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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
17 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
18 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

19 JAMIE JOSLIN and COURTNEY  
20 DAVIS, on behalf of themselves and  
21 others similarly situated,  
22 Plaintiffs,  
23 v.  
24 CLIF BAR & COMPANY  
25 Defendant.

Case No.:

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

26 Plaintiffs JAMIE JOSLIN, and COURTNEY DAVIS, individually and on behalf of  
27 all other persons similarly situated, by and through their undersigned attorneys, pursuant  
28 to this Class Action Complaint against CLIF BAR & COMPANY, allege the following:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

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2 1. This is a consumer protection action arising out of deceptive and otherwise  
3 improper business practices that CLIF BAR & COMPANY, (hereinafter “Defendant”),  
4 engages in with respect to the labeling of their Clif Bar® White Chocolate Macadamia Nut  
5 Bar and Luna® White Chocolate Macadamia Bar (the “Product” or the “Products”). *See*  
6 **Exhibit A**. The Products are marketed extensively throughout the United States, numerous  
7 retail stores, and on Defendant's online websites.

8 2. The Products are advertised and sold to mislead consumers into believing that  
9 the bars contain white chocolate, when they in fact do not. *See Exhibit B*. Accordingly,  
10 the Products violate the California and New York State laws with the same scope as the  
11 Federal Food Drug & Cosmetic Act (“FDCA”). Consumers are misled as to the content of  
12 the Products and the Products are misbranded.

13 3. Plaintiffs and Class members viewed Defendant’s misleading labels, and  
14 reasonably relied in substantial part on the representations that they contain real white  
15 chocolate. Plaintiffs and Class members were thereby deceived into purchasing a more  
16 inferior product than they had bargained for.

17 4. Upon information and belief, Defendant continues to sell the misbranded  
18 Products.

19 5. Plaintiffs bring this proposed consumer class action on behalf of themselves  
20 and all other persons nationwide, who from the applicable limitations period up to and  
21 including the present (the “Class Period”), purchased the Products for consumption and not  
22 for resale.

23 6. During the Class Period, Defendant purposely manufactured, marketed and  
24 sold the mislabeled Products throughout the United States.

25 7. Defendant violates statutes enacted in each of the fifty states and the District  
26 of Columbia that are designed to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent  
27 and unconscionable trade and business practices and false advertising. These statutes are:

28 a. Alabama Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ala. Statues Ann. § 8-19-1, *et seq.*;

- 1 b. Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, Ak. Code
- 2 § 45.50.471, *et seq.*;
- 3 c. Arizona Consumer Fraud Act, Arizona Revised Statutes, § 44-1521, *et seq.*;
- 4 d. Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ark. Code § 4-88-101, *et seq.*;
- 5 e. California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, *et seq.*,
- 6 and California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof Code § 17200, *et*
- 7 *seq.*;
- 8 f. Colorado Consumer Protection Act, Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-101, *et seq.*;
- 9 g. Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, Conn. Gen. Stat § 42-110a, *et seq.*;
- 10 h. Delaware Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 6 Del. Code § 2511, *et seq.*;
- 11 i. District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act, D.C. Code § 28
- 12 3901, *et seq.*;
- 13 j. Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. Ann. § 501.201,
- 14 *et seq.*;
- 15 k. Georgia Fair Business Practices Act, § 10-1-390 *et seq.*;
- 16 l. Hawaii Unfair and Deceptive Practices Act, Hawaii Revised Statues § 480 1,
- 17 *et seq.*, and Hawaii Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Hawaii Revised
- 18 Statutes § 481A-1, *et seq.*;
- 19 m. Idaho Consumer Protection Act, Idaho Code § 48-601, *et seq.*;
- 20 n. Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 ILCS
- 21 § 505/1, *et seq.*;
- 22 o. Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, Indiana Code Ann. § 24-5-0.5-0.1,
- 23 *et seq.*;
- 24 p. Iowa Consumer Fraud Act, Iowa Code § 714.16, *et seq.*;
- 25 q. Kansas Consumer Protection Act, Kan. Stat. Ann § 50-626, *et seq.*;
- 26 r. Kentucky Consumer Protection Act, Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 367.110, *et seq.*,
- 27 and the Kentucky Unfair Trade Practices Act, Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann § 365.020,
- 28 *et seq.*;
- s. Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, La. Rev.
- Stat. Ann. § § 51:1401, *et seq.*;
- t. Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, 5 Me. Rev. Stat. § 205A, *et seq.*, and
- Maine Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. 10,
- § 1211, *et seq.*,
- u. Maryland Consumer Protection Act, Md. Com. Law Code § 13-101, *et seq.*;
- v. Massachusetts Unfair and Deceptive Practices Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch.
- 93A;
- w. Michigan Consumer Protection Act, § 445.901, *et seq.*;
- x. Minnesota Prevention of Consumer Fraud Act, Minn. Stat § 325F.68, *et*
- seq.*, and Minnesota Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Minn. Stat.
- § 325D.43, *et seq.*;
- y. Mississippi Consumer Protection Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 75-24-1, *et seq.*;

- 1 z. Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.010, *et seq.*;
- 2 aa. Montana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, Mont. Code
- 3 § 30-14-101, *et seq.*;
- 4 bb. Nebraska Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59 1601, *et seq.*, and
- 5 the Nebraska Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 87-
- 6 301, *et seq.*;
- 7 cc. Nevada Trade Regulation and Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, *et*
- 8 *seq.*;
- 9 dd. New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act, N.H. Rev. Stat. § 358-A:1, *et*
- 10 *seq.*;
- 11 ee. New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J. Stat. Ann. § 56:8 1, *et seq.*;
- 12 ff. New Mexico Unfair Practices Act, N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57 12 1, *et seq.*;
- 13 gg. New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, *et*
- 14 *seq.*;
- 15 hh. North Dakota Consumer Fraud Act, N.D. Cent. Code §§ 51 15 01, *et seq.*;
- 16 ii. North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, North Carolina
- 17 General Statutes § 75-1, *et seq.*;
- 18 jj. Ohio Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ohio Rev. Code. Ann. § 4165.01. *et*
- 19 *seq.*;
- 20 kk. Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act, Okla. Stat. 15 § 751, *et seq.*;
- 21 ll. Oregon Unfair Trade Practices Act, Rev. Stat § 646.605, *et seq.*;
- 22 mm. Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, 73
- 23 Penn. Stat. Ann. § 201-1, *et seq.*;
- 24 nn. Rhode Island Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, R.I.
- 25 Gen. Laws § 6-13.1-1, *et seq.*;
- 26 oo. South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Laws § 39-5-10, *et*
- 27 *seq.*;
- 28 pp. South Dakota's Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law,
- 29 S.D. Codified Laws § 37 24 1, *et seq.*;
- 30 qq. Tennessee Trade Practices Act, Tennessee Code Annotated § 47-25-101, *et*
- 31 *seq.*;
- 32 rr. Texas Stat. Ann. § 17.41, *et seq.*, Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, *et*
- 33 *seq.*;
- 34 ss. Utah Unfair Practices Act, Utah Code Ann. § 13-5-1, *et seq.*;
- 35 tt. Vermont Consumer Fraud Act, Vt. Stat. Ann. tit.9, § 2451, *et seq.*;
- 36 uu. Virginia Consumer Protection Act, Virginia Code Ann. § 59.1-196, *et seq.*;
- 37 vv. Washington Consumer Fraud Act, Wash. Rev, Code § 19.86.010, *et seq.*;
- 38 ww. West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, West Virginia Code
- 39 § 46A-6-101, *et seq.*;
- 40 xx. Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Wis. Stat. § 100. 18, *et seq.*;

1 yy. Wyoming Consumer Protection Act, Wyoming Stat. Ann. § 40-12-101, *et*  
2 *seq.*

3 8. Defendant has deceived Plaintiffs and other consumers nationwide by  
4 misbranding their Products, inducing Plaintiffs and Class members to reasonably rely on  
5 Defendant's misrepresentations, and purchase Products they would not have purchased  
6 otherwise. Defendant has collected millions of dollars from the sale of their Products,  
7 which they would not have otherwise earned, through these unfair and deceptive practices.  
8 Plaintiffs bring this action to stop Defendant's misleading practices.

9 9. Plaintiffs do not seek to contest or enforce any state law that has requirements  
10 beyond those required by federal laws or regulations.

### 11 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

12 10. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332,  
13 because this is a class action, as defined by 28 U.S.C § 1332(d)(1)(B), in which a member  
14 of the putative class is a citizen of a different state than Defendant, and the amount in  
15 controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, excluding interest and costs. *See* 28  
16 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).

17 11. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because their Products are  
18 designed, manufactured, advertised, marketed, distributed and sold throughout California  
19 State; Defendant engages in the wrongdoing alleged in this Complaint throughout the  
20 United States, including in California. Defendant is authorized to do business in California  
21 State. Defendant has sufficient minimum contacts with California and/or otherwise has  
22 intentionally availed itself of the markets in California, rendering the exercise of  
23 jurisdiction by the Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial  
24 justice. Moreover, Defendant engages in substantial and not isolated activity within  
25 California. California is also Defendant's principal place of business.

26 12. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1391(a) and (b) because  
27 a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiff JOSLIN'S claims occurred in this  
28 District, and Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this District. Plaintiff JOSLIN

1 purchased Defendant's Products in Riverside, California. Moreover, Defendant distributes,  
2 advertises and sells the Products, which are the subject of the present Complaint, in this  
3 District.

