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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

KATHLEEN INFANTE, individually and
on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

**LUXOTTICA RETAIL NORTH
AMERICA**, an Ohio corporation d/b/a
LensCrafters,

Defendant.

CLASS ACTION

CASE NO.

1 **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**
2 **AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

3 Plaintiff Kathleen Infante, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, hereby
4 files suit against the Defendant listed above and alleges the following:

5 **INTRODUCTION**

6 1. Plaintiff and class members purchased prescription eyeglasses from LensCrafters
7 after being measured using the Accufit® Digital Measurement System (“Accufit”) offered at
8 LensCrafters. LensCrafters touts its Accufit system as providing uniquely accurate measurements of
9 the pupillary distance (“PD”)¹ between the customer’s eyes to locate the optical centers of the
10 eyeglass lenses. LensCrafters advertises that its Accufit system “measures your eyes five times more
11 precisely than traditional methods, down to a tenth of a millimeter” – roughly the width of a human
12 hair.² LensCrafters claims that this allows the company to manufacture prescription eyeglasses
13 “which provides a lens fit with five times greater precision than traditional methods.”³ Thus,
14 LensCrafters promises better prescription eyeglasses that allow customers “to see your world more
15 clearly,” as “[y]our lenses are crafted based on exactly how glasses sit on your face, where your eyes
16 line up in the frame, and the distance between your eyes—putting the prescription exactly where you
17 need it to see your best.”⁴

18 2. However, LensCrafters cannot and does not deliver what it promises. Even assuming
19 its Accufit system can provide PD measurements down to a tenth of a millimeter, when it
20 manufactures prescription eyeglasses, LensCrafters uses decades-old technology that still involves
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24 ¹ Pupillary distance (“PD”) or interpupillary distance (“IPD”) is the distance between the centers
25 of the pupils in each eye. The industry standard is to measure in millimeters. This measurement is
26 used when manufacturing prescription eyeglasses.

27 ² <https://www.lenscrafters.com/lc-us/accufit> (accessed August 28, 2017).

28 ³ <http://www.luxottica.com/en/retail-brands/lenscrafters> (accessed August 28, 2017).

⁴ <https://www.lenscrafters.com/lc-us/accufit> (accessed August 28, 2017).

1 manual measurements that must be rounded up to a full millimeter. Indeed, Lenscrafters' Accufit
2 system provides no more accuracy in manufacturing prescription eyeglasses than when measuring
3 PD with a standard ruler.

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5 3. This fact is known among LensCrafters' employees. When customers arrive at a
6 LensCrafters store, employees are trained to push the Accufit system as a selling point, telling
7 customers that Accufit ensures more accurate prescription eyeglasses and emphasizing to customers
8 that they can only use Accufit measurements at LensCrafters. When customers ask about the
9 Accufit system and whether it will really make their prescription eyeglasses more accurate,
10 LensCrafters trains its employees to avoid answering the question, and to reiterate that Accufit
11 provides PD measurements that are "five times more accurate."

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13 4. Because LensCrafters' manufacturing process uses the *same* decades-old traditional
14 methods, the end-product sold to customers cannot and does not have PD measurements that are
15 "five times" more accurate than traditional methods.

16 5. Customers are therefore induced to purchase prescription eyeglasses from
17 LensCrafters when they otherwise would not have and/or overpay for prescription eyeglasses from
18 LensCrafters based on false and misleading statements, and suffer damages.

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20 **PARTIES**

21 6. Plaintiff Kathleen Infante is a citizen and resident of California, over the age of
22 eighteen years. Plaintiff purchased prescription eyeglasses from LensCrafters for approximately
23 \$360 after being measured by Accufit in or about November 2015.

