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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

DAVID MELIAN;
CHRISTOPHER GEORGE, on
their own behalf and on behalf of all
similarly situated individuals

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GLOCK, INC, an Georgia
Corporation; GLOCK Ges.m.b.H,
an Austrian entity; JOHN and
JANE DOES I through V; ABC
CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ
PARTNERSHIPS, SOLE
PROPRIETORSHIPS and/or
JOINT VENTURES I-X, GUN
COMPONENT
MANUFACTURERS I-V

Defendants.

CASE NO.:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR:

- (1) **Arizona Consumer Fraud Act**
- (2) **Negligence;**
- (3) **Strict Products Liability;**
- (4) **Breach of Express Warranty;**
- (5) **Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability;**
- (6) **Failure to Warn/Disclose & Concealment / Misrepresentation;**
- (7) **Fraud;**
- (8) **Violation of Magnuson-Moss Act;**

1 Plaintiffs DAVID MELIAN and CHRISTOPHER GEORGE brings this
2 action against Defendants GLOCK, INC, an Georgia Corporation; GLOCK
3 Ges.m.b.H, an Austrian entity; JOHN and JANE DOES I through V; ABC
4 CORPORATIONS I-X, XYZ PARTNERSHIPS, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS
5 and/or JOINT VENTURES I-X, GUN COMPONENT MANUFACTURERS I-V,
6 and alleges as follows:

7 **INTRODUCTION**

8 1. Plaintiffs bring this class action on behalf of themselves, and all other
9 individuals who own certain handguns (the “Class Guns”) which were designed,
10 manufactured, assembled, imported, and marketed by Glock Ges.m.d.H, and Glock,
11 Inc., and distributed and sold throughout the United States. For the purposes of the
12 claims made herein, the Class Guns are considered an inherently dangerous
13 commodity.

14 2. All of the Class Guns contain at least one defect that renders the pistols
15 unreasonably dangerous and unfit for their intended use. Each gun contains a feed
16 ramp that is too long and goes into the chamber causing a lack of chamber support
17 for the round/casing which causes the force of a fired round to exert unreasonable
18 pressures upon the round/casing in the 6 o’clock position (the “Unsupported
19 Chamber Defect” or “Defect”). This defect creates a “blow out” or a “kaboom”
20 which is a dangerous situation which causes the round/casing to separate and
21 dislodge a piece of the casing at the 6 o’clock position. Upon information and
22 belief, and based on reasonable investigation, these defects will repeatedly and
23 verifiably manifest in the Class Guns.

24 3. The Glock Defendants promised by selling the Class Guns that the
25 Class Guns were safe for ordinary use and did not contain any defects and were not
26 unreasonably dangerous. This is not what the Glock Defendants designed,
27 manufactured, sold, and distributed. In contrast to the Glock Defendants’ promises,
28 the Class Guns are defective and dangerous.

1 4. The Glock Defendants’ representations that the Class Guns are safe for
2 use are deceptive and false, and the Class Guns were sold while omitting
3 information that would be material to a reasonable consumer.

4 5. In filing this lawsuit, Plaintiffs and the Classes Members do not
5 disparage the Second Amendment’s right to bear arms. Rather, Plaintiffs and the
6 Classes Members seek to hold accountable the Glock Defendants for the design,
7 manufacture, assembly, marketing, supply, warranty, distribution,
8 misrepresentation, and sale of the Class Guns that are defective and unreasonably
9 dangerous as described herein. Instead of impinging upon the Second Amendment,
10 this lawsuit is brought by and on behalf of individuals who have lawfully exercised
11 their Second Amendment right to bear arms.

12 6. The Class Guns are defective and unreasonably dangerous because the
13 common design of the Class Guns will not prevent and has not prevented a “blow
14 out” or a “Kaboom” which can, and does, result in personal injury. The Defects
15 result from the inadequate design, manufacturing, and testing of the Class Guns, and
16 the continued failure of the Glock Defendants to remedy the Defects. The Defects
17 have created an unreasonably dangerous situation for a person owning and/or
18 possessing a Class Hand Gun, and have substantially reduced or eliminated
19 completely, the value of the Class Guns.

20 7. Despite actual knowledge of the Defects, the Glock Defendants have
21 never remedied either Defect, have never issued an effective and complete warning
22 to the public or recall of the Class Guns and the Glock Defendants continue to
23 falsely represent to the public that the Class Guns are safe. In fact, Glock is aware
24 that individuals have been seriously injured as result of the Defects, and it is only a
25 matter of time before more individuals are seriously injured or killed.

26 8. At all times relevant to this action, the Glock Defendants had a duty to
27 disclose and warn Plaintiffs and Class Members truthfully and accurately, and not to
28 conceal or misrepresent such truth, about the Defects. Notwithstanding this duty,

1 and in violation thereof, the Glock Defendants carelessly and negligently failed to
2 disclose to and warn Plaintiffs and Class Members, and concealed and
3 misrepresented the truth, about the Class Guns and the Defects.