4 **PARTIES**

5 ***California Plaintiff***

6 13. On January 9, 2018, JAMIE JOSLIN, a resident of California, purchased a  
7 six-pack of the Luna® White Chocolate Macadamia Product in reliance on Defendant's  
8 representations that the bars contain white chocolate. Plaintiff JOSLIN purchased her  
9 Product for the premium price of \$5.99 at a Target in Riverside California. The White  
10 Chocolate Chip Macadamia Nut Bar Product was labeled "White Chocolate Macadamia".  
11 The phrase "White Chocolate" explicitly represents that the Product contains white  
12 chocolate, but in fact it contains inferior confectionary ingredients that are not white  
13 chocolate at all. Plaintiff JOSLIN was thereby denied the benefit of her bargain. Should  
14 Plaintiff JOSLIN encounter the Product in the future, she could not rely on the truthfulness  
15 of the packaging, absent corrective changes to the packaging.

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17 ***New York Plaintiff***

18 14. On March 29, 2018, COURTNEY DAVIS, a resident of New York, purchased  
19 a Clif Bar® White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Bar Product at a Duane Reade in Manhattan  
20 in reliance on label representations that the bar contains white chocolate. Plaintiff DAVIS  
21 purchased her Product for the premium price of \$1.99. The phrase "White Chocolate  
22 Macadamia Nut" implicitly promises to consumers that the Product contains white  
23 chocolate when it in fact does not. Courtney was injured when she was denied the benefit  
24 of her bargain. Should Plaintiff DAVIS encounter the Product in the future, she could not  
25 rely on the truthfulness of the packaging, absent corrective changes to the packaging.

1 ***Defendant***

2 15. CLIF BAR & COMPANY is a corporation organized under the laws of  
3 California with its principal place of business at 1451 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Emeryville, CA 94608.  
4 Its registered agent for service of process is Bruce Lymburn at the same address.

5 16. Defendant manufactures, packages, distributes, advertises, markets, and sells  
6 the misbranded Products to millions of customers nationwide, including New York and  
7 California.

8 17. Defendant distributes, markets and sells its Products throughout the fifty states  
9 and the District of Columbia. The labeling, packaging, and advertising for the Products,  
10 relied upon by Plaintiffs, were prepared and/or approved by Defendant and its agents, and  
11 were disseminated by Defendant and its agents through advertising containing the  
12 misrepresentations alleged herein. Such labeling, packaging and advertising were designed  
13 to encourage consumers to purchase the Products, and misled the reasonable consumer, i.e.  
14 Plaintiffs and the Class, into purchasing the Products. Defendant owns, markets and  
15 distributes the Products, and creates and/or authorizes the unlawful, fraudulent, unfair,  
16 misleading and/or deceptive labeling, packaging and advertising for the Products.

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18 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

19 **Defendant's Products Do Not Contain Real White Chocolate**

20 18. "White chocolate" signifies only one thing: a confection that contains cocoa  
21 butter, dairy ingredients, and a sweetener.<sup>1</sup> "White chocolate" has always colloquially  
22 identified a product with these ingredients.

23 The FDA defines white chocolate as follows:

24 (a) Description. (1) White chocolate is the solid or semiplastic food prepared  
25 by intimately mixing and grinding cacao fat with one or more of the optional  
26 dairy ingredients specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section and one or more  
27

28 <sup>1</sup> White chocolate may also include other ingredients such flavorings or an emulsifier to hold it together.  
White chocolate does not include the non-fat solids of cacao beans.

1 optional nutritive carbohydrate sweeteners and may contain one or more of  
2 the other optional ingredients specified in paragraph (b) of this section. White  
3 chocolate shall be free of coloring material.

4 [b](2) Dairy ingredients:

5 (i) Cream, milkfat, butter;

6 (ii) Milk, dry whole milk, concentrated milk, evaporated milk, sweetened  
7 condensed milk;

8 (iii) Skim milk, concentrated skim milk, evaporated skim milk, sweetened  
9 condensed skim milk, nonfat dry milk;

10 (iv) Concentrated buttermilk, dried buttermilk; and

11 (v) Malted milk;

12 21 CFR § 163.124.

13 19. Real white chocolate's flavor is partially imparted by milkfat. Accordingly,  
14 U.S.,<sup>2</sup> Canadian,<sup>3</sup> and European<sup>4</sup> regulators all define white chocolate as having at least  
15 3.5% milkfat. The imitation white chocolate in the Products do not have milkfat or any of  
16 the specified ingredients in section (b)(2), as required.

### 17 **Federal Law Prohibits Misbranded Foods Such as Defendant's Products**

18 20. All Federal law, agency regulation, and state law identically prohibit  
19 Defendant's misleading labeling practices.

20 21. Under the FDCA, 21 U.S.C. § 343(c), a food shall be deemed to be  
21 misbranded "[i]f it is an imitation of another food, unless its label bears, in type of uniform  
22 size and prominence, the word "imitation" and, immediately thereafter, the name of the  
23 food imitated." The Products are misbranded regardless of whether or not Defendant  
24 intended to mislead consumers: "FDA advises that the term "misleading" does not require  
25 any clear implication regarding intent." 58 FR 64123, 64128.

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27 <sup>2</sup> 21 CFR § 163.124(a)(2).

<sup>3</sup> C.R.C., c. 870, Section B.04.009(a)(iii).

28 <sup>4</sup> Directive 2000/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2000 relating to cocoa  
and chocolate products intended for human consumption, Annex I, A(6).

1           **State Laws Mirror and Incorporate Federal Law and FDA Regulations**

2           22. Food labeling laws and regulations of the fifty states and the District of  
3 Columbia impose requirements which mirror and incorporate federal law.

4           23. The Sherman Law prohibits misleading food labeling. It imposes the same  
5 standards as federal law, including the Federal Standard for “white chocolate”, which it  
6 incorporates:

7           Any food is misbranded if it purports to be, or is represented as, a food for  
8 which a definition and standard of identity has been established under Section  
9 110505 and the label fails to bear the name of the food specified in the  
standard or otherwise fails to conform to the definition and standard.

10 Cal. Health & Safety Code § 110710.

11           24. The Sherman Law explicitly incorporates the same standards as FDA  
12 regulations. *See* §§110100 and 110380. The Sherman Law’s various provisions prohibit  
13 every aspect of Clif Bar and Company’s mislabeling of the Products, including their  
14 manufacture, distribution, marketing and sale, as follows:

- 15           • § 110385. “It is unlawful for any person to distribute in commerce any food  
16 . . . if its packaging or labeling does not conform to the provisions of this  
17 article or to regulations adopted pursuant to this article.”;
- 18           • § 110390, “It is unlawful for any person to disseminate any false  
19 advertisement of any food . . . . An advertisement is false if it is false or  
misleading in any particular.”;
- 20           • § 110395, “It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold,  
or offer for sale any food . . . that is falsely advertised.”;
- 21           • § 110398, “It is unlawful for any person to advertise any food, drug, device,  
22 or cosmetic that is adulterated or misbranded.”;
- 23           • § 110400, “It is unlawful for any person to receive in commerce any food . . .  
24 that is falsely advertised or to deliver or proffer for delivery any such  
food . . . .”;
- 25           • § 110760 “It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold,  
or offer for sale any food that is misbranded.”;
- 26           • § 110765, “It is unlawful for any person to misbrand any food.”; and  
27           • § 110770, “It is unlawful for any person to receive in commerce any food  
28 that is misbranded or to deliver or proffer for delivery any such food.”.

1           25. Congruently, New York State law broadly prohibits the misbranding of food  
2 in language identical to that found in regulations promulgated pursuant to the FDCA § 403,  
3 21 U.S.C. 343. Under New York Agm. Law § 201, the law specifically provides that  
4 “[f]ood shall be deemed to be misbranded ...If it is an imitation of another food, unless its  
5 label bears the word “imitation” and immediately thereafter the name of the food imitated  
6 in type of uniform size and equal prominence, followed by a statement showing the  
7 constituents thereof.”

8           26. Courts have noted the incorporation of FDA regulations into New York law  
9 in evaluating claims brought under NY GBL § 349. *See Ackerman v. Coca-Cola Co.*, No.  
10 CV-09-0395 (JG) (RML), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 73156, at \*13 (E.D.N.Y. July 21, 2010)  
11 (“New York's Agriculture and Marketing law similarly provides in relevant part that food  
12 shall be deemed misbranded ‘[i]f its labeling is false or misleading in any particular, and  
13 incorporates the FDCA's labeling provisions.”); *Izquierdo v. Mondelez Int'l, Inc.*, No. 16-  
14 cv-04697 (CM), 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 149795, at \*11 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 26, 2016) (“Here  
15 [in a slack-fill case brought under NY GBL § 349], New York law expressly incorporates  
16 the standard imposed by the FDCA.”); *N. Am. Olive Oil Ass'n v. Kangadis Food Inc.*, 962  
17 F. Supp. 2d 514, 519 (S.D.N.Y. 2013) (evaluating claims under New York Gen. Bus. Law  
18 §§ 349 and 350 and finding that “New York law deems any product or label that fails to  
19 conform to [New York Agm. Law] definitions ‘adulterated’ or ‘misbranded,’ and thus  
20 unlawful.”).