24 7. Defendant Luxottica Retail North America d/b/a LensCrafters ("LensCrafters") is a
25 citizen and resident of Ohio which regularly does business in California and all over the United
26 States. LensCrafters is headquartered at 4000 Luxottica Place, Mason, OH 45040.
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1 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2 8. This Court has jurisdiction for this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), as it is a
3 class action for damages that exceed \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs. Named Plaintiff is
4 a resident of California, and many other members of the class are from states different from
5 Defendant, which is headquartered in Ohio.

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7 9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because of its continuous and
8 systematic business contacts with the State of California, including the fact that LensCrafters has
9 over 140 stores in California and derives substantial revenue from sales of its products in California,
10 with knowledge that its products are being marketed and sold for use in this State.

11 10. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part
12 of the events or omissions giving rise to these claims occurred in this district.

13 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

14 **A. The Eyeglass Industry and Manufacturing Process for Prescription Lenses**

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16 11. LensCrafters is a national eye care provider and prescription eyeglass manufacturer
17 maintaining over 950 locations in the United States.⁵ The company was founded in 1983 and began
18 to operate as a subsidiary of Luxottica Retail North America, Inc. in approximately 1995.
19 LensCrafters is one of the largest companies in the \$28 billion worldwide ophthalmic industry.⁶ In
20 2013, LensCrafters was estimated to serve more than four million customers each year and described
21 itself as the “single most powerful player in the optical category . . .”⁷ Its sales exceeded \$1.8 billion
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25 ⁵ See <http://local.lenscrafters.com/> (accessed August 28, 2017).

26 ⁶ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/anaswanson/2014/09/10/meet-the-four-eyed-eight-tentacled-monopoly-that-is-making-your-glasses-so-expensive/#1ebf22bb6b66> (accessed August 28, 2017).

27 ⁷ http://www.luxottica.com/sites/luxottica.com/files/2013_10_08_-_luxottica_investor_day_-_transcript.pdf (accessed August 28, 2017).

1 in 2013.⁸

2 12. The process for fabricating prescription eyeglasses typically begins with lens
3 “blanks,” which are thick, clear blocks made of either glass or polymers. After receiving a
4 prescription order, a laboratory technician will select lens blanks that correspond to the prescription
5 for each lens.
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7 13. A protective layer of adhesive tape is then applied to each lens blank to protect it
8 from damage during the manufacturing process.

9 14. The laboratory technician then attaches what is known as a “block” to the front of
10 each lens blank. Each lens, still attached to the block, is then placed in a machine called a blocker,
11 which can be manual or digital.
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13 15. The blockers contain a heated metal alloy that melds each blocker to the front of each
14 lens blank. This process ensures that lenses are securely mounted and correctly positioned for the
15 machining process, which includes surfacing, polishing and engraving. The blocking process is
16 critical because it is “not only the start, but also the cornerstone of the entire lens production
17 process.”⁹ Improper blocking results in inaccurate lenses “as the accuracy of the lens block directly
18 influences the machining accuracy . . .”¹⁰
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20 16. After securing the lens blanks to the blocks, the laboratory technician locates and
21 marks the optical center of each lens blank. The optical center is the point at which vision is best in
22 the lens, and is centered over the customer’s pupil.

23 17. Laboratory technicians use the customer’s pupillary distance measurement(s) to
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25 ⁸ *Id.*

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26 [http://www.satisloh.com/fileadmin/contents/brochures/Ophthalmic/Blocking_and_deblocking/Block](http://www.satisloh.com/fileadmin/contents/brochures/Ophthalmic/Blocking_and_deblocking/Blocking_Overview_2016_EN.pdf)
27 [ing_Overview_2016_EN.pdf; https://www.google.ch/patents/US7946325?hl=de](https://www.google.ch/patents/US7946325?hl=de) (accessed August
28 28, 2017).

¹⁰ *Id.*

1 locate the optical center of each lens.

2 18. After blocking, the lens blanks (still attached to the blocks) are attached to a lens
3 generator and aligned. The lenses are ground until attaining the desired thickness and curves based
4 on the individual's prescription.