4 9. At all relevant times to this action, the Glock Defendants fraudulently
5 concealed and intentionally failed to warn Plaintiffs and Class Members of the
6 Defects with the intent to deceive the Plaintiffs, Class Members, and general public
7 without knowledge of the Defects. The Glock Defendants falsely and fraudulently
8 represented to Plaintiff and Class Members that their Class Guns were safe for
9 normal and intended use, when in fact their Class Guns were not safe for normal and
10 intended use.

11 10. At all relevant times to this action, the Glock Defendants have
12 willfully, knowingly, and/or recklessly committed unfair or deceptive acts or
13 practices in Arizona for the express willful purpose of wrongfully concealing the
14 Defects and their knowledge of it in violation of Arizona law.

15 11. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants conspired among
16 themselves and with others to conceal from the public, Plaintiffs, and Class
17 Members, the Defects and Defendants' efforts to understate or misrepresent the
18 nature of the risk created by the Defects.

19 12. The Defects are latent defects and the Class Guns are defective in a
20 way that would not be apparent to Plaintiffs and Class Members. Further, the cause
21 of the Defects originates from the common design and manufacture of the Class
22 Guns and Plaintiffs and Class Members would not and could not know of the
23 Defects by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

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PARTIES

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2 13. Plaintiff DAVID MELIAN is over the age of 21 and is a resident of
3 Maricopa County. Mr. MELIAN owns a Class Gun, in particular, Glock Model 41,
4 Gen 4, which was designed, manufactured, assembled, to be tested, marketed,
5 imported, warranted, distributed, and sold by the Glock Defendants. Unknown to
6 Plaintiff at the time that he purchased his Class Gun, it was defective and
7 unreasonably dangerous. Glock's unfair, unlawful, and deceptive conduct in
8 designing, manufacturing, marketing, selling, the defective and dangerous Class
9 Gun has caused Plaintiff out-of-pocket loss, loss of use, and future repair costs.
10 Plaintiff purchased his Class Gun under the mistaken belief that it was free of
11 defects and safe for use. Plaintiff selected and ultimately purchased his Class Gun
12 because of the Glock's representations of safety and adequate design. Plaintiff
13 would not have purchased the Class Gun had he been aware of the design defects
14 and dangerous condition of the Class Guns. Plaintiff sought to purchase a hand gun
15 that was safe and free of defects. Plaintiff did not get the benefit of his purchase
16 because the product is defective and/or has the potential of being defective. Neither
17 Glock nor any of its agents, distributors, or other representatives informed Plaintiffs
18 or the Class Members of the existence of the defects or the dangerousness of using
19 the Class Gun. Mr. MELIAN's gun contains the same Unsupported Chamber
20 Defect as all models with a similar feed ramp length and chamber design.

21 14. Defendant Plaintiff CHRISTOPHER GEORGE is over the age of 21
22 and is a resident of Maricopa County. Mr. GEORGE owns two Class Guns, in
23 particular, Glock .40 caliber guns, that were designed, manufactured, assembled, to
24 be tested, marketed, imported, warranted, distributed, and sold by the Glock
25 Defendants. Unknown to Plaintiff at the time that he purchased his Class Guns, they
26 was defective and unreasonably dangerous. Glocks unfair, unlawful, and deceptive
27 conduct in designing, manufacturing, marketing, selling, the defective and
28 dangerous Class Guns has caused Plaintiff out-of-pocket loss, loss of use, and future

1 repair costs. Plaintiff purchased his Class Guns under the mistaken belief that they
2 were free of defects and safe for use. Plaintiff selected and ultimately purchased his
3 Class Guns because of Glock's representations of safety and adequate design.
4 Plaintiff would not have purchased the Class Guns had he been aware of the design
5 defects and dangerous condition of the Class Guns. Plaintiff sought to purchase
6 handguns that was safe and free of defects. Plaintiff did not get the benefit of his
7 purchase because the product is defective and/or has the potential of being
8 defective. Neither Glock nor any of its agents, distributors, or other representatives
9 informed Plaintiffs or the Class Members of the existence of the defects or the
10 dangerousness of using the Class Hand Guns. Mr. GEORGE's gun contains the
11 same Unsupported Chamber Defect as all models with similar feed ramp length and
12 chamber design.

13 15. Mr. MELIAN's and Mr. GEORGE's guns possess the same
14 Unsupported Chamber Defect as do all models with the with similar feed ramp
15 length and chamber design.

16 16. Defendant Glock Ges.m.b.H is an Austrian corporation that designs,
17 manufactures, and test the Class Guns and other firearms in Austria under the
18 "Glock" brand name and distributes the Class Guns and other firearms in Arizona
19 Maricopa County, and throughout the United States under the "Glock" brand name
20 via Defendants Glock, Inc.

21 17. Defendant Glock, Inc. is a Georgia corporation that is licensed to and
22 doing business in the State of Arizona and does business in Maricopa County.

23 18. The Glock Defendants are so intertwined contractually for each other's
24 liabilities that they are essentially one entity regarding the allegations in this
25 Complaint.

26 19. At all times herein mentioned, each of the Defendants were the agents
27 and employees of each of the remaining Defendants and, in doing the things alleged,
28 was at all times acting within the purpose, course, and scope of said agency or

1 employment with the knowledge, consent, permission, and subsequent ratification
2 of each of the other Defendants. Defendants work jointly to target consumers in the
3 State of Arizona and in this District for sales of the Class Guns and other products.
4 Defendants jointly work directly with manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and
5 other entities located in this district to effectuate the goal of marketing and selling
6 the Class Guns in this District, to availing themselves to the benefits of the laws of
7 Arizona and the County of Maricopa. Each Defendant is the alter-ego of the other,
8 because the Defendants each share funds with one another, co-mingle business
9 accounts, perform acts on one another's behalf, and engage in other acts indicative
10 of a false separation between their corporate structure.

11 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

12 20. Jurisdiction is proper in this court under the Class Action Fairness Act
13 of 2005 ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2), because the amount in controversy
14 exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interests and costs, there are more than one
15 hundred members of the Class or classes, and diversity of citizenship exists between
16 Plaintiff and Defendants. The named Plaintiffs are citizens of Arizona and none of
17 the Glock Defendants are citizens of Arizona. Defendants Glock Ges.m.b.H is an
18 Austria corporation with their headquarters and/or principle place of business at
19 P.O. Box 9, A-2232 Deutsch-Wagram, Austria. Defendant Glock, Inc. is a Georgia
20 corporation with its principle place of business at 6000 Highlands Parkway,
21 Smyrna, GA 30082.

22 21. The court may exercise supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state
23 law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367, because those state law claims arise from a
24 common nucleus of operative facts and it would be judicially inefficient to separate
25 the claims.

26 22. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Glock, Inc.
27 because this Defendant is licensed to do and is doing business in the State of
28 Arizona, and is subject to this jurisdiction. Defendant Glock, Inc. engaged directly

1 and through their agents in systematic and ongoing business transactions in the
2 State of Arizona and within this District, including but not limited to, the design,
3 testing, manufacture, import, assembly, marketing, supply, warranty, distribution,
4 misrepresentation, and sales of the Class Guns as other conduct in Arizona.
5 Defendant Glock, Inc. intended to, and did, target consumers in the State of Arizona
6 and in this District for sales of the Class Guns and other products. Defendant Glock,
7 Inc. works directly with manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and other entities
8 located in this district to effectuate its goal of marketing and selling the Class Guns
9 in this District, and to avail itself to the benefits of the laws of Arizona and the
10 County of Maricopa.

11 23. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Glock Ges.m.b.H
12 because it has minimum contacts with the United States, this judicial district, and
13 this State, and it intentionally availed itself of the laws of the United States and this
14 state by conducting a substantial amount of business throughout the state, including
15 the design, manufacture, distribution, testing, sale, lease, and/or warranty of Glock
16 hand guns in this State and District. At least in part because of Defendant Glock
17 Ges.m.b.H misconduct as alleged in this lawsuit, Class Guns were sold to ended up
18 in possession of consumers in this District. Defendant Glock Ges.m.b.H also works
19 directly with manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and other entities located in this
20 district to effectuate its goal of marketing and selling the Class Guns in this District,
21 and to avail itself to the benefits of the laws of Arizona and the County of Maricopa.

22 24. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Glock
23 Ges.m.b.H. directly and by and through its agents, including but not limited to,
24 Defendant Glock, Inc., which has engaged in systematic and ongoing business
25 transactions in the State of Arizona and within this District. Defendant Glock
26 Ges.m.b.H, directly and by and through its agents, including but not limited to
27 Defendant Glock, Inc., has had continuous and substantial business connections in
28 the State of Arizona. Defendant Glock, Inc., for example, works directly with

1 manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and other entities located in this district to
2 effectuate Glock Ges.m.b.H's goal of marketing and selling the Class Guns in this
3 District, and to avail itself of the benefits of the laws of Arizona and the County of
4 Maricopa. Discovery will reveal even further contacts with the forum by the
5 Defendants as well as their purposeful availment of the laws and benefits of this
6 forum.

7 25. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because:

8 (i) Defendants conduct substantial business in this District and have intentionally
9 availed themselves of the laws and markets of the United States and this District;
10 and/or (ii) many of the acts and transactions giving rise to this action occurred in
11 this District, including, inter alia, Glock's promotion, marketing, distribution and
12 sale of the Class Guns to Plaintiffs in this District. The Glock Defendants sell a
13 substantial number of Class Guns in this District, have distributor located
14 throughout this District, and the misconduct occurred in part in this District.

15 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

16 26. Per the Glock Defendants' website, Glock Ges.m.b.H began in 1981.
17 Glock's website boasts that "a profound series of engineering feats were on their
18 way to be realized" It goes on, "It is our way of thinking, a culture of
19 continuous improvement. The 4th generation of the GLOCK "Safe Action"® pistol
20 brings revolutionary design changes to the world's most popular pistol." "The
21 continuous pursuit of perfection in every facet of design, engineering, and
22 manufacturing, has firmly established GLOCK pistols as the standard by which all
23 others are compared." The website identified "Glock Perfection," and states: "[O]ur
24 commitment to 'Perfection' remains steadfast: we will never compromise quality.
25 We will continue to invest tremendous resources in the technology and talent
26 necessary to improve our products wherever possible; and we will always strive to
27 deliver maximum customer satisfaction!" The Glock website also states: "Safe.
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1 Simple. Fast. = Confidence.”¹

2 27. The Glock Defendants openly represent to the public that their hand
3 guns, including the effected models, and all guns with a similar chamber and feed
4 ramp design are safe for use. The reputation of the Glock Hand Guns, developed
5 over the years, is that they will reliability fire any type of correct caliber round.

6 28. The Class Guns are 1) Glock branded, and 2) semi-automatic. A semi-
7 automatic pistol is a firearm which fires, extracts, ejects and reloads once for each
8 pull and release of the trigger. The Class Guns include, but are not limited to the
9 following models/series: Model 22, 22 Gen 4, 23, 23 Gen 4, 24, 27, 27 Gen 4, 35,
10 35 Gen 4, 35 Gen 4 MOS, 22 cut, 22 P, 23 cut, 23 P, 21 Gen 4, 21 SF, 30 Gen 4,
11 30s, 30 SF, 36, 41 Gen 4, 41 Gen 4 MOS, 37, 38, 39, 20 Gen 4, 20 SF, 29 Gen 4, 29
12 SF, and 40 Gen 4 MOS, all gun models with a similar chamber design and feed
13 ramp length.

14 29. Since the design of the Defects is common to all Class Guns and is
15 defective in all Class Guns, the use and/or maintenance of the Class Guns by
16 Plaintiffs and Class Members have no effect on the defective design of the Class
17 Guns and the damages resulting from the defective design.

18 30. The Class Guns have common latent design defects such that if the
19 Class Guns work as designed they are still defective and Plaintiffs and Class
20 Members would still be due relief.

21 31. The Glock Defendants have knowingly manufactured, marketed, and
22 sold thousands of defective Class Guns with the Defects to consumers throughout
23 Arizona and the United States.

24 32. Despite knowing about the Defects, the Glock Defendants consciously
25 and intentionally decided not to recall and/or retrofit the defective Class Guns
26 which they know are unreasonably dangerous and defective

27 33. Despite the wealth of information Glock has regarding the defective

28 ¹ <https://us.glock.com/>

1 design of the Class Guns as described herein, Glock has not undertaken any effort to
2 inform the public and/or individuals who own Class Guns about the Defects, or to
3 issue any recalls and replace and/or repair and/or retrofit the Class Guns.

4 34. Plaintiffs filed this Class Action Complaint in order to seek declaratory
5 relief and compensation for the damages of Plaintiffs and the proposed Class
6 Members and to force the Glock Defendants to act as responsible corporate citizens
7 by educating their customers, the lawful possessors of the Class Guns, and the
8 public about the dangers of the Class Guns, repairing the Defects in the Class Guns,
9 or paying to allow the Plaintiffs and the proposed Class to replace the Class Guns
10 and/or repair and replace the Defects in the Class Guns on their own.

11 35. The allegations in this Complaint are well-supported by the
12 troublesome history of the Class Guns, the harmful, sometimes life-threatening,
13 consequences of their use by consumers, as well as the Glock Defendants'
14 continuing denial or failure to acknowledge the Defects. These critical facts about
15 the Class Guns and the Defects have been hidden from the public by the Glock
16 Defendants' pattern of concealing the Defects and refusing to warn the public
17 despite the Glock Defendants' knowledge of the Defects.

18 36. The Class Guns are defective and inherently dangerous, and Glock has
19 known about the Defects for years, but has allowed the Class Guns to remain in the
20 hands of unsuspecting gun owners to the imminent risk of harm to the owners of the
21 Class Guns and the public.

22 CLASS ALLEGATIONS

23 ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH CLASSES

24 37. Plaintiffs re-allege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

25 38. Certification of Plaintiffs' claims for class-wide treatment is
26 appropriate because Plaintiffs can prove the elements of their claims on a class wide
27 basis using the same evidence as would be used to prove those elements in
28 individual actions alleging the same claim.

1 39. This action satisfies the Classes action requirements of Federal Rule of
2 Civil Procedure 23.

3 40. NUMEROSITY. The Classes is composed of thousands of persons across
4 the United States, the joinder of whom in one action is impractical. While the exact
5 number and identity of Class Members are not presently known, they can be
6 identified through the review of records in the Glock Defendants' possession,
7 custody and control, and/or through other formal discovery, including, but not
8 limited to, sales receipts, sales records, and registration records. Plaintiffs are
9 informed and believe that thousands of Class Guns with the Defects have been
10 manufactured and sold in Arizona and throughout the United States. Consequently,
11 the individuals in the Classes are so numerous that the sheer number of aggrieved
12 persons makes joinder of all such persons impracticable, and the disposition of their
13 claims in a class action, rather than in individual actions, will benefit the parties and
14 the Court and is the most efficient and fair way to resolve the controversy.

15 41. COMMONALITY. Defendants have engaged in a standardized course of
16 conduct that affects all Class Members. The critical question of law and fact
17 common to all class members that will materially advance the litigation is whether
18 the Class Guns are inherently defective and dangerous for use. Furthermore, other
19 questions of law and fact common to the Classes exist as to all members and
20 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members include the
21 following:

- 22 a. Whether the Glock Defendants engaged in the conduct alleged
23 herein;
- 24 b. Whether the common design of the Class Guns as described is
25 defective;
- 26 c. Whether the common design of the Class Guns as described is
27 defective because the feed ramp of the hand gun's chamber is too long and
28 extends into the chamber causes the chamber to lack adequate support for the

1 round/casing causing the force of a fired round to exert unreasonable
2 pressures upon the round/casing in the 6 o'clock position.

