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12	JOHN ORNELAS, individually and on	Case No.
13	behalf of all others similarly situated,	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
14	Plaintiffs,	DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL
15	V.	OF ACTION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(D), 1441, 1446, AND 1453
16	TAPESTRY, INC., a Maryland Corporation; and DOES 1 through 25,	[Civil Cover Sheet, Declarations of Jonathan
17	inclusive,	Christie and Ben Shea, Certification of Interested Entities or Persons and Corporate
18	Defendants.	Disclosure Statement, Notice of Pendency of Other Actions, and Certificate of Service filed concurrently]
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20		Date Action Filed: September 4, 2018
21		(Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG18920047)
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TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant Tapestry, Inc. ("Tapestry" or "Defendant") hereby removes to this Court the state court action described below, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d), 1441, 1446, and 1453. In support thereof, Defendant states as follows:

- 1. On September 4, 2018, a putative class action was commenced and is currently pending against Defendant in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, as Case No. RG18920047, entitled *John Ornelas, Plaintiff v. Tapestry, Inc., Defendant. See* Declaration of Jonathan Christie in Support of Defendants' Notice of Removal ("Christie Decl.") ¶ 2. Attached **as Exhibit A** to the Christie Declaration are copies of the Summons, Complaint, Civil Case Cover Sheet, and Proof of Service of Summons. *See* Christie Decl. ¶ 2, Ex. A. Attached as **Exhibit C** to the Christie Declaration are true and correct copies of the court's Notice of Hearing (Case Management Conference and Complex Case Determination Hearing), dated September 12, 2018, and Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, filed in Alameda County Superior Court on October 22, 2018. There have been no further proceedings in case number RG18920047, and no other pleadings have been served upon or by Defendant in this action. *See* Christie Decl. ¶ 4.
- 2. Plaintiff John Ornelas ("Ornelas") claims that Defendant failed to pay all of his minimum and overtime wages, failed to provide proper meal and rest breaks, failed to pay all wages owed upon termination, failed to provide accurate wage statements, and engaged in unfair competition. *See generally* Complaint. He seeks to represent a class of "[a]ll Sales Employees who are or have been employed by Defendant in the State of

California at any time and at any Kate Spade, Coach, and/or Stuart Weitzman retail store or location" at any time from September 4, 2014 through the present. Complaint ¶ 40.1

3. Counsel for Plaintiff represented to counsel for Defendant that the Complaint and Summons were served via certified mail on September 13, 2018. *See* Christie Decl. ¶ 3. Attached **as Exhibit B** to the Christie Declaration is a true and correct copy of the USPS tracking receipt, as provided by Plaintiff. When sent by mail to a person outside of California, service is deemed complete on the 10th day after mailing, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 415.40. Defendant's Notice of Removal is timely because it is filed within thirty days of the completion of service. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

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CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT

- 4. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), a defendant may remove to federal district court "any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction." Under the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), this Court has original jurisdiction over a class action if (1) it involves 100 or more putative class members, (2) any class member is a citizen of a state different from any defendant, and (3) the aggregated amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million (exclusive of costs and interest). 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(2), (d)(5), and (d)(6). These requirements are satisfied here.
- 5. <u>Class Action</u>. CAFA applies to certain "class actions," which the statute defines as "any civil action filed under rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or similar State statute." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(B). Ornelas expressly brings "[t]his

¹ Defendant denies Ornelas's class allegations, including that he can represent the class as defined. However, for purposes of estimating the amount in controversy, the allegations of Ornelas's complaint are assumed to be true. *Korn v. Polo Ralph Lauren Corp.*, 536 F. Supp. 2d 1199, 1205 (E.D. Cal. 2008) ("In measuring the amount in controversy, a court must assume that the allegations of the complaint are true and that a jury will return a verdict for the plaintiff on all claims made in the complaint. The ultimate inquiry is what amount is put 'in controversy' by the plaintiff's complaint, not what a defendant will actually owe." (citations omitted)).

class action [] pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382." Complaint ¶ 4. Therefore, CAFA applies. *See Bodner v. Oreck Direct, LLC*, 2006 WL 2925691, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 12, 2006) (CAFA applies where "Plaintiffs' complaint alleges that the action is a class action, and recites the prerequisites to a class action under . . . California Code of Civil Procedure Section 382").

- 6. <u>Class Size</u>. The putative class exceeds 100 members. *See* Complaint ¶ 41(a); Declaration of Ben Shea in Support of Defendant's Notice of Removal ("Shea Decl.") ¶ 13.²
- 7. <u>Diversity of Citizenship</u>. "[U]nder CAFA, complete diversity is not required; 'minimal diversity' suffices." *Serrano v. 180 Connect, Inc.*, 478 F.3d 1018, 1021 (9th Cir. 2007). Minimal diversity exists if any class member is a citizen of a state different from any defendant. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).
- 8. The putative class members include citizens of the state of California. Ornelas is a citizen of the state of California. During the relevant period, Ornelas worked in California and kept a California address on file with the company, both of which demonstrate his California citizenship. Complaint ¶¶ 8, 14; Shea Decl. ¶ 13(a); see Lam Research Corp. v. Deshmukh, 157 F. App'x 26, 27 (9th Cir. 2005) (defendant who had lived and worked for plaintiff in Washington was presumptively a Washington citizen, despite his claim that he had changed his domicile from Washington to California); Bey v. SolarWorld Indus. Am., Inc., 904 F. Supp. 2d 1103, 1105 (D. Or. 2012) (residential address provided by employee to employer is prima facie evidence of state citizenship). Further, Ornelas seeks to represent a class consisting of individuals "employed by Defendant in the State of California." Complaint ¶ 40. By definition, the putative class includes individuals who, like Ornelas, are California citizens.