5 19. The lenses are then placed in a surfacing machine to remove any marks left by the
6 generator through a process called "fining" or "edging." When fining is complete, lenses are
7 polished by another machine.

8 20. The technician then removes the lens block before conducting any final inspections or
9 lens enhancements such as an anti-reflective enhancement or scratch resistance.

10 21. Finally, the lenses are placed in the frame and delivered to the customer.

11 **B. LensCrafters and Its "Accufit" System**

12 22. LensCrafters initially marketed itself as unique among prescription eyeglass
13 manufacturers for its ability to manufacture glasses within one hour.¹¹ However, LensCrafters has
14 not been able to fulfill its one-hour promise and has shifted its advertising away from that
15 campaign.¹²

16 23. In or about 2011, LensCrafters introduced its Accufit Digital Measurement System.¹³

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21 ¹¹ <https://www.lenscrafters.com/lc-us/about-lenscrafters?sid=OurVisionDD-LeftLink-AboutLC-US-112413> (accessed August 28, 2017).

22 ¹² LensCrafters' website now states that "[i]n select locations, we may be able to make your
23 glasses same-day or in about an hour. The ability to do so depends upon your particular
24 prescription, the frame you choose, the lenses and options you select, and whether the store you visit
25 has an onsite lab. If you are looking for same-day service, please let our store associates know so
26 they can direct you toward options that they may be able to complete in-house. To accommodate the
many product enhancements that are now available, special processing is sometimes required. These
orders are typically processed within 7-14 business days." <http://www.lenscrafters.com/lc-us/customer-service/faq> (accessed August 28, 2017).

27 ¹³ Confidential Witness 1, Former LensCrafters Licensed Laboratory Manager ("CW 1");
28 Confidential Witness 2, Former LensCrafters Licensed Laboratory Manager and Former General
Manager ("CW 2."); <https://www.lenscrafters.ca/lc-ca/about-lenscrafters> (accessed August 28,

1 24. According to LensCrafters, Accufit is “5 times more precise” than manual PD
2 measurements and “measures the exact location of your pupils, the spacing of your eyes, and the
3 shape of your glasses so [LensCrafters] can place your prescription in your lenses exactly where you
4 need it to see your best.”¹⁴

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6 25. The Accufit system is a process that involves attaching a “fit sensor” to the frames
7 selected by customers and using cameras and lasers to take measurements, including PD (the
8 distance between the pupils).

9 26. LensCrafters claims that the Accufit system measures down to the tenth of a
10 millimeter – which is roughly the width of a human hair – and that these measurements allow
11 LensCrafters to manufacture prescription eyeglass that are far more accurate than prescription
12 eyeglasses manufactured based on traditional PD measurements. According to LensCrafters, its
13 Accufit technology “is fully integrated with [its] lens manufacturing system, so that [LensCrafters]
14 can collect all the data and [it] can provide manufacturing of perfect customized lenses.”¹⁵

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16 27. Accufit became a central component of LensCrafters’ marketing strategy. Indeed,
17 through television commercials, online advertising,¹⁶ in-store marketing, and in-store employee sales
18 pitches, Accufit is touted as the differentiating feature for LensCrafters and the reason why
19 customers should purchase their prescription eyeglasses from LensCrafters.

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21 28. For example, on its website, LensCrafters tells customers and potential customers that
22 the difference between traditional measurements and its Accufit system is “massive:”
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25 2017).

26 ¹⁴ <https://www.lenscrafters.com/AccuFit> (accessed August 28, 2017).

27 ¹⁵ http://www.luxottica.com/sites/luxottica.com/files/2013_10_08_-_luxottica_investor_day_-_transcript.pdf (accessed August 28, 2017).

28 ¹⁶ *See, e.g.*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4irrLTuPFXQ>.