21           27. New York Agm. Law § 201 specifically provides that “[f]ood shall be deemed  
22 to be misbranded ... If it is an imitation of another food, unless its label bears the word  
23 “imitation” and immediately thereafter the name of the food imitated in type of uniform  
24 size and equal prominence, followed by a statement showing the constituents thereof”  
25 Moreover, Part 259.1 of Title 1 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State  
26 of New York (1 NYCRR § 259.1), incorporates by reference the regulatory requirements  
27 for food labeling under the FDCA:

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1 For the purpose of the enforcement of article 17 of the Agriculture and  
 2 Markets Law, and except where in conflict with the statutes of this State or  
 3 with rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner, the  
 4 commissioner hereby adopts the current regulations as they appear in title 21  
 5 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (revised as of April 1, 2013) ... in the area  
 6 of food packaging and labeling as follows: ... (2) Part 100 of title 21 of  
 7 the *Code of Federal Regulations* [21 C.F.R. 100 *et seq.*], containing Federal  
 8 definitions and standards for food packaging and labeling *General* at pages 5-  
 9 10....

10 1 NYCRR § 259.1(a)(2).

11 **Defendant’s Misleading Packaging Practices Would Deceive, be**  
 12 **Material to, and be Relied Upon By, a Reasonable Consumer**

13 28. Defendant’s misleading packaging practices were material to, and were relied  
 14 upon, by Plaintiffs and the Class. These practices would also be material to, and by relied  
 15 upon by, a reasonable consumer, since reasonable consumers naturally attach considerable  
 16 importance to the quality of the product they believe they are receiving.

17 29. FDA rules concerning white chocolate are not obscure regulations of no  
 18 concern to anyone but the regulators. On the contrary, consumers rely on these regulations  
 19 to assure that they are purchasing what they are led to believe they are purchasing. Since  
 20 white chocolate does not contain the cacao solids that impart chocolate with its flavor and  
 21 which consumers normally associate with chocolate, consumers rely on the FDA to assure  
 22 that white chocolate more closely resembles what they know as chocolate.

23 30. These expectations are confirmed by numerous culinary experts:

24 Cocoa butter on its own doesn’t taste very good, so it’s mixed with milk solids,  
 25 milk fat, sugar, and vanilla to create white chocolate as we know i[t]. In the  
 26 United States, the FDA says that in order to be labeled as such, white  
 27 chocolate must be (by weight) at least 20% cocoa butter, 14% total milk  
 28 solids, and 3.5% milk fat, and no more than 55% sugar or other sweeteners.

Gwen Watson, *GourmetGiftBaskets.com*<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.gourmetgiftbaskets.com/Blog/post/white-chocolate-isnt-really-chocolate.aspx>

1 And while not all white chocolates are created equal—some people claim  
2 that there are artisan styles that are actually quite tasty—the FDA had to  
3 put a standard of identity in place for white chocolate in 2004 to prevent  
4 manufacturers from making the stuff even more fake with vegetable oils  
5 and other gross ingredients. So whether you get the crappy white stuff or  
6 the supposedly nicer ivory-colored stuff (you’ll never see me with  
7 either), it must contain at least 20 percent cocoa butter, 14 percent milk  
8 solids, 3.5 percent milk fat, and no more than 55 percent sugar or other  
9 sweeteners.

10 Gabriel Van Tassel, myrecipes.com<sup>6</sup>

11 Not only does white chocolate have a different production process, it also does  
12 not possess the antioxidant properties of chocolate. It is also lacking in the  
13 other defining ingredients of chocolate such as thiamine, riboflavin,  
14 theobromine and phenylethylamine. It also only has trace amounts of  
15 caffeine.

16 Due to the drastic difference in the two confections there are separate  
17 regulations that define what may be sold as “white chocolate”. Since 2004  
18 the United States has held white chocolate to the standards that it must be (by  
19 weight) 20% cocoa butter, 14% total milk solids, and 3.5% milk fat. It can  
20 contain no more that 55% sugar or other sweeteners.

21 Sinfulsweetspgh.com<sup>7</sup>

22 31. Plaintiffs and the Class did not know, and had no reason to know, that the  
23 Products did not contain real white chocolate. Had Plaintiffs and Class members known  
24 Defendant’s Products did not contain real white chocolate, they would not have bought the  
25 Products.

26 32. Defendant’s Product labeling as alleged herein is deceptive and misleading  
27 and was designed to increase sales of the Products. Defendant’s misrepresentations are part  
28 of its systematic Product labeling and packaging practices.

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<sup>6</sup> <http://www.myrecipes.com/extracrispy/what-is-white-chocolate>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.sinfulsweetspgh.com/white-chocolate-the-non-chocolate/>

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2 **Plaintiffs and the Class Were Injured as a Result of Defendant’s Misrepresentations**

3 33. As shown above, the presence of milkfat and other dairy products is much of  
4 what gives white chocolate its value in the eyes of reasonable consumers.

5 34. Plaintiffs and Class members were thus injured when they paid the full price  
6 of the Products and received an inferior Product than what was represented to them by  
7 Defendant.

8 35. Plaintiffs were thus deprived of the benefit of their bargains, injured in an  
9 amount up to the purchase price, to be determined by expert testimony at trial.

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11 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

12 36. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal  
13 Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the following class:

14 All persons or entities in the United States who made retail purchases of  
15 Products during the applicable limitations period, and/or such subclasses as  
16 the Court may deem appropriate (“the Nationwide Class”).

17 37. In the alternative, Plaintiff JOSLIN seeks to represent a class consisting of:

18 All persons or entities who made retail purchases of the Products in California  
19 during the applicable limitations period, and/or such subclasses as the Court  
20 may deem appropriate (“the California Class”).

21 38. Also in the alternative, Plaintiff DAVIS seeks to represent a class consisting  
22 of:

23 All persons or entities who made retail purchases of the Products in New York  
24 during the applicable limitations period, and/or such subclasses as the Court  
25 may deem appropriate (“the New York Class”).

26 39. The proposed Classes exclude current and former officers and directors of  
27 Defendant, members of the immediate families of the officers and directors of Defendant,  
28 Defendant’s legal representatives, heirs, successors, assigns, and any entity in which they

1 have or have had a controlling interest, and the judicial officer to whom this lawsuit is  
2 assigned.

3 40. The members of the Classes are so numerous that joinder of all members is  
4 impracticable. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiffs at this  
5 time and can only be ascertained through the appropriate discovery, Plaintiffs believe that  
6 there are thousands of members in the proposed Classes. Other members of the Classes  
7 may be identified from records maintained by Defendant and may be notified of the  
8 pendency of this action by mail, or by advertisement, using the form of notice similar to  
9 that customarily used in class actions such as this.

10 41. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the Class members because Plaintiffs  
11 and the other Class members sustained damages arising out of the same wrongful conduct,  
12 as detailed herein. Plaintiffs and other Class members purchased Defendant's Products and  
13 sustained similar injuries arising out of Defendant's conduct in violation of Federal law,  
14 California law, New York law, and the laws of the other 48 states and the District of  
15 Columbia. Defendant's unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices create the same  
16 consumer confusion and deception, and thus the same injury, irrespective of where they  
17 occurred or were experienced. The injuries of the Classes were caused directly by  
18 Defendant's unfair and deceptive practices. In addition, the factual underpinning of  
19 Defendant's misconduct is common to all Class members and represents a common thread  
20 of misconduct resulting in injury to all members of the Classes. Plaintiffs' claims arise  
21 from the same practices and course of conduct that give rise to the claims of the members  
22 of the Classes and are based on the same legal theories. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately  
23 protect the interests of the members of the Classes in that Plaintiffs have no interests  
24 antagonistic to those of the other members of the Classes. Plaintiffs have retained  
25 experienced and competent counsel.

26 42. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient  
27 adjudication of this controversy. Since the damages sustained by individual Class members  
28 may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it

1 impracticable for the members of the Classes to individually seek redress for the wrongful  
2 conduct alleged herein. If Class treatment of these claims were not available, Defendant  
3 would unfairly receive millions of dollars or more in improper charges.

4 43. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Classes and  
5 predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Classes.  
6 Among the common questions of law fact to the Classes are:

- 7 i. Whether Defendant labeled, packaged, marketed, advertised and/or sold Products  
8 to Plaintiffs and Class members, using false, misleading and/or deceptive  
9 packaging and labeling;
- 10 ii. Whether Defendant's actions constitute violations of the consumer protection  
11 laws of California, New York, and the other states and the District of Columbia;
- 12 iii. Whether Defendant omitted and/or misrepresented material facts in connection  
13 with the labeling, ingredients, marketing, advertising and/or sale of Products;
- 14 iv. Whether Defendant's labeling, packaging, marketing, advertising and/or selling  
15 of Products constituted an unfair, unlawful or fraudulent practice;
- 16 v. Whether, and to what extent, injunctive relief should be imposed on Defendant to  
17 prevent such conduct in the future;
- 18 vi. Whether the members of the Classes have sustained damages as a result of  
19 Defendant's wrongful conduct;
- 20 vii. The appropriate measure of damages and/or other relief; and
- 21 viii. Whether Defendant should be enjoined from continuing their unlawful practices.

22 44. The Classes are readily definable, and prosecution of this action as a Class  
23 action will reduce the possibility of repetitious litigation. Plaintiffs know of no difficulty  
24 which will be encountered in the management of this litigation which would preclude its  
25 maintenance as a Class action.

26 45. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient  
27 adjudication of this controversy. The damages suffered by any individual class member are  
28 too small to make it economically feasible for an individual class member to prosecute a

1 separate action, and it is desirable for judicial efficiency to concentrate the litigation of the  
2 claims in this forum. Furthermore, the adjudication of this controversy through a class  
3 action will avoid the potentially inconsistent and conflicting adjudications of the claims  
4 asserted herein. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class  
5 action.

6 46. The prerequisites to maintaining a class action for injunctive relief or  
7 equitable relief pursuant to Rule 23(b)(2) are met, as Defendant has acted or refused to act  
8 on grounds generally applicable to the Classes, thereby making appropriate final injunctive  
9 or equitable relief with respect to the Classes as a whole.

10 47. The prerequisites to maintaining a class action for injunctive relief or  
11 equitable relief pursuant to Rule 23(b)(3) are met, as questions of law or fact common to  
12 the Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members and a class  
13 action is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the  
14 controversy.

15 48. The prosecution of separate actions by members of the Classes would create  
16 a risk of establishing inconsistent rulings and/or incompatible standards of conduct for  
17 Defendant. Additionally, individual actions may be dispositive of the interest of all  
18 members of the Class, although certain Class members are not parties to such actions.

19 49. Defendant's conduct is generally applicable to the Classes as a whole and  
20 Plaintiffs seek, *inter alia*, equitable remedies with respect to the Classes as a whole. As  
21 such, Defendant's systematic policies and practices make declaratory relief with respect to  
22 the Class as a whole appropriate.

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**CAUSES OF ACTION**

**COUNT I.**

**VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA’S CONSUMER LEGAL REMEDIES ACT,  
(Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, *et seq.*)**

**(brought individually and on behalf of the Nationwide Class, in conjunction with the substantively similar consumer protection laws of the other states and the District of Columbia to the extent California law is inapplicable to out-of-state Class members, or, in the alternative, on behalf of the California Class)**

50. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs, and further allege as follows:

51. Plaintiffs brings this claim individually and on behalf of the other members of the Nationwide Class for Defendant’s violations of California’s Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”), Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, *et seq.*, including § 1761(d).

52. Alternatively, should the Court not certify Plaintiffs’ proposed Nationwide Class, Plaintiff JOSLIN brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the California Class for Defendant’s violations of California’s Consumer Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”), Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, *et seq.*, including § 1761(d).

53. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class are consumers who purchased the Products for personal, family or household purposes. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class are “consumers” as that term is defined by the CLRA in Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(d). Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class and California Class are not sophisticated experts with independent knowledge of corporate branding, labeling and marketing practices.

54. The Products that Plaintiffs and other members of the Nationwide Class and California Class purchased from Defendant were “goods” within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(a).

1           55. Defendant’s actions, representations, and conduct violated, and continue to  
2 violate the CLRA, because they extend to transactions that intended to result, or which  
3 have resulted in, the sale of goods to consumers.

4           56. California’s Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(5),  
5 prohibits “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics,  
6 ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have or that a person has a  
7 sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he or she does not have.” By  
8 engaging in the conduct set forth herein, Defendant violated and continue to violate Section  
9 1770(a)(5) of the CLRA, because Defendant’s conduct constitutes unfair methods of  
10 competition and unfair or fraudulent acts or practices, in that it misrepresents that the  
11 Products have quantities which they do not have.

12           57. Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(9) further prohibits “[a]dvertising goods or services  
13 with intent not to sell them as advertised.” By engaging in the conduct set forth herein,  
14 Defendant violated and continue to violate Section 1770(a)(9), because Defendant’s  
15 conduct constitutes unfair methods of competition and unfair or fraudulent acts or  
16 practices, in that it advertises goods with the intent not to sell the goods as advertised.

17           58. Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class and California Class are  
18 not sophisticated experts about the corporate branding, labeling and packaging practices.  
19 Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class acted reasonably  
20 when they purchased the Products based on their belief that Defendant’s representations  
21 were true and lawful.

22           59. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class suffered  
23 injuries caused by Defendant because (a) they were denied the benefit of their bargain due  
24 to Defendant’s misrepresentations and deceptive mislabeling; (b) the Products did not have  
25 the qualities they promised, and (c) they would not have purchased the Products on the  
26 same terms absent Defendant’s illegal and misleading conduct as set forth herein, or if the  
27 true facts were known concerning Defendant’s representations.

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1           65. The UCL provides, in pertinent part: “Unfair competition shall mean and  
2 include unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business practices and unfair, deceptive, untrue or  
3 misleading advertising.”

4           66. Defendant violates federal and California law because the Products do not  
5 contain white chocolate.

6           67. Defendant’s business practices, described herein, violates the “unlawful”  
7 prong of the UCL by violating Section 403(r) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
8 Act, 21 U.S.C. 343(d), 21 CFR § 163.124(a)(2), California Health & Safety Code §  
9 110690, the CLRA, and other applicable law as described herein.

10           68. Defendant’s business practices, described herein, violated the “unfair” prong  
11 of the UCL in that their conduct is substantially injurious to consumers, offends public  
12 policy, and is immoral, unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous, as the gravity of the  
13 conduct outweighs any alleged benefits. Defendant’s advertising is of no benefit to  
14 consumers. And its deceptive advertising offends the public policy advanced by the FDCA  
15 to ensure that “foods are safe, wholesome, sanitary, and properly labeled.” 21 U.S.C.  
16 § 393(b)(2)(A).

17           69. Defendant violated and continues to violate the “fraudulent” prong of the UCL  
18 by misleading Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class into  
19 believing that the Products contain white chocolate when they do not.

20           70. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class are not  
21 sophisticated experts about the corporate branding, labeling, and packaging practices of the  
22 Products. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class acted  
23 reasonably when they purchased the Products based on their belief that Defendant’s  
24 representations were true and lawful.

25           71. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class lost  
26 money or property as a result of Defendant’s UCL violations because (a) they were denied  
27 the benefit of their bargain due to Defendant’s mislabeling and misrepresentations; (b) the  
28 Products did not have the characteristics promised, and (c) they would not have purchased

1 the Products on the same terms absent Defendant's illegal and misleading conduct as set  
2 forth herein, or if the true facts were known concerning Defendant's representations.

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4 **COUNT III.**

5 **VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA'S FALSE ADVERTISING LAW,**  
6 **(California Business & Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.*)**  
7 **(Brought Individually and on behalf of the Nationwide Class, in conjunction with**  
8 **the substantively similar consumer protection laws of the other states and the**  
9 **District of Columbia to the extent California law is inapplicable to out-of-state Class**  
10 **members, or, in the alternative, on behalf of the California Class).**

11 72. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the allegations  
12 contained in all preceding paragraphs, and further allege as follows:

13 73. Plaintiffs brings this claim individually and on behalf of the other members of  
14 the Nationwide Class for Defendant's violations of California's False Advertising Law  
15 ("FAL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500, *et seq.*

16 74. Alternatively, should the Court not certify Plaintiffs' proposed Nationwide  
17 Class, Plaintiff JOSLIN brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the  
18 California Class for Defendant's violations of California's False Advertising Law  
19 ("FAL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500, *et seq.*

20 75. Under the FAL, the State of California makes it "unlawful for any person to  
21 make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated before the public in this state, ...  
22 in any advertising device ... or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the  
23 Internet, any statement, concerning ... personal property or services, professional or  
24 otherwise, or performance or disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading and which  
25 is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or  
26 misleading."

27 76. Defendant engages in a scheme of offering misbranded Products for sale to  
28 Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class and California Class by way of labeling  
the Products as being white chocolate Products when they are not. Such practice

1 misrepresents the ingredients and quality of the misbranded Products. Defendant's  
2 advertisements and inducements were made in California and come within the definition  
3 of advertising as contained in Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500, *et seq.* in that the product  
4 packaging was intended as inducements to purchase Defendant's Products. Defendant  
5 knew that these statements were unauthorized, inaccurate, and misleading.

6 77. Defendant violated federal and California law because the Products are  
7 advertised as containing white chocolate when they in fact do not.

8 78. Defendant violated § 17500, *et seq.* by misleading Plaintiffs and the members  
9 of the Nationwide Class and California Class into believing that the Products contain white  
10 chocolate.

11 79. Defendant knew or should have known, through the exercise of reasonable  
12 care that the Products were and continue to be misbranded, and that their representations  
13 about the ingredients and quality of the Products were untrue and misleading.

14 80. Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class and California Class lost  
15 money or property as a result of Defendant's FAL violations because (a) they were denied  
16 the benefit of their bargain due to Defendant's misrepresentations; (b) the Products did not  
17 have the characteristics, benefits, or qualities promised, and (c) they would not have  
18 purchased the Products on the same terms absent Defendant's illegal and misleading  
19 conduct as set forth herein, or if the true facts were known concerning Defendant's  
20 representations.

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COUNT IV.

**INJUNCTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE NEW YORK DECEPTIVE AND UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT (New York General Business Law § 349) (Brought Individually and on Behalf of the New York Class)**

81. Plaintiff DAVIS realleges and incorporates herein by reference the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs, and further alleges as follows:

82. Plaintiff DAVIS brings this claim individually and on behalf of the other members of the New York Class for an injunction for violations of New York’s Deceptive Acts or Practices Law, General Business Law (“NY GBL”) § 349.

83. NY GBL § 349 provides that “deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce or in the furnishing of any service in this state are . . . unlawful.”

84. Under the New York Gen. Bus. Code § 349, it is not necessary to prove justifiable reliance. (“To the extent that the Appellate Division order imposed a reliance requirement on General Business Law [§] 349 . . . claims, it was error. Justifiable reliance by the plaintiff is not an element of the statutory claim.” *Koch v. Acker, Merrall & Condit Co.*, 18 N.Y.3d 940, 941 (N.Y. App. Div. 2012) (internal citations omitted)).

85. The practices employed by Defendant, whereby Defendant advertises, promotes, markets and sells their Products as having white chocolate, are unfair, deceptive, misleading and are in violation of the NY GBL § 349. Moreover, New York State law broadly prohibits the misbranding of foods in language identical to that found in regulations promulgated pursuant to the FDCA § 403, 29 U.S.C. 343(d). Under New York Agm. Law § 201, “[f]ood shall be deemed to be misbranded . . . If it is an imitation of another food, unless its label bears the word “imitation” and immediately thereafter the name of the food imitated in type of uniform size and equal prominence, followed by a statement showing the constituents thereof.”

1 86. Any person who has been injured by reason of any violation of the NY GBL  
2 § 349 may bring an action in their own name to enjoin such unlawful act or practice, an  
3 action to recover their actual damages or fifty dollars, whichever is greater, or both such  
4 actions. The court may, in its discretion, increase the award of damages to an amount not  
5 to exceed three times the actual damages up to one thousand dollars, if the court finds the  
6 Defendant willfully or knowingly violated this section. The court may award reasonable  
7 attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff.

8 87. The practices employed by Defendant, in which they advertise, promote, and  
9 market their Products as containing “White Chocolate” are unfair, deceptive, misleading,  
10 and in violation of the NY GBL § 349.

11 88. The foregoing deceptive acts and practices were directed at consumers.

12 89. Defendant should be enjoined from marketing the Products as having “White  
13 Chocolate” pursuant to NY GBL § 349.

14 90. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,  
15 respectfully demand a judgment enjoining Defendant’s conduct, awarding costs of this  
16 proceeding and attorneys’ fees, as provided by NY GBL § 349, and such other relief as this  
17 Court deems just and proper.

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19 **COUNT V.**

20 **DAMAGES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE NEW YORK DECEPTIVE AND**  
21 **UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT**  
22 **(New York General Business Law § 349)**  
23 **(Brought Individually and on Behalf of the New York Class)**

24 91. Plaintiff DAVIS realleges and incorporates herein by reference the allegations  
25 contained in all preceding paragraphs, and further alleges as follows:

26 92. Plaintiff DAVIS brings this claim individually and on behalf of the other  
27 members of the New York Class for violations of NY GBL § 349.  
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1           93. Any person who has been injured by reason of any violation of NY GBL §  
2 349 may bring an action in their own name to enjoin such unlawful act or practice, an action  
3 to recover her actual damages or fifty dollars, whichever is greater, or both such actions.  
4 The court may, in its discretion, increase the award of damages to an amount not to exceed  
5 three times the actual damages up to one thousand dollars, if the court finds the defendant  
6 willfully or knowingly violated this section. The court may award reasonable attorney's  
7 fees to a prevailing plaintiff.

8           94. By the acts and conduct alleged herein, Defendant committed unfair or  
9 deceptive acts and practices by misbranding their Products as white chocolate Products,  
10 when they do not contain any white chocolate.

11           95. The practices employed by Defendant, whereby Defendant advertises,  
12 promotes, markets and sells their Products as containing white chocolate, are unfair,  
13 deceptive and misleading and are in violation of the NY GBL § 349, New York Agm. Law  
14 § 201 and the FDCA, 21 U.S.C. § 343(c) in that said Products are misbranded.

15           96. The foregoing deceptive acts and practices were directed at consumers.

16           97. Plaintiff DAVIS and the other New York Class members suffered a loss as a  
17 result of Defendant's deceptive and unfair trade acts. Specifically, as a result of  
18 Defendant's deceptive and unfair acts and practices, Plaintiff DAVIS and the other New  
19 York Class members suffered monetary losses associated with the purchase of Products,  
20 i.e., receiving an inferior Products than the ones they agreed to purchase. In order for  
21 Plaintiff DAVIS and New York Class members to be made whole, they need to receive the  
22 value full amount that they paid for the Products.

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**COUNT VI.**

**DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEW YORK  
GENERAL BUSINESS LAW §§ 350 AND 350-a(1)  
(FALSE ADVERTISING)  
(brought individually and on behalf of the New York Class)**

98. This claim is brought on behalf of Plaintiff DAVIS and members of the New York Class against Defendant.

99. Plaintiff DAVIS and members of the New York Class reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs, and further allege as follows:

100. Defendant is engaged in the “conduct of ... business, trade or commerce” within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 350.

101. New York Gen. Bus. Law § 350 makes unlawful “[f]alse advertising in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” False advertising includes “advertising, including labeling, of a commodity ... if such advertising is misleading in a material respect,” taking into account “the extent to which the advertising fails to reveal facts material in light of ... representations [made] with respect to the commodity ...” N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 350-a(1).

102. Defendant caused to be made or disseminated through New York, through advertising, marketing and other publications, statements that were untrue or misleading, and that were known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should have been known to Defendant, to be untrue and misleading to consumers and the New York Class.

103. Defendant’s affirmative misrepresentations and misrepresentations by way of omission, as described in this Complaint, were material and substantially uniform in content, presentation, and impact upon consumers at large. Consumers purchasing the products were and continue to be exposed to Defendant’s material misrepresentations.



1 the truth about the Products as the time they purchased them. They would not have  
2 purchased the Products had they known the truth—viz., that they do not contain white  
3 chocolate.

4 110. Plaintiffs and Class members have been injured as a result of Defendant's  
5 fraudulent conduct and must be compensated in an amount to be determined at trial.

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**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for relief and judgment against Defendant as follows:

- A. For an Order certifying the Nationwide Class and under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and naming Plaintiffs as representatives of the Class and Plaintiffs' attorneys as Class counsel to represent members of the Class;
- B. In the alternative, for an Order certifying the California Class and appointing Plaintiff JOSLIN as Class representative and Plaintiff JOSLIN's attorney as Class counsel;
- C. Also in the alternative, for an Order certifying the New York Class and appointing Plaintiff DAVIS as Class representative and Plaintiff DAVIS's attorney as Class counsel;
- D. For an Order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates the statutes referenced herein;
- E. For an Order finding in favor of Plaintiffs and members of the Class;
- F. For compensatory and punitive damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
- G. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
- H. For an Order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief;
- I. For injunctive relief compelling Defendant to cease representing the Products as containing white chocolate;
- J. For an Order awarding Plaintiffs and members of the Class their reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and costs of suit; and
- K. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, hereby demand a jury trial on all claims so triable.

DATED: August 13, 2018

**Respectfully submitted,**

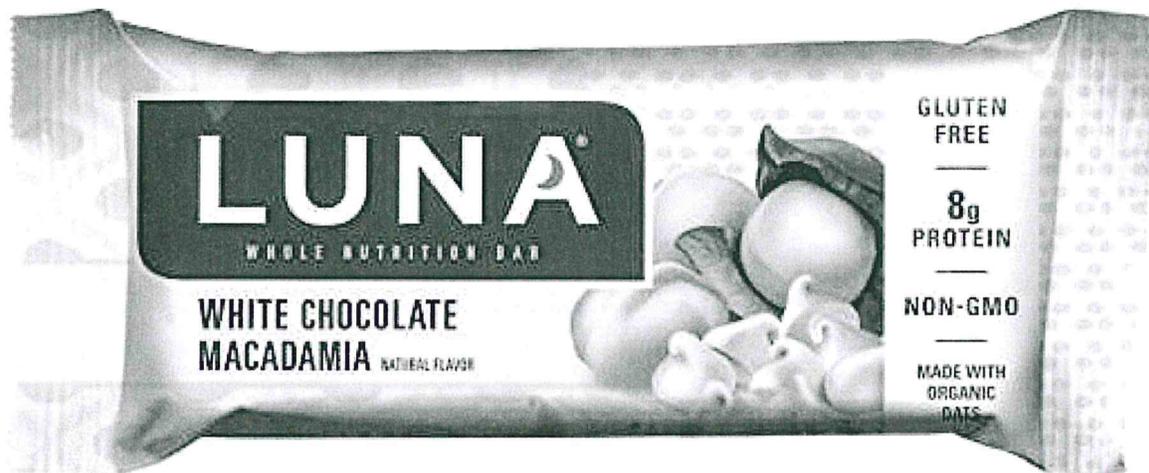
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C.K. Lee, Esq.

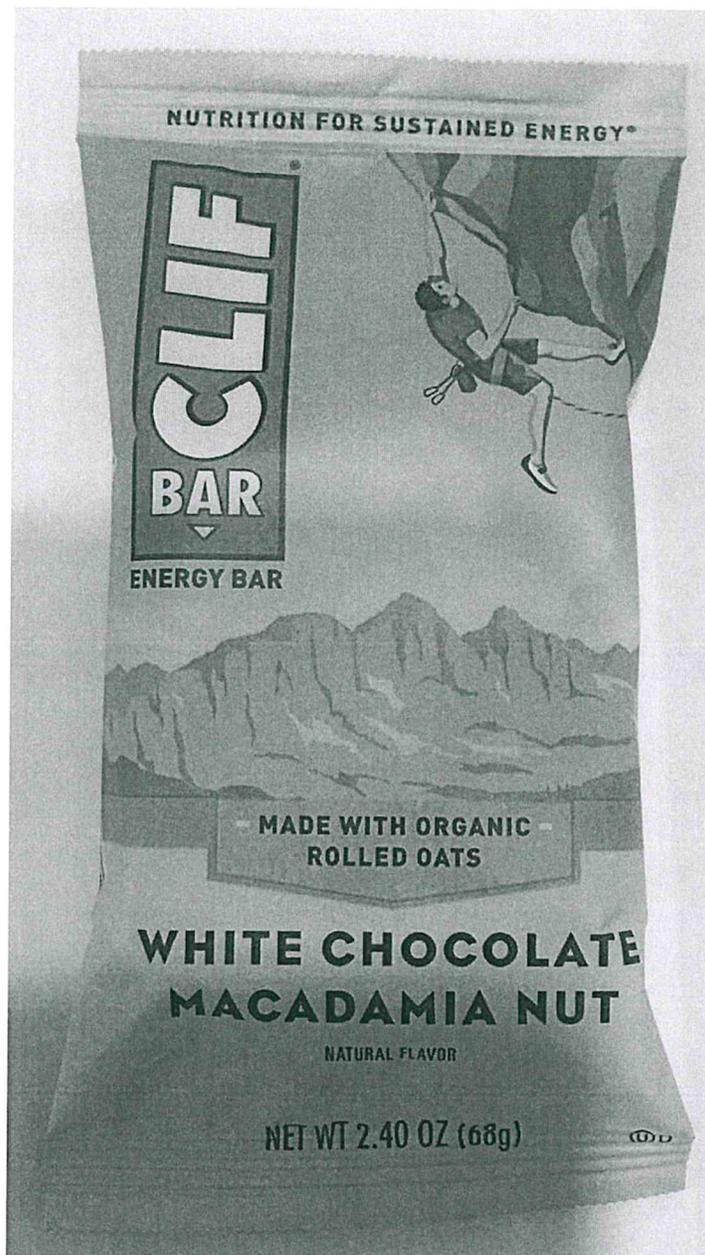
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# EXHIBIT A





# EXHIBIT B

## Luna®

**INGREDIENTS:** Protein Grain Blend (Soy Protein Isolate, Organic Rolled Oats, Organic Rice Flour, Organic Roasted Soybeans, Organic Soy Flour, Organic Milled Flaxseed), Organic Brown Rice Syrup, Organic Dried Cane Syrup, Organic Palm Kernel Solids, Organic Sunflower Oil, Inulin (Chicory Extract), Vegetable Glycerin, Macadamia Nut Butter, Macadamia Nuts, Organic Soy Flour, Sea Salt, Cocoa Butter†, Natural Flavors, Organic Soy Lecithin, Organic Natural Flavors, Soy Flour, Organic Vanilla Extract, Mixed Tocopherols (Antioxidant), Soy Lecithin. **VITAMINS & MINERALS:** Dicalcium Phosphate, Calcium Carbonate, Ascorbic Acid (Vit. C), Ferrous Fumarate (Iron), Niacinamide (Vit. B3), DL-Alpha Tocopheryl Acetate (Vit. E), Beta Carotene (Vit. A), Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (Vit. B6), Riboflavin (Vit. B2), Thiamine Mononitrate (Vit. B1), Ergocalciferol (Vit. D2), Folic Acid, Cyanocobalamin (Vit. B12). **ALLERGEN STATEMENT: CONTAINS SOY AND MACADAMIA NUTS. MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF MILK AND OTHER TREE NUTS. MAY CONTAIN NUTSHELL FRAGMENTS. NO PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED OILS. WE DO NOT SOURCE GENETICALLY MODIFIED INGREDIENTS.** †Rainforest Alliance Certified™

## Clif Bar®

based on a 2,000 calorie diet

**INGREDIENTS:** Organic Brown Rice Syrup, Organic Rolled Oats, Soy Protein Isolate, Organic Cane Syrup, Organic Roasted Soybeans, Rice Flour, Macadamia Nuts, Organic Dried Cane Syrup, Organic Oat Fiber, Organic Soy Flour, Cocoa Butter†, Organic High Oleic Sunflower Oil, Natural Flavors, Organic Cocoa Butter†, Sea Salt, Soy Flour, Barley Malt Extract, Soy Lecithin, Mixed Tocopherols (Antioxidant).

**VITAMINS & MINERALS:** Dicalcium Phosphate, Magnesium Oxide, Ascorbic Acid (Vit. C), DL-Alpha Tocopheryl Acetate (Vit. E), Beta Carotene (Vit. A), Niacinamide (Vit. B3), Ergocalciferol (Vit. D2), Thiamine Mononitrate (Vit. B1), Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (Vit. B6), Riboflavin (Vit. B2), Cyanocobalamin (Vit. B12).

**ALLERGEN STATEMENT: CONTAINS SOY AND MACADAMIA NUTS. MAY CONTAIN WHEAT, OTHER TREE NUTS, AND TRACES OF MILK. MAY CONTAIN NUTSHELL FRAGMENTS.** †Rainforest Alliance Certified™

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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Clif Bar & Company  
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*Demand Letter re:* Clif Bar® White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Bar; and  
Luna® White Chocolate Macadamia Bar  
(together, the “Products”, as set forth in **Exhibit A**).

To Whom It May Concern:

This demand letter serves as a notice and demand for corrective action on behalf of my clients, Jamie [last name redacted] (herein “Jamie”) and Cindy [last name redacted] (herein “Cindy”) and all other persons similarly situated, arising from violations of numerous provisions of California and New York law including: the Consumers Legal Remedies Act (California Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.*, including but not limited to subsections 1750(a)(5), (a)(9)), and (a)(16)); the False Advertising Law (California Business & Professions Code § 17500 *et seq.*); the Unfair Competition Law (California Business & Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*); the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law (California Health and Safety Code, § 109875, *et seq.*); New York General Business Law § 349; New York General Business Law § 350, *et seq.*; the New York Agriculture and Markets Law (§ 201, *et seq.*); and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act Section 403 (21 U.S.C. § 301 *et seq.*). This demand letter serves as notice pursuant to state laws concerning your deceptive and misleading Product packaging.

Clif Bar and Company has participated in the manufacture, marketing and sale of the Clif Bar® White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Bar, and the Luna® White Chocolate Macadamia Bar Products. The Products are advertised and sold to mislead consumers into believing that they contain white chocolate, when they in fact do not. Accordingly, the Products violate the California and New York State laws with the same scope as the Federal Food Drug & Cosmetic Act (“FDCA”). Consumers are misled as to the content of the Products and the Products are misbranded.

“White chocolate” signifies only one thing: a confection that contains cocoa butter, dairy ingredients, and a sweetener.<sup>1</sup> “White chocolate” has always colloquially identified a product with these ingredients.

The FDA defines white chocolate as follows:

(a) Description. (1) White chocolate is the solid or semiplastic food prepared by intimately mixing and grinding cacao fat with one or more of the optional dairy ingredients specified in paragraph (b)(2) of this section and one or more optional nutritive carbohydrate sweeteners and may contain one or more of the other optional ingredients specified in paragraph (b) of this section. White chocolate shall be free of coloring material.

21 CFR § 163.124.

Real white chocolate’s flavor is partially imparted by milkfat. Accordingly, U.S.,<sup>2</sup> Canadian,<sup>3</sup> and European<sup>4</sup> regulators all define white chocolate as having at least 3.5% milkfat. The imitation white chocolate in the Products do not have milkfat.

The Products mislead consumers into believing that they contain real white chocolate, whereas they actually contain cheap confectionary ingredients, i.e. imitation white chocolate. *See Exhibit B.*

On January 9, 2018, Jamie, a resident of California, purchased the Luna White Chocolate Macadamia Product in reliance on the package representations that the bar contains white chocolate. Joslin purchased a six-pack of the Product from a Target for \$5.99. The White Chocolate Product was labeled “White Chocolate Macadamia.” The phrase “White Chocolate Macadamia” explicitly represents that the Product contains white chocolate, when it in fact does not. Jamie was thereby denied the benefit of her bargain.

On February 2, 2018, Cindy, a resident of New York, purchased a Clif Bar® White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Bar Product in reliance on the in-store label representations that the White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Bar contains white chocolate. Cindy purchased her Product for \$1.99. The phrase “White Chocolate Macadamia Nut” implicitly promises to consumers that the Product contains white chocolate when in fact it does not. Cindy was thereby denied the benefit of her bargain.

Together, Jamie and Cindy are acting on behalf of a class defined as all United States consumer purchasers of the Products (the “Nationwide Class”). Jamie is acting on

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<sup>1</sup> White chocolate may also include other ingredients such flavorings or an emulsifier to hold it together. White chocolate does not include the non-fat solids of cacao beans.

<sup>2</sup> 21 CFR § 163.124(a)(2).

<sup>3</sup> C.R.C., c. 870, Section B.04.009(a)(iii).