² A defendant may make the requisite showing by setting forth facts in the notice of removal or by affidavit. *See Lamke v. Sunstate Equip. Co.*, 319 F. Supp. 2d 1029, 1032 (N.D. Cal. 2004).

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- 9. Tapestry is not a citizen of the state of California. Rather, Tapestry is a citizen of Maryland and New York. "[A] corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of every State . . . by which it has been incorporated and of the State . . . where it has its principal place of business." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1). Tapestry has not been incorporated in California. Rather, Tapestry is organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland. Shea Decl. ¶ 3. Nor is California the state in which Tapestry has its principal place of business. Rather, as shown below, Tapestry's principal place of business is located in the State of New York.
- A corporation's principal place of business is determined under the "nerve center" test. Hertz Corp. v. Friend, 559 U.S. 77, 92-93 (2010). Under this test, the principal place of business is the state where the company's officers "direct, control, and coordinate [its] activities." *Id.* A corporation's nerve center is a "single place" and "should normally be the place where the corporation maintains its headquarters." *Id*. at 93. Relevant factors include where executives reside and maintain offices, where administrative and financial offices are located, where the board of directors meets, where income tax returns are filed, and where day-to-day control over the company is executed. See, e.g., Tomblin v. XLNT Veterinary Care, Inc., 2010 WL 2757311, at *4 (S.D. Cal. July 12, 2010).
- Under these standards, Tapestry's principal place of business is in New 11. York. The executive officers of Tapestry, including the chief executive officer, president and chief administrative officer, chief financial officer, and global head of human resources, maintain their offices at Tapestry's headquarters in New York, New York. Shea Decl. ¶ 6. From its New York headquarters, Tapestry makes and implements operating, distribution, financial, employee relations, marketing, development, customer care, accounting, income tax, treasury, and legal policy decisions. *Id.* ¶ 7. Further, the majority of meetings of Tapestry's Board of Directors and stockholders take place in New York, its financial records are maintained there, and its tax returns are filed from there. *Id.* ¶¶ 8-10.

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- 12. Accordingly, this action is between citizens of different states—Ornelas, who is a citizen of California (and seeks to represent a class including California citizens), and Defendant, which is a citizen of Maryland and New York.
- Amount in Controversy. Without conceding liability for any claims alleged by Ornelas or that Ornelas can properly represent the putative class he defined, Defendant avers, for purposes of this Notice only, that Ornelas's claims as pled place more than \$5 million in controversy. Ibarra v. Manheim Investments, Inc., 775 F.3d 1193, 1198 n.1 (9th Cir. 2015) ("Even when defendants have persuaded a court upon a CAFA removal that the amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, they are still free to challenge the actual amount of damages in subsequent proceedings and at trial. This is so because they are not stipulating to damages suffered, but only estimating the damages that are in controversy."); Lewis v. Verizon Commc'ns, Inc., 627 F.3d 395, 400 (9th Cir. 2010) (on removal, defendant does not "concede liability for the entire amount" alleged in complaint). The Ninth Circuit has instructed that removal is proper if, from the allegations of the Complaint and the Notice of Removal, it is more likely than not that the amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million. Rodriguez v. AT&T Mobility Servs., Inc., 728 F.3d 975, 981 (9th Cir. 2013) (overturning previous Ninth Circuit precedent requiring proof of amount in controversy to a "legal certainty" under some circumstances). This standard is easily satisfied here, considering only putative class members who worked for Defendant in California Coach stores. Considering putative class members who worked for Defendant at Kate Spade or Stuart Weitzman stores would greatly increase the amount in controversy.
- 14. For his Fourth Cause of Action, Ornelas claims that Tapestry failed to provide class members with required meal and rest breaks. *See* Complaint ¶¶ 57-60. He seeks a premium in the amount of one hour of pay for each workday that a compliant meal period was not provided and for each workday that a compliant rest period was not provided. *See id.* ¶ 60. The putative class includes at least 600 individuals who have worked for Tapestry as non-exempt, hourly assistant or associate managers at Coach