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[Text reads: “WHY A TENTH OF A MILLIMETER IS MASSIVE” and “Accufit® is our exclusive digital scanning system that measures your eyes five times more precisely than traditional methods, down to a tenth of a millimeter. This means we can craft lenses more accurately and help you see the world more clearly.”]¹⁷

29. LensCrafters’ website goes on to state that:

**The old way will never
measure up.**

Goodbye rulers, hello super hi-tech future machines. The LensCrafters AccuFit system replaces old-fashioned hand-held measuring tools with a state-of-the-art digital system that is 5 times more precise.

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Accufit digitally measures the exact location of your pupils, the spacing of your eyes, and the shape of your glasses so we can place your prescription in your lenses exactly where you need it to see your best.

It’s time to see what you’re missing.¹⁸

30. LensCrafters’ parent company’s corporate website states that the Accufit system results in more accurate lenses: “LensCrafters has made significant investments in technology including AccuFit Digital Measurement™, which provides a lens fit with five times greater precision

¹⁷ <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20140130005961/en/LensCrafters-Takes-Stand-Quality-Vision-Care-Global> (accessed August 28, 2017).

¹⁸ <https://www.lenscrafters.com/AccuFit> (accessed August 28, 2017).

1 than traditional methods.”¹⁹

2 31. LensCrafters makes similar representations in its filings with the Securities and
3 Exchange Commission: The “Accufit Digital Measurement™ . . . provides a lens fit with five times
4 greater precision than traditional methods . . .”²⁰

5 32. LensCrafters also touts its Accufit system in its stores, prominently displaying
6 advertisements for Accufit, including its purported “5X” greater accuracy in measuring pupillary
7 distance and its supposed benefits in making a customers’ prescription eyeglasses more accurate:
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25 ¹⁹ <http://www.luxottica.com/en/retail-brands/lenscrafters> (accessed August 28, 2017).

26 ²⁰ <http://sec.edgar-online.com/luxottica-group-spa/20-f-annual-and-transition-report-foreign-private-issuer/2014/04/29/section6.aspx>;
27 <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/857471/000104746917003023/a2231810z20-f.htm>
(accessed August 28, 2017).

28 ²¹ <http://www.tuttleeye.com/files/2014/01/photo.jpg> (accessed August 28, 2017).

1 33. This type of visual advertising is particularly important to LensCrafters' business
2 model, as "[m]ost LensCrafters stores are located in high-traffic commercial malls and shopping
3 centers."²²

4 34. In addition, LensCrafters' store employees were instructed to push the Accufit system
5 by telling customers that its measurements were five times more accurate and that they should buy
6 their prescription eyeglasses from LensCrafters because Accufit would make their prescription
7 eyeglasses more accurate.

8 35. Store employees understood the emphasis on Accufit to be the result of LensCrafters'
9 inability to manufacture prescription eyeglasses in one hour, its previous key sales pitch.²³

10 36. Contrary to LensCrafters' representations, however, the Accufit system does not lead
11 to more accurate prescription eyeglasses.
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13 37. Even assuming the Accufit technology is, as advertised, five times more accurate than
14 manual measurements,²⁴ **LensCrafters cannot and does not translate the measurements taken**
15 **from the Accufit system into its manufacturing process.** Without the ability to translate
16 supposedly more accurate measurements into the manufacturing process, LensCrafters' Accufit
17 system is no more effective in making prescription eyeglasses accurate than using the standard ruler
18 to measure PD.
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20 38. Indeed, it was common knowledge among LensCrafters' employees that the Accufit
21 system provided no benefit in making prescription eyeglasses more accurate because LensCrafters'
22 manufacturing equipment cannot measure beyond one millimeter, which is the same measuring
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25 ²²<http://www.luxottica.com/en/retail-brands/lenscrafters> (accessed August 28, 2017).

26 ²³ CW 1; CW 2.

27 ²⁴ This claim is dubious given the fact that skilled opticians use "their professional experience to
28 evaluate your fitting needs based on many parameters that a machine cannot discern, such as your
posture." <https://www.specsoptical.com/lab/> (accessed August 28, 2017).

1 capability as a standard ruler.²⁵

2 39. For example, Confidential Witness 1, a former LensCrafters Licensed Laboratory
3 Manager, who worked at the company for approximately 16 years, states that: “Despite hyping the
4 Accufit measuring system and its more accurately crafted glasses, the LensCrafters stores never
5 changed their equipment for manufacturing the glasses.” In 2011, this former Laboratory Manager
6 asked the LensCrafters store’s General Manager “when LensCrafters would update its laboratory
7 equipment so that our glasses could be manufactured to one-tenth of a millimeter.” The Laboratory
8 Manager responded that “LensCrafters had no such plans.”

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10 40. Rather than updating its laboratory equipment to more expensive, state-of-the-art
11 machines that can use digital measurements, LensCrafters continued to use decades-old equipment
12 that is only capable of making use of manual measurements.

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14 41. According to confidential witnesses, in particular, many of LensCrafters’ laboratories,
15 including its large, regional laboratories, use Coburn CS7 blockers, which were first sold in the
16 1970s and are no longer manufactured. The Coburn CS7 blockers require the laboratory technician
17 to lay out manually the lenses on a one-millimeter grid for the finished layout process. This is the
18 step used for the pupillary distance measurement. Therefore, even if Accufit provided a
19 measurement of one-tenth of a millimeter, LensCrafters employees could not position the lenses to
20 one-tenth of a millimeter.

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22 42. Even though Accufit provides no benefit in the manufacturing of prescription
23 eyeglasses, according to confidential witnesses, LensCrafters employees were instructed to use
24 Accufit as a selling point by touting its supposed accuracy in measuring pupillary distance, that it
25 would make customers’ prescription glasses more accurate, and that customers could only use the
26 Accufit measurements at LensCrafters.

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28 ²⁵ CW 1; CW 2.

1 43. Further, according to confidential witnesses, LensCrafters also instructed employees
2 to avoid discussing the manufacturing process when customers asked questions about Accufit.
3 Instead, LensCrafters trained employees to keep emphasizing that Accufit was “five times more
4 accurate” in determining PD measurements.
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6 44. Notwithstanding these directives, LensCrafters knows that Accufit provides no
7 benefits and cannot be translated into the actual manufacturing process. For example, according to
8 confidential witnesses, frequently after showing a customer his or her Accufit measurement, the
9 LensCrafter associate doing the Accufit measurement will simply round the result to a whole
10 millimeter before sending the results to the laboratory. And, even if the full tenth-of-a-millimeter
11 measurements are sent to the laboratory, a technician in the laboratory will round the number before
12 placing the lenses on a blocker, because LensCrafters equipment can only measure to a whole
13 millimeter, not to a tenth of a millimeter.
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15 45. LensCrafters employees know that laboratory equipment does not have the capability
16 to craft eyeglasses with pupillary distance measurements that are accurate down to one-tenth of a
17 millimeter, and that the use of the Accufit measurement system is not beneficial. And, many of them
18 are frustrated by the company’s false and misleading statements regarding the Accufit system. For
19 example, during a training session conducted by Confidential Witness 1, a new laboratory technician
20 observed that LensCrafters does not have laboratory equipment to craft lenses with pupillary
21 distance measurements that are accurate down to one-tenth of a millimeter. The trainee reacted by
22 saying, “so it’s all a big lie.”
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24 46. On information and belief, all customers who purchased prescription eyeglasses from
25 LensCrafters during the proposed Class Period (defined below) were measured using Accufit.
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C. Plaintiff’s Experience

47. Plaintiff Kathleen Infante purchased prescription glasses after being measured with Accufit in Menlo Park, California in or about November 2015.

48. Prior to her purchase, a LensCrafters employee told Ms. Infante about Accufit, which was material to her purchasing decision. The employee’s description of Accufit made Ms. Infante believe that she was getting a better product than she would have elsewhere.

49. Ms. Infante would not have purchased her prescription glasses from LensCrafters and/or would not have paid as much as she did had she known that LensCrafters’ claims that Accufit is “five times more accurate” were not translated into the manufacture of her lenses.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

50. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 49.

51. Pursuant to the Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2) and (b)(3), Plaintiff seeks a statewide class consisting of all residents of California who purchased prescription eyeglasses from LensCrafters from September 5, 2011 to present (the “Class” and the “Class Period,” respectively).

52. Excluded from the Class are the Defendant, any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest, and Defendant’s officers, directors, legal representatives, successors, subsidiaries, and assigns. Also excluded from the Class is any judge, justice, or judicial officer presiding over this matter and the members of their immediate families and judicial staff.

53. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action as it satisfies the numerosity, commonality, typicality, adequacy, and superiority requirements. Plaintiff seeks to represent an ascertainable Class, as determining inclusion in the class can be done through the Defendant’s own records.

54. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the Class definition if discovery and further

1 investigation reveal that the Class should be expanded, divided into subclasses, or modified in any
2 other way.

3 55. Although the precise number of Class members is unknown and can only be
4 determined through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff believes, and on that basis alleges, that the
5 proposed Class is so numerous that joinder of all members would be impracticable as Defendant has
6 sold thousands of prescription eyeglasses measured using Accufit in California during the proposed
7 Class Period.
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9 56. Questions of law and fact common to the Plaintiff Class exist that predominate over
10 questions affecting only individual members, including *inter alia*:

11 a. Whether Defendant misrepresented material facts about its manufacturing
12 process, including the fact that Accufit measurements could not be converted into the
13 manufactured lenses;
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15 b. Whether Defendant omitted material facts about its manufacturing process,
16 including the fact that Accufit measurements could not be converted into the
17 manufactured lenses;
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19 c. Whether Defendant engaged in deceptive acts or practices, including
20 misrepresenting and/or omitting the fact that Accufit measurements could not be
21 converted into the manufactured lenses; and
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23 d. Whether Defendant falsely advertised its manufacturing process at the time of
24 sale, including statements that supposedly more accurate Accufit measurements could be
25 converted into the manufactured lenses.

26 57. Plaintiff is a member of the putative Class. The claims asserted by the Plaintiff in this
27 action are typical of the claims of the members of the putative Class, as the claims arise from the
28 same course of conduct by the Defendant, and the relief sought is common.

1 63. By engaging in the acts and practices described above, Defendant committed one or
2 more acts of “unfair competition” within the meaning of California Business & Professions Code §
3 17200. “Unfair competition” is defined to include any “unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act
4 or practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising and any act prohibited by
5 [Business & Professions Code §§ 17500, *et seq.*]”
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7 64. Throughout the Class Period, Defendant engaged in “unlawful” business acts and/or
8 practices by, among other things, violating California Business & Professions Code § 17500.

9 65. Throughout the Class Period, Defendant engaged in “unfair” business acts and/or
10 practices by, among other things:

11 a. Engaging in conduct where the utility of such conduct, if any, is outweighed
12 by the gravity of the consequences to Plaintiff and members of the Class;

13 b. Engaging in conduct that is immoral, oppressive, unscrupulous, or
14 substantially injurious to Plaintiff and members of the Class; and
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16 c. Engaging in conduct that undermines or violates the spirit or intent of the
17 consumer protection laws alleged in this Complaint.

18 66. Defendant committed unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent business acts or practices
19 by, among other things, engaging in conduct Defendant knew or should have known was likely to
20 and did deceive the public, including Plaintiff and other members of the Class.
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22 67. As detailed above, Defendant’s unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent practices include
23 making false and/or misleading representations that its prescription eyeglasses were “five times more
24 accurate.”