3 d. Whether the common design of the Class Guns as described is
4 defective because the defects creates a "blow out" or "kaboom" which is a
5 situation which causes the casing to fail, separate, a dislodge at the 6 o'clock
6 position.

7 e. Whether the Glock Defendants has been wrongfully and/or
8 unjustly enriched as a result of the conduct set forth in the Complaint;

9 f. Whether Plaintiff and the Classes are entitled to equitable relief,
10 including but not limited to restitution;

11 g. Whether the design or manufacturing of the Class Guns can
12 cause the Defects, and thus the Class Guns are not suitable for their intended
13 use;

14 h. Whether the Glock Defendants knew or should have known that
15 the Class Guns were defective;

16 i. Whether the Glock Defendants had a duty to Plaintiffs and the
17 Classes to disclose the true nature of the Class Guns;

18 j. Whether the Glock Defendants had a duty to recall the Class
19 Guns;

20 k. Whether the Glock Defendants falsely represented that the Class
21 Guns were of a certain standard, quality, and grade, when in fact, they were
22 not;

23 l. Whether the Glock Defendants suppressed and concealed
24 material information regarding the true characteristics and defective nature of
25 the Class Guns;

26 m. Whether the Glock Defendants' false representations and
27 suppression of the Defects was knowing, intentional, reckless, and/or
28 malicious;

1 n. Whether Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to
2 compensatory, statutory, punitive, exemplary, and/or other forms of damages,
3 and/or other monetary relief and, if so, in what amount;

4 o. Whether the Glock Defendants breached their Express
5 Warranties to Plaintiff and the Classes;

6 p. Whether the Glock Defendants were required to notify the
7 owners of Class Guns regarding the Defects and repair and/or retrofit the
8 Class Guns;

9 q. Whether the Glock Defendants breached their Implied
10 Warranties to Plaintiff and the Classes; and

11 r. Whether Plaintiff and the Classes members are entitled to an
12 order (1) permanently enjoining Glock from manufacturing, assembling,
13 importing, marketing, advertising, distributing, and selling Class Guns, (2)
14 and requiring Glock to recall all Class Guns, and (3) requiring Glock to
15 compensate Plaintiff and Class Members.

16 42. ADEQUACY OF REPRESENTATION. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately
17 protect the interests of the class members and have no interests antagonistic to those
18 of the Class. Plaintiffs have retained counsel and law firms that are experienced in
19 the prosecution of complex class actions.

20 43. PREDOMINANCE & SUPERIORITY. The action is also appropriate for
21 certification because questions of law and fact common to the class members
22 predominate over questions affecting only individual members, and class treatment
23 is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this
24 controversy, since individual joinder of class members is impracticable. The
25 common liability issues in this Class Action may be resolved efficiently on a class-
26 wide basis. Should individual Class Members be required to bring separate actions,
27 assuming Class Members were aware of the latent Defects, this Court and/or courts
28 throughout the nation would be confronted with a multiplicity of lawsuits burdening

1 the court system while also creating the risk of inconsistent rulings and
2 contradictory judgments. In contrast to proceeding on a case-by-case basis, in
3 which inconsistent results will magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the
4 court system, this class action presents far fewer management difficulties while
5 providing unitary adjudication, economies of scale and comprehensive supervision
6 by a single court. The common design Defects of the Class Guns are latent defects
7 and the Class Guns are defective in a way that would not be apparent to Plaintiff
8 and Class Members. As a result, Class Members are unaware of the Defects and
9 their claims against Defendants as a result of the latent Defects; therefore, without
10 notice of the Defects, a failure of justice will occur in the absence of a class action.

11 44. Plaintiffs, therefore, seek certification of the following nationwide
12 class:

13 **THE NATIONWIDE CLASS**

14
15 *All individuals in the United States, including the Arizona
16 Class, who owned or currently own a Class Hand Gun.*

17 45. The Nationwide Class excludes the Glock Defendants, their officers,
18 directors, agents, trustees, parents, children, corporations, trusts, representatives,
19 employees, principals, servants, partners, joint ventures, or entities controlled by the
20 Glock Defendants, and their heirs, successors, assigns, or other persons or entities
21 related to or affiliated with the Glock Defendants and/or their officers and/or
22 directors, or any of them; the Judge assigned to this action, and any member of the
23 Judge's immediate family; and persons who have suffered or claimed to have
24 suffered physical injury as a result of a defective Class Gun.

25 46. Plaintiffs also seek certification of the following sub-class of the
26 Nationwide Class:
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1 **THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS**

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3 *All individuals in Arizona who owned or currently own a*
4 *Class Hand Gun.*

5 47. The Arizona Class excludes the Glock Defendants, their officers,
6 directors, agents, trustees, parents, children, corporations, trusts, representatives,
7 employees, principals, servants, partners, joint ventures, or entities controlled by the
8 Glock Defendants, and their heirs, successors, assigns, or other persons or entities
9 related to or affiliated with the Glock Defendants and/or their officers and/or
10 directors, or any of them; the Judge assigned to this action, and any member of the
11 Judge’s immediate family; and persons who have suffered or claimed to have
12 suffered physical injury as a result of a defective Class Gun.

13 **ESTOPPEL & STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS**

14 48. The Glock Defendants are estopped from relying on any statutes of
15 limitation or repose by virtue of their acts of fraudulent concealment, which include
16 the Glock Defendants’ intentional concealment from Plaintiffs, Class Members, and
17 the general public that the Class Guns are defective, while continually marketing the
18 Class Guns with the Defects described herein.

19 49. Given the Glock Defendants’ affirmative actions of concealment by
20 failing to disclose this known but non-public information about the Safety Defects –
21 information over which the Glock Defendants had exclusive control – and because
22 Plaintiff and Class Members therefore could not reasonably have known that the
23 Class Guns were defective, Defendants are estopped from relying on any statutes of
24 limitations or repose that might otherwise be applicable to the claims asserted
25 herein.

CAUSES OF ACTION

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
VIOLATION OF THE ARIZONA CONSUMER FRAUD ACT
BY THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

50. Plaintiffs reallege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

51. This claim is brought by Plaintiffs on behalf of all members of the Arizona Sub-Class.

52. The Arizona Consumer Fraud Act (Arizona CFA) provides that “[t]he act, use or employment by any person of any deception, deceptive act or practice, fraud . . . , misrepresentation, or concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon such concealment, suppression or omission, in connection with the sale . . . of any merchandise whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby, is declared to be an unlawful practice.” A.R.S. § 44-1522(A).

53. Defendants, Plaintiffs, and Class members are “persons” within the meaning of A.R.S. § 44-1521(6).

54. Each Class Gun at issue is “merchandise” within the meaning of A.R.S. § 44-1521(5).

55. Defendants’ conduct, as set forth above, occurred in the conduct of trade or commerce.

56. Pursuant to the Arizona CFA, Plaintiffs seek monetary relief against each Defendant in an amount to be determined at trial. Plaintiffs also seek punitive damages because each Defendant engaged in aggravated and outrageous conduct with an evil mind.

57. Plaintiffs also seek an order enjoining each Defendant’s unfair, unlawful, and/or deceptive practices, attorneys’ fees, and any other just and proper relief available under the Arizona CFA.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
NEGLIGENCE**

BY THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

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3 58. Plaintiffs re-allege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

4 59. The Glock Defendants had the duty to exercise that degree of care that
5 a reasonably prudent firearm manufacturer and/or distributor should use in the
6 design, testing, selection, manufacture, assembly, marketing, supply, distribution
7 and sales of Class Guns. Notwithstanding this duty, and in violation thereof, the
8 Glock Defendants negligently and carelessly designed, tested, selected,
9 manufactured, assembled, marketed, supplied, distributed, and sold Class Guns with
10 the Defects.

11 60. As a direct and proximate cause of the Glock Defendants' negligent
12 conduct, individuals who own a Class Gun are exposed to a substantial, clear, and
13 unreasonable risk of serious injury or death.

14 61. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, and the Arizona Sub-Class, demand
15 judgment against the Glock Defendants for compensatory damages for themselves
16 and each member of Class, for the establishment of a common fund, plus attorneys'
17 fees, interest and costs.

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19 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY**

BY THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS

20 62. Plaintiffs re-allege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

21 63. The Glock Defendants designed the Class Guns with the Defects,
22 rendering the Class Guns inherently dangerous and creating a substantial, clear,
23 extreme and unreasonable risk of serious injury or death to Plaintiffs and Class
24 Members. The Glock Defendants manufactured, assembled, marketed, distributed,
25 and sold the Class Guns with the Defects. The Class Guns were in the same
26 defective condition due to the Safety Defects from the time they left the Glock
27 Defendants' control until they reached the Plaintiffs and Class Members, all of
28 whom use the Class Guns in the manner intended by the Glock Defendants.

1 64. The Class Guns were sold in substantial and unreasonably dangerous
2 condition to an extent beyond that which would be contemplated by the ordinary
3 consumer, including, Plaintiffs and Class Members.

4 65. As a direct and proximate result of the facts alleged above, Plaintiffs
5 and Class Members are exposed to a clear, substantial, and unreasonable risk of
6 serious injury or death from the Defects and the Class Guns.

7 66. The Glock Defendants are strictly liable in tort for all injuries,
8 damages, and losses that have or may result Defects of the Class Guns, and for the
9 cost of rendering the Class Guns safe.

10 67. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, and the Arizona Sub-Class, demand
11 judgment against the Glock Defendants for compensatory and punitive damages for
12 themselves and each class member, for the establishment of a common fund, plus
13 attorneys' fees, interest and costs.

14 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
15 **BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**
16 **BY THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

17 68. Plaintiffs re-allege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

18 69. The Glock Defendants provide with each of the Class Guns express
19 warranties that are made to every owner of a Class Guns, including Plaintiffs and
20 Class Members. The Glock Defendants have memorialized these express warranties
21 in writing. These are written documents that are provided with the Class Guns
and/or are also published on the public.

22 70. The Glock Defendants breached the express warranties and as a result
23 of the Glock Defendants' breach of these express warranties, Plaintiffs and Class
24 Members have been damaged.

25 71. Plaintiffs and Class Members are the express beneficiaries of the
26 express warranties. To the extent required by law, the Glock Defendants have
27 expressly waived privity of contract as a requirement to the enforceability of any of
28 their express warranties.

1 have the propensities to fail to perform due to the unsupported chamber and the
2 inadequate round/casing support.

3 79. The Glock Defendants designed and manufactured the Class Guns with
4 the Defects. The Glock Defendants designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed,
5 and placed the Class Guns into the stream of commerce knowing and expecting that
6 the Class Guns would be used by consumers and around the general public and by
7 distributing the Class Guns, Glock impliedly represented to Plaintiffs and Class
8 Members that the Class Guns were merchantable, would operate effectively, were
9 safe for normal use, suitable for the ordinary and usual purposes for which they
10 were intended, and would not create an unreasonable risk of injury to consumers.

11 80. The Glock Defendants were on notice of the breach of implied
12 warranties at the time the Class Guns were manufactured and distributed by Glock.
13 The Glock Defendants knew, or should have known about the Defects.

14 81. The Glock Defendants failed to provide an adequate remedy and
15 caused their implied warranties to fail of their essential purpose, thereby permitting
16 remedy under the implied warranties to Plaintiffs and others similarly situated.

17 82. As a direct and proximate result of the breach of said warranties,
18 Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered and will continue to suffer a loss as
19 alleged herein in an amount to be determined at trial.

20 83. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,
21 demand judgment against the Glock Defendants for compensatory damages for
22 themselves and each class member, for the establishment of a common fund, plus
23 attorneys' fees, interest and costs.

24 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
25 **FAILURE TO WARN/DISCLOSE & CONCEALMENT / MISREPRESENTATION**
26 **BY THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

27 84. Plaintiffs re-allege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

28 85. The Class Guns are an inherently dangerous commodity and the Glock
Defendants at all times relevant had a duty to disclose to and warn Plaintiffs and

1 Class Members truthfully and accurately, and not to conceal or misrepresent such
2 truth, about the Defects, and a duty to provide a fair and adequate warning of the
3 dangerous potentiality of the Class Guns due to the Defects.

4 86. By the Glock Defendants designing, manufacturing, failing to test,
5 marketing, distributing, and placing an inherently dangerous commodity such as the
6 Class Guns in the channels of trade, then by the very nature of their commercial
7 activity, the Glock Defendants have a duty to provide a fair and adequate warning of
8 the dangerous potentiality of the Class Guns due to the Defects.

9 87. The Glock Defendants could foresee that the Class Guns, due to the
10 latent Defects, posed a clear, substantial and unreasonable risk of personal injury
11 and death. The proper measure of duty for the Glock Defendants in designing,
12 manufacturing, testing, selling, marketing, and distributing an inherently dangerous
13 commodity such as the Class Guns is the reasonable foreseeability that serious
14 injury or death might result from the use of the commodity.

15 88. Notwithstanding this duty, and in violation thereof, the Glock
16 Defendants carelessly and negligently failed to disclose to and warn Plaintiffs and
17 Class Members, and concealed and misrepresented the truth, about the latent
18 Defects which posed a clear, substantial and unreasonable risk of personal injury
19 and death.

20 89. Because Plaintiffs and Class Members did not have an equal
21 opportunity to discover such truth about the Glock Defendants' defectively designed
22 Class Guns, Plaintiffs and Class Members own and/or use the Class Guns in the
23 reasonable, but, unbeknownst to them, false belief they were fit for use,
24 merchantable, and reasonably safe for their intended purposes.

25 90. Because the Class Guns were not in fact fit for use, merchantable, and
26 reasonably safe for their intended purposes, and because of the Glock Defendants'
27 negligent failure to disclose and warn and their concealment and misrepresentation
28 of such facts, as a direct and proximate result Plaintiffs and Class Members have

1 been exposed to a clear, substantial and unreasonable risk of serious injury and
2 death.

3 91. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, and the class members, demand
4 judgment against Glock for damages for themselves and each class member, for the
5 establishment of a common fund, plus attorneys' fees, interest and costs.

6 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
7 **FRAUD**

8 **BY THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

9 92. Plaintiffs re-allege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

10 93. The Glock Defendants fraudulently concealed and intentionally failed
11 to warn Plaintiffs and Class Members of the Defects with the intent to deceive
12 Plaintiffs and Class Members into ownership and/or use Class Guns without
13 knowledge of the Defects which poses a clear, substantial and unreasonable risk of
14 personal injury and death.

15 94. The Glock Defendants falsely and fraudulently represented to Plaintiffs
16 and Class Members that their Class Guns were safe for normal use.

17 95. Plaintiffs and Class Members reasonably and justifiably relied on the
18 Glock Defendants' false and fraudulent representations, and on the Glock
19 Defendants' deliberate silence, concerning the highly significant and material fact
20 that the Class Guns were not safe for normal use, as a result of which, to their
21 detriment, they elected to own and/or use Class Guns without knowledge of such
22 fact. There were no reasonable means for Plaintiffs or Class Members to make
23 themselves aware of such fact, since the Glock Defendants have retained tight
24 control of the relevant information concerning the Defects.