retail locations in California since September 4, 2014.³ See id. ¶ 13(e). These individuals worked more than 40,000 workweeks during this period and earned more than \$21.00 per hour on average. See id ¶¶ 13(e), 13(g). The putative class also includes non-exempt, hourly sales associates at Coach retail locations in California who collectively worked more than 53,000 workweeks since May 23, 2017,⁴ and earned more than \$10.50 per hour on average. See Shea Decl. ¶¶ 13(f), 13(i). Ornelas alleges that he and the putative class members were required "to have their bags, jackets, and other personal items checked by a Tapestry employee prior to leaving the retail store for all shifts and breaks," resulting in "routine" and "regular" break violations. See id. ¶ 15, 18, 59 (explaining that "after clocking out for a supposed meal break or stepping away for a purported rest break, Plaintiff remained under" Defendant's control due to the security checks). Because Ornelas alleges that security checks occurred each time an individual left the store on a break, and because Coach employees typically worked shifts longer than five hours (Shea Decl. ¶¶ 13(j)-13(k)), which entitled them to both a meal and rest break, his allegations suggest that a meal break and a rest break violation occurred on every shift. Given that putative class members typically worked at least four days per week (id. \P 13(1)-13(m)), these claims place more than \$11.1 million in controversy: \$6.7 million for assistant and associate managers at Coach stores (40,000 workweeks for \times 4 shifts per week \times 2 violations per shift \times \$21 = \$6,720,000), and \$4.4 million for sales associates at Coach stores (53,000 workweeks for × 4 shifts per

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estimates involving Coach sales associates are conservative.

³ A four-year statute of limitations applies to claims brought pursuant to Section 17200 of the

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Business and Professions Code. *See Tomlinson v. Indymac Bank*, F.S.B., 359 F. Supp. 2d 891, 898 (C.D. Cal. 2005)

4 Defendant excludes non-exempt, hourly sales associates who worked at a Coach retail

⁴ Defendant excludes non-exempt, hourly sales associates who worked at a Coach retail location prior to May 23, 2017, in light of a settlement involving those individuals in the *Miranda v. Coach, Inc.* matter, case no. 3:14-cv-02031-JD in the Northern District of California. Defendant uses May 23, 2017 for greater simplicity, as it is the effective date of the *Miranda* settlement; however, any sales associates hired after May 3, 2016 would also not be affected by the settlement. Therefore,

⁵ Unless otherwise noted, Tapestry's calculations include data from the start of the relevant liability period through December 16, 2017. Including data through the present would result in a higher workweek count and increase the amount in controversy.

week × 2 violations per shift × \$10.50 = \$4,452,000). *See Vasquez v. Randstad US, L.P.*, 2018 WL 327451, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 9, 2018) (finding the defendants' assumption of a 100% violation rate reasonable where the plaintiff alleged that employees "were consistently required to work through their meal periods"); *Duberry v. J. Crew Grp.*, *Inc.*, 2015 WL 4575018, at *3 (C.D. Cal. July 28, 2015) ("[C]ourts have generally found the amount in controversy satisfied where a defendant assumes a 100% violation rate based on allegations of a 'uniform' illegal practice (or similar language) and where the plaintiff offers no evidence rebutting this violation rate." (citing *Unutoa v. Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Inc.*, 2015 WL 898512, at *2-3 (Mar. 3, 2015))).

Tapestry failed to pay putative class members minimum and overtime wages for all hours worked. *See* Complaint ¶¶ 42-56. Ornelas alleges that, "after clocking out for their meal breaks and/or at the end of their shifts, Plaintiff and class members were required to wait off-the-clock for another employee to become available to perform the security bag check before they could leave," and that this time was "off-the-clock." Complaint ¶ 10. Ornelas claims that Defendant "routinely" failed to pay employees for "substantial period[s] of time off the clock" as a result of this alleged practice. *Id.* ¶ 15. Because of "Defendant's timekeeping system at the back of stores and requiring security bag checks to take place at the front of their stores," Ornelas suggests that putative class members worked uncompensated time on every shift. *See id.* ¶ 47. Ornelas seeks unpaid minimum wages as well as liquidated damages in the same amount. *Id.* ¶ 52. If, on average, putative class members worked just 30 minutes of unpaid time per week, the total amount in controversy for the unpaid wages claims, including liquidated damages, would be more than \$800,000 (93,000 workweeks⁶ × \$9 minimum wage × .5

 $^{^6}$ 40,000 workweeks for assistant and associate managers at Coach stores, plus 53,000 workweeks for sales associates at Coach stores. *See* Standard Decl. ¶¶ 11(b)-11(c).

hours × 2 = \$837,000).⁷ See, e.g., Quintana v. Claire's Stores, Inc., 2013 WL 1736671, at *6 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 22, 2013) (one hour reasonable estimate of uncompensated time when plaintiff alleged that defendant systematically failed to compensate employees for time over eight hours); Jasso v. Money Mart Express, Inc., 2012 WL 699465, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 1, 2012) (allegations of a "uniform policy and scheme" that resulted in violations "at all material times" supported reasonable estimate of one hour of unpaid time per week).

For his Sixth Cause of Action, Ornelas alleges that Tapestry owes penalties for having failed to pay all wages to employees upon the end of their employment, as required by Section 203 of the California Labor Code. See Complaint ¶¶ 64-67. Under Section 203, former employees whom an employer willfully denied wages may recover penalties in the amount of their daily rate of pay for a period of up to thirty days. See Cal. