
13 only a "Delivery Fee".
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15 85. Contracts between Defendant and Plaintiff and members of the Class do not provide
16 for subject matter or remedies in case of Defendant's misrepresentations alleged hereto, nor is
17 there another tort action available for non-consumer Plaintiffs.
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19 86. Plaintiff and members of the Class seek all available remedies and damages for
20 Defendant's unjust enrichment.

21 **IX. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

22 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, prays for relief
23 pursuant to each cause of action set forth in this Complaint as follows:
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25 1. For an order certifying that the action may be maintained as a class action,
26 certifying Plaintiff as representative of the Class, and designating counsel for the Class;

27 2. For an award of equitable relief as follows:
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1 (a) Enjoining Defendant from making any claims on the Service found to violate the New
2 York General Business Law;

3 (b) Requiring Defendant to make full restitution of all monies wrongfully obtained
4 as a result of the conduct described in this Complaint; and

5 (c) Requiring Defendant to disgorge all ill-gotten gains flowing from the conduct
6 described in this Complaint.
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8 3. For actual and punitive damages to be determined at trial;

9 4. For reasonable attorney's fees;

10 5. For an award of costs;

11 6. For any other relief the Court might deem just, appropriate, or proper; and

12 7. For pre- and post-judgment interest on any amounts awarded.
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14 **X. JURY DEMAND**

15 Plaintiff respectfully demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.
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17 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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19 Dated: May 01, 2019

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About Postmates

Postmates helps people unlock the best of their cities – and their lives, with an insanely reliable on-demand “anything” network. Launched in 2011, Postmates pioneered the on-demand delivery movement in the US by offering delivery from restaurants and stores previously only available offline. The company now operates in 2,940 US cities, as well as Mexico, and provides access to over 250,000 merchants.

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By The Numbers

700+

Employees

2,940

Cities

200k

Merchants

5M

Deliveries per month

Company Timeline

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017					
MAR 2011	MAY 2012	MAR 2013	FEB 2014	MAR 2014	SEP 2014	DEC 2014	DEC 2014	JUN 2015	DEC 2015	APR 2016	JUN 2016
Founded by Bastian Lehmann, Sean Plaice and Sam Street.	Launched the first version of Get it Now in San Francisco.	Raised \$5M in Series A.	Raised \$16M in Series B.	Hit 10,000 deliveries per week.	Hit 20,000 deliveries per week.	Introduced Postmates API	Delivered its one millionth delivery.	Raised \$80M in Series C round.	Hit 8M deliveries.	Launched subscription service Postmates Plus Unlimited.	Launched B “c r

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DECEMBER 13, 2018

Postmates Unveils Latest Addition To Its Fleet: Meet Serve - The Autonomous Delivery Rover

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Postmates Unlimited Grows 300%; Lowers Order Minimum for Unlimited Memberships

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Postmates Secures \$300M In Venture Funding Led By Tiger Global Management And Announces Record-Breaking Year Of Growth, Accelerating Position As The On-Demand Industry Leader

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Postmates Launches 100+ Cities In Major U.S. Expansion; Deepens Partnership With Chipotle

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Postmates Says Post Malone Is Its No. 1 Customer

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\$13.15

Add sets of utensils



Suggested Items

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\$1.00



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Subtotal	\$13.15
Tax & Fees	\$2.60
Delivery	\$1.99
Total	\$17.74

REVIEW ORDER

\$17.74

1 The Mimi Cheng Organic Chicken Dumplings
Boiled
\$13.15

Tax & Fees Breakdown

Tax	\$1.17
Service Fee	\$1.43
Total	\$2.60

Authorization

Your card may be temporarily authorized for more than your final order total. This will be adjusted when your order is complete.

OK

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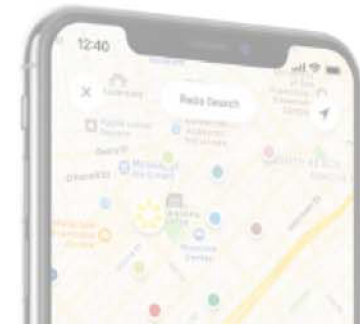
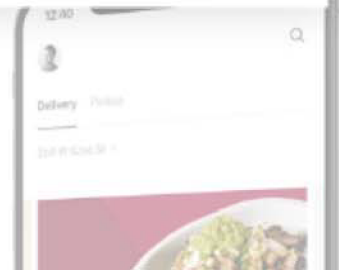


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