25 96. As a direct and proximate result of the Glock Defendants' fraudulent
26 conduct, of both commission and omission, Plaintiffs and Class Members have been
27 exposed to a clear, substantial and unreasonable risk of personal injury and death
28 during their lawful possession and normal use of their Class Guns.

1 97. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, and the Classes, demand judgment
2 against the Glock Defendants for compensatory and punitive damages for
3 themselves and each class member, for the establishment of a common fund, plus
4 attorneys' fees, interest and costs.

5 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
6 **VIOLATIONS OF THE MAGNUSON-MOSS ACT**
7 **BY THE NATIONWIDE CLASS, INCLUDING THE ARIZONA SUB-CLASS, AGAINST ALL**
8 **DEFENDANTS**

9 98. Plaintiffs re-allege & re-incorporate all preceding paragraphs.

10 99. Magnuson-Moss Consumer Products Liability Act, 15 U.S.C §2301, et
11 seq. ("MMCPWA" or the "Act") provides a private right of action to purchasers of
12 consumer products against retailers who, *inter alia*, fail to comply with the terms of
13 a written warranty, express warranty and/or implied warranty.

14 100. Plaintiffs and all members of both classes are "consumers" as defined
15 in U.S.C. § 2301(3).

16 101. The Class Guns are "consumer products" as defined in 15 U.S.C.
17 § 2301(1).

18 102. Defendants are "warrantors" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(5).

19 103. Defendants provided Plaintiffs and class members with "written
20 warranties" within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6).

21 104. These warranties include the warranties described in the preceding
22 paragraphs and incorporated here by reference.

23 105. Defendants have failed to remedy the Defects despite knowledge of its
24 dangerous condition.

25 106. Defendants have been given a reasonable opportunity by Plaintiffs and
26 other members of both Classes to cure such failures and to comply with the
27 warranty yet have repeatedly failed to so.

28 107. Plaintiffs and the other members of the Classes have suffered damages
as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of warranty.

1 108. As demonstrated above, Defendants failed to comply with the terms of
2 their warranties—written, express and implied—regarding the Class Guns that they
3 manufactured, advertised, distributed, marketed and/or sold.

4 109. Given the foregoing, Plaintiffs and other class entitled to an award of
5 damages and other appropriate relief, including attorneys’ fees.

6 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

7 Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for a
8 judgment against the Glock Defendants as follows:

9 1. an Order certifying this action to proceed as a class action, and naming
10 Plaintiffs as the representatives for the class and sub-class, their counsel as class
11 counsel;

12 2. an award in favor of Plaintiffs and all class members that includes
13 compensatory, exemplary or punitive damages, treble damages, and statutory
14 damages, including interest thereon, in an amount to be proven at trial;

15 3. an award in favor of Plaintiffs and class members for compensatory
16 damages that includes the cost of repair, replacement or modification of the Defects
17 to render safe the Class Guns;

18 4. Declaring that the Glock Defendants are financially responsible for
19 notifying all Class Members of the Defects with the Class Guns;

20 5. an Order enjoining the Glock Defendants from further deceptive
21 advertising, marketing, distribution, and sales practices with respect to the Class
22 Guns and requiring the Glock Defendants to repair and/or replace Plaintiffs’ Class
23 Guns and Class Members’ Class Guns with a suitable alternative pistol of Plaintiff’s
24 and Class Members’ choosing.

25 6. Declaring that the Glock Defendants must disgorge, for the benefit of
26 all class members, all or part of the ill-gotten profits received from the sale of the
27 Class Guns, or order the Glock Defendants to make full restitution to Plaintiffs and
28 Class Members.

1 7. an Order permanently enjoining the Glock Defendants from continuing
2 to engage in the unlawful and inequitable conduct alleged herein;

3 8. Granting Plaintiffs and class members all equitable remedies permitted
4 by law against the Glock Defendants;

5 9. an award of attorneys’ fees and costs, as allowed by law;

6 10. an award of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, as provided by
7 law;

8 11. leave for Plaintiffs and the class members to amend the Complaint to
9 conform to the evidence produced at trial; and

10 12. such other relief against the Glock Defendants as the Court may deem
11 just and proper under the circumstances and applicable law.

12 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

13 Plaintiffs respectfully request a jury on all triable issues.

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15 DATED this 1st day of August, 2019.

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II. Basis of Jurisdiction: **4. Diversity (complete item III)**

III. Citizenship of Principal Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

Plaintiff:- **1 Citizen of This State**
Defendant:- **5 Non AZ corp and Principal place of Business outside AZ**

IV. Origin : **1. Original Proceeding**

V. Nature of Suit: **365 Personal Injury - Product Liability**

VI. Cause of Action: **28 U.S.C. § 1332**

VII. Requested in Complaint

Class Action: **Yes**
Dollar Demand: **to be proven**
Jury Demand: **Yes**

VIII. This case is not related to another case.

Signature: Robert Lewis

Date: 8/1/2019

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