25 68. Defendant’s unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent practices also include omitting the
26 material information that its prescription eyeglasses were not “five times more accurate.”
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28 69. Plaintiff would not have purchased prescription eyeglasses from LensCrafters or

1 would not have paid as much for them, but for Defendant’s misleading statements about the
2 prescription eyeglasses being “five times more accurate.”

3 70. Plaintiff was injured in fact and lost money as a result of Defendant’s conduct of
4 improperly describing its prescription eyeglasses as “five times more accurate.” Plaintiff paid for a
5 product that was “five times more accurate,” but did not receive a product that was “five times more
6 accurate.” Even assuming Accufit’s measurements were “five times more accurate,” these
7 measurements could not be converted into LensCrafters’ manufacturing process, meaning the
8 eyeglasses Plaintiff purchased were not “five times more accurate.”

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10 71. Plaintiff and members of the Class seek restitution for monies wrongfully obtained,
11 disgorgement of ill-gotten revenues and/or profits, injunctive relief, and other relief allowable under
12 California Business & Professions Code § 17203, including, but not limited to, enjoining Defendant
13 from continuing to engage in its unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent conduct as alleged.

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15 **COUNT II**

16 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE § 17500, et seq.**

17 72. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein all of the allegations
18 contained in paragraphs 1 through 61.

19 73. Throughout the Class Period, Defendant engaged in unlawful and/or fraudulent
20 conduct under California Business & Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.* (“the False Advertising
21 Law”) by engaging in the sale of prescription eyeglasses, and disseminating to the public various
22 advertisements that Defendant knew or reasonably should have known were untrue and misleading.
23 Defendant committed such violations of the False Advertising Law with actual knowledge or
24 knowledge fairly implied on the basis of objective circumstances.

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26 74. Defendant’s advertisements and representations, as described herein, were designed
27 to, and did, result in the purchase and use of the prescription eyeglasses. Defendant profited from its
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1 sales of these products to unwary consumers.

2 75. Plaintiff believed Defendant's representations that its prescription eyeglasses were
3 "five times more accurate." Plaintiff would not have purchased prescription eyeglasses from
4 LensCrafters and/or would not have paid as much for them had she known the prescription
5 eyeglasses were not "five times more accurate."
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7 76. Plaintiff was injured in fact and lost money as a result of Defendant's conduct of
8 improperly describing its prescription eyeglasses as "five times more accurate." Plaintiff paid for
9 prescription eyeglasses that were "five times more accurate," but did not receive such a product.
10 The product Plaintiff received was worth less than the product for which she paid.

11 77. Plaintiff and members of the Class seek restitution for monies wrongfully obtained,
12 disgorgement of ill-gotten revenues and/or profits, injunctive relief enjoining Defendant from
13 continuing to disseminate its untrue and misleading statements, and other relief allowable under
14 California Business & Professions Code § 17535.
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16 **COUNT III**

17 **QUASI-CONTRACT (UNJUST ENRICHMENT)**

18 78. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein all of the allegations
19 contained in paragraphs 1 through 61.
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21 79. Plaintiff purchased prescription lenses from Defendant as a direct result of
22 Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions about its ability to convert Accufit measurement
23 system results into eyeglasses that are "five times more accurate."

24 80. Defendant generated profits from its misconduct.

25 81. Defendant has knowingly and unjustly enriched itself at the expense and to the
26 detriment of the Plaintiff and each member of the Class by collecting money to which it is not
27 entitled.
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1 82. It would be wrong to permit the Defendant to enrich itself at the expense of the
2 Plaintiff and the Class. Defendant should be required to disgorge this unjust enrichment.

3 **COUNT IV**

4 **FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION**

5 83. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein all of the allegations
6 contained in paragraphs 1 through 61.

7 84. The accuracy of the prescription eyeglasses manufactured by Defendant was a
8 material fact.