<sup>4</sup> Directive 2000/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 June 2000 relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption, Annex I, A(6).

behalf of a subclass defined as California consumer purchasers of the Products (the “California Subclass”). Cindy is acting on behalf of a subclass defined as all New York consumer purchasers of the Products (the “New York subclass”).

### **California Law**

California’s Consumers Legal Remedies Act (“CLRA”, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, *et seq.*) prohibits “[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he or she does not have.” (Cal. Civ. Code § 1770 (a)(5)). By engaging in the conduct set forth herein, Clif Bar and Company violated and continues to violate Section 1770(a)(5), because Clif Bar and Company represents the Product has ingredients that it does not.

Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(9) further prohibits “[a]dvertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised.” By engaging in the conduct set forth herein, Clif Bar and Company violated and continues to violate Section 1770(a)(9), because Clif Bar and Company’s conduct constitutes unfair methods of competition and unfair or fraudulent acts or practices, in that Clif Bar and Company advertises goods with the intent not to sell the goods as advertised.

Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(16) prohibits “[r]epresenting that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not.” By engaging in the conduct set forth herein, Clif Bar and Company violated and continues to violate Section 1770(a)(16), because Clif Bar and Company’s conduct constitutes unfair methods of competition and unfair or fraudulent acts or practices, in that Clif Bar and Company represents that the Product is supplied in accordance with the advertised representations when it is not.

California’s False Advertising Law (“FAL”, California Business & Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.*) makes it “unlawful for any person to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated before the public in this state . . . in any advertising device . . . or in any other manner or means whatever . . . any statement, concerning . . . personal property or services, professional or otherwise, or performance or disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading.” By engaging in the conduct set forth herein, Clif Bar and Company violated and continues to violate Section 17500, because Clif Bar and Company’s conduct constitutes the dissemination of misleading claims.

California’s Unfair Competition Law (“UCL”, California Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*) provides, in pertinent part: “Unfair competition shall mean and include unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business practices and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising ....”. By engaging in the conduct set forth herein, Clif Bar and Company violated and continues to violate Section 17200, because Clif Bar and Company’s deceptive and misleading advertising is both unfair and unlawful. Among other

laws, Clif Bar and Company is in violation of California's False Advertising Law and the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law (the "Sherman Law").

The Sherman Law prohibits misleading food labeling. It imposes the same standards as federal law, including the Federal Standard for "white chocolate", which it incorporates:

Definitions and standards of identity, quality, and fill of container, and any amendments to the definitions and standards, adopted pursuant to the [FDCA] in effect on the effective date of this part, or adopted on or after that date, are the definitions and standards of identity, quality, and fill of container in this state.

Cal. Health & Safety Code § 110505.

Clif Bar & Company's sale of imitation white chocolate products purporting to be real white chocolate products violates the Sherman Law:

Any food is misbranded if it purports to be, or is represented as, a food for which a definition and standard of identity has been established under Section 110505 and the label fails to bear the name of the food specified in the standard or otherwise fails to conform to the definition and standard.

Cal. Health & Safety Code § 110710.

The Sherman Law explicitly incorporates the same standards as FDA regulations. *See* §§110100 and 110380. The Sherman Law's various provisions prohibit every aspect of Clif Bar and Company's mislabeling of the Products, including their manufacture, distribution, marketing and sale, as follows:

- § 110290, "In determining whether the labeling or advertisement of a food . . . is misleading, all representations made or suggested by statement, word, design, device, sound, or any combination of these shall be taken into account. The extent that the labeling or advertising fails to reveal facts concerning the food . . . or consequences of customary use of the food . . . shall also be considered.";
- § 110385. "It is unlawful for any person to distribute in commerce any food . . . if its packaging or labeling does not conform to the provisions of this article or to regulations adopted pursuant to this article.";
- § 110390, "It is unlawful for any person to disseminate any false advertisement of any food . . . . An advertisement is false if it is false or misleading in any particular.";
- § 110395, "It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any food . . . that is falsely advertised.";
- § 110398, "It is unlawful for any person to advertise any food, drug, device, or cosmetic that is adulterated or misbranded.";
- § 110400, "It is unlawful for any person to receive in commerce any food . . . that is falsely advertised or to deliver or proffer for delivery any such food . . . .";

- § 110760 “It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any food that is misbranded.”;
- § 110765, “It is unlawful for any person to misbrand any food.”; and
- § 110770, “It is unlawful for any person to receive in commerce any food that is misbranded or to deliver or proffer for delivery any such food.”.

The Products are misbranded regardless of whether or not Clif Bar & Company intended to mislead consumers and regardless of whether or not consumers were actually deceived. Intent to mislead is not an element of the California Unfair Competition Law<sup>5</sup> or of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act except as specifically enumerated in § 1770(a)(9). Consumer deception is not an element of the UCL to the extent those claims are founded on violations of the Sherman Law:

The best reading of California precedent is that the reasonable consumer test is a requirement under the UCL's unlawful prong only when it is an element of the predicate violation. ... The predicate violation here is of California's Sherman Law, *see* Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 110760, 110765, which itself incorporates standards set by FDA regulations, *see id.* §§ 110100, 110670. These FDA regulations include no requirement that the public be likely to experience deception.

*Bruton v. Gerber Prods. Co.*, No. 15-15174, 2017 U.S. App. LEXIS 12833, at \*6-7 (9th Cir. July 17, 2017).

### **New York Law**

NY GBL § 349 prohibits misleading practices and declares unlawful “[d]eceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce.” Clif Bar and Company’s labeling the Products as “White Chocolate” is misleading.

NY GBL § 350 prohibits misleading practices and declares unlawful “[f]alse advertising in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce or in the furnishing of any service in this state is hereby declared unlawful.” Clif Bar and Company’s labeling of the Products as “White Chocolate” constitutes false advertising.

Part 259.1 of Title 1 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (1 NYCRR § 259.1(a)(12)), incorporates by reference the FDA regulatory requirements for food labeling under the FDCA. Courts have noted that New York's Agriculture and Marketing law incorporates FDA regulations into New York law for the purposes of private claims brought under NY GBL § 349. *See Ackerman v. Coca-Cola Co.*, No. CV-09-0395 (JG) (RML), 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 73156, at \*13 (E.D.N.Y. July 21, 2010) (“New York’s Agriculture and Marketing law similarly provides in relevant part that food shall be deemed misbranded ‘[i]f its labeling is false or misleading in any particular, and incorporates the FDCA's labeling provisions.”).

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<sup>5</sup> *In re Tobacco II Cases*, 46 Cal. 4th 298, 320-1 (2009).

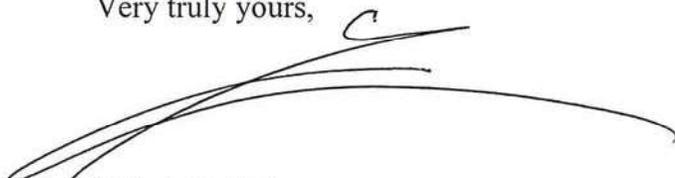
To cure the defects described above, we demand that you (i) cease and desist from continuing to label and advertise the Products as if they contained white chocolate; (ii) issue an immediate recall on any Products or relabel them; and (iii) make full restitution to all purchasers throughout the United States of all purchase money obtained from sales thereof.

We further demand that you preserve all documents and other evidence which refer or relate to any of the above-described practices including, but not limited to the following:

- (i) All documents concerning the manufacture, labeling and packaging process for the Products;
- (ii) All communications with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration concerning the product development, labeling, packaging, marketing and sales of the Products;
- (iii) All documents concerning the advertisement, marketing, or sale of the Products; and
- (iv) All communications with customers concerning complaints or comments concerning the Products.

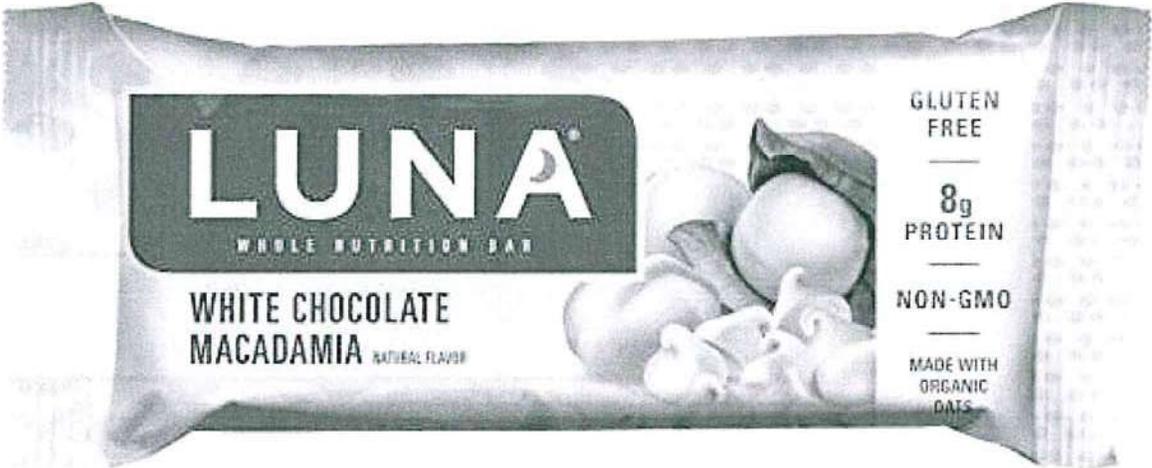
We are willing to negotiate to attempt to resolve the demands asserted in this letter. If you wish to enter into such discussions, please contact me immediately. If I do not hear from you promptly, I will conclude that you are not interested in resolving this dispute short of litigation. If you contend that any statement in this letter is inaccurate in any respect, please provide us with your contentions and supporting documents promptly.

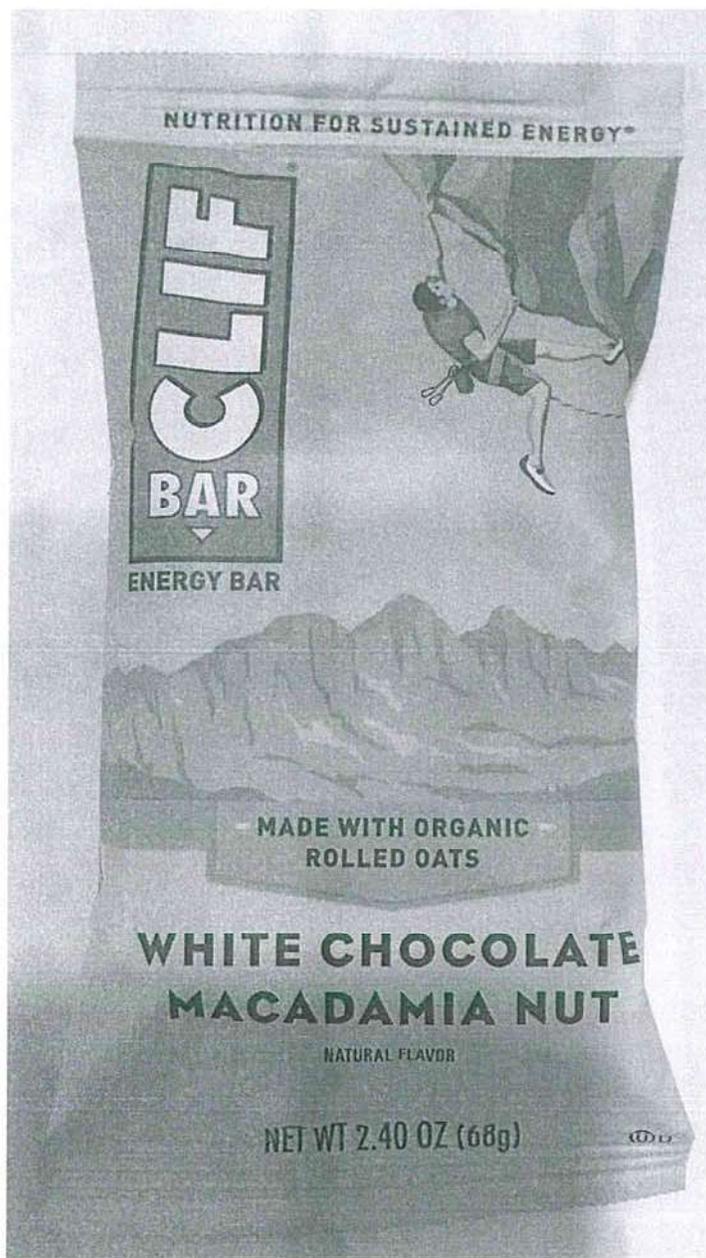
Very truly yours,



C.K. Lee, Esq.

# EXHIBIT A





# EXHIBIT B

# Luna®

**INGREDIENTS:** Protein Grain Blend (Soy Protein Isolate, Organic Rolled Oats, Organic Rice Flour, Organic Roasted Soybeans, Organic Soy Flour, Organic Milled Flaxseed), Organic Brown Rice Syrup, Organic Dried Cane Syrup, Organic Palm Kernel Solids, Organic Sunflower Oil, Inulin (Chicory Extract), Vegetable Glycerin, Macadamia Nut Butter, Macadamia Nuts, Organic Soy Flour, Sea Salt, Cocoa Butter†, Natural Flavors, Organic Soy Lecithin, Organic Natural Flavors, Soy Flour, Organic Vanilla Extract, Mixed Tocopherols (Antioxidant), Soy Lecithin. **VITAMINS & MINERALS:** Dicalcium Phosphate, Calcium Carbonate, Ascorbic Acid (Vit. C), Ferrous Fumarate (Iron), Niacinamide (Vit. B3), DL-Alpha Tocopheryl Acetate (Vit. E), Beta Carotene (Vit. A), Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (Vit. B6), Riboflavin (Vit. B2), Thiamine Mononitrate (Vit. B1), Ergocalciferol (Vit. D2), Folic Acid, Cyanocobalamin (Vit. B12). **ALLERGEN STATEMENT: CONTAINS SOY AND MACADAMIA NUTS. MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF MILK AND OTHER TREE NUTS. MAY CONTAIN NUTSHELL FRAGMENTS. NO PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED OILS. WE DO NOT SOURCE GENETICALLY MODIFIED INGREDIENTS.**

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# Clif Bar®

based on a 2,000 calorie diet

**INGREDIENTS:** Organic Brown Rice Syrup, Organic Rolled Oats, Soy Protein Isolate, Organic Cane Syrup, Organic Roasted Soybeans, Rice Flour, Macadamia Nuts, Organic Dried Cane Syrup, Organic Oat Fiber, Organic Soy Flour, Cocoa Butter†, Organic High Oleic Sunflower Oil, Natural Flavors, Organic Cocoa Butter†, Sea Salt, Soy Flour, Barley Malt Extract, Soy Lecithin, Mixed Tocopherols (Antioxidant).

**VITAMINS & MINERALS:** Dicalcium Phosphate, Magnesium Oxide, Ascorbic Acid (Vit. C), DL-Alpha Tocopheryl Acetate (Vit. E), Beta Carotene (Vit. A), Niacinamide (Vit. B3), Ergocalciferol (Vit. D2), Thiamine Mononitrate (Vit. B1), Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (Vit. B6), Riboflavin (Vit. B2), Cyanocobalamin (Vit. B12).

**ALLERGEN STATEMENT: CONTAINS SOY AND MACADAMIA NUTS. MAY CONTAIN WHEAT, OTHER TREE NUTS, AND TRACES OF MILK. MAY CONTAIN NUTSHELL FRAGMENTS.**

**WE DO NOT SOURCE GENETICALLY MODIFIED INGREDIENTS.**

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**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS** Jamie Joslin and Courtney Davis, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated

**DEFENDANTS** Clif Bar & Company

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

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Alameda  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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

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

David Makman, Law Offices of David A. Makman  
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650-242-1560x1

Attorneys (If Known)  
Not Known

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

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

- 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)

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

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
110 Insurance	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC § 881	422 Appeal 28 USC § 158	375 False Claims Act
120 Marine	310 Airplane	690 Other	423 Withdrawal 28 USC § 157	376 Qui Tam (31 USC § 3729(a))
130 Miller Act	315 Airplane Product Liability	<b>LABOR</b>	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>	400 State Reapportionment
140 Negotiable Instrument	320 Assault, Libel & Slander	710 Fair Labor Standards Act	820 Copyrights	410 Antitrust
150 Recovery of Overpayment Of Veteran's Benefits	330 Federal Employers' Liability	720 Labor/Management Relations	830 Patent	430 Banks and Banking
151 Medicare Act	340 Marine	740 Railway Labor Act	835 Patent—Abbreviated New Drug Application	450 Commerce
152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	345 Marine Product Liability	751 Family and Medical Leave Act	840 Trademark	460 Deportation
153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	350 Motor Vehicle	790 Other Labor Litigation	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations
160 Stockholders' Suits	355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	861 HIA (1395ff)	480 Consumer Credit
190 Other Contract	360 Other Personal Injury	<b>IMMIGRATION</b>	862 Black Lung (923)	490 Cable/Sat TV
195 Contract Product Liability	362 Personal Injury -Medical Malpractice	462 Naturalization Application	863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange
196 Franchise	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	465 Other Immigration Actions	864 SSID Title XVI	890 Other Statutory Actions
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	440 Other Civil Rights		865 RSI (405(g))	891 Agricultural Acts
210 Land Condemnation	441 Voting	<b>HABEAS CORPUS</b>	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>	893 Environmental Matters
220 Foreclosure	442 Employment	463 Alien Detainee	870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)	895 Freedom of Information Act
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	443 Housing/Accommodations	510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC § 7609	896 Arbitration
240 Torts to Land	445 Amer. w/Disabilities—Employment	530 General		899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision
245 Tort Product Liability	446 Amer. w/Disabilities—Other	535 Death Penalty		950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
290 All Other Real Property	448 Education	<b>OTHER</b>		
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		550 Civil Rights		
		555 Prison Condition		
		560 Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement		

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

- 1 Original Proceeding
- 2 Removed from State Court
- 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
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- 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- 6 Multidistrict Litigation—Transfer
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**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. Section 1332

Brief description of cause:

Deceptive Marketing

**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:  Yes  No

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

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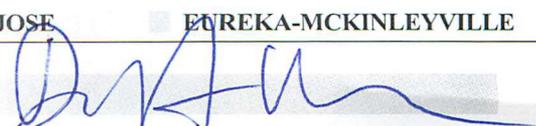
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