9 85. Defendant misrepresented this material fact by representing that its prescription
10 eyeglasses were “five times more accurate” because they were measured with the Accufit® Digital
11 Measurement System when, in fact, they were not “five times more accurate.”
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13 86. Defendant made these representations in its advertising (online, in-store, and on
14 television) and on its website.

15 87. Defendant knew these representations were false and made these representations with
16 the intention to induce reliance by its customers.

17 88. Plaintiff and the Class justifiably relied on Defendant’s representations.

18 89. Plaintiff was induced to purchase Defendant’s prescription eyeglasses as a result of
19 Defendant’s fraudulent misrepresentations when she otherwise would not have purchased or would
20 not have paid as much for them, and thereby suffered injury.
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22 **COUNT V**

23 **FRAUDULENT OMISSION**

24 90. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein all of the allegations
25 contained in paragraphs 1 through 61.
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27 91. The accuracy of the prescription eyeglasses manufactured by Defendant was a
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1 material fact.

2 92. Defendant omitted this material fact by failing to inform Plaintiff and the Class that
3 its prescription eyeglasses were not, in fact, “five times more accurate.”

4 93. Defendant omitted this material fact with knowledge of its falsity and with the intent
5 to defraud Plaintiff and the Class.

6 94. Plaintiff and the Class justifiably relied on Defendant’s omissions.

7 95. Plaintiff was induced to purchase Defendant’s prescription eyeglasses as a result of
8 Defendant’s fraudulent omissions when she otherwise would not have purchased or would not have
9 paid as much for them, and thereby suffered injury.
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11 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

12 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff requests judgment against the Defendant for themselves and the
13 members of the class as follows:

- 14 A. Certification of the requested Classes pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(2);
15 B. Restitution of all charges paid by Plaintiff and the Class;
16 C. Disgorgement to Plaintiff and the Class of all monies wrongfully obtained and
17 retained by Defendant;
18 D. Compensatory and actual damages in an amount according to proof at trial;
19 E. Statutory damages, penalties, treble damages, as provided by law;
20 F. Prejudgment interest commencing on the date of payment of the charges and
21 continuing through the date of entry of judgment in this action;
22 G. Costs and fees incurred in connection with this action, including attorney’s
23 fees, expert witness fees, and other costs as provided by law;
24 H. Punitive damages;
25 I. Equitable relief; and
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1 J. Granting such other relief as the Court deems proper.

2 **JURY TRIAL DEMAND**

3 Plaintiff hereby requests a jury trial for all issues so triable of right.

4 DATED this 5th day of September, 2017.

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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8 *s/ Charles Reichmann*

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

KATHLEEN INFANTE, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

See attachment

DEFENDANTS

LUXOTTICA RETAIL NORTH AMERICA, an Ohio Corporation d/b/a LensCrafters

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) Warren County, OH

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) 2 U.S. Government Defendant 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Table with columns for Plaintiff (PTF) and Defendant (DEF) citizenship and incorporation status.

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Large table with categories: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, TORTS, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding 2 Removed from State Court 3 Remanded from Appellate Court 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) 6 Multidistrict Litigation-Transfer 8 Multidistrict Litigation-Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 U.S.C 1332(d)

Brief description of cause:

Consumer fraud in connection with the sales of prescription eyeglasses

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, Fed. R. Civ. P. DEMAND \$ 5,000,000.00

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: X Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY (See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (Civil Local Rule 3-2)

(Place an "X" in One Box Only) X SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND SAN JOSE EUREKA-MCKINLEYVILLE

DATE 09/05/2017

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

s/ Charles P. Reichmann

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AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

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for the

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similarly situated

Plaintiff(s)

v.

LUXOTTICA RETAIL NORTH AMERICA, an Ohio
Corporation d/b/a LensCrafters

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) LUXOTTICA RETAIL NORTH AMERICA
4000 Luxottica Place
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A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you
are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ.
P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of
the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney,
whose name and address are:

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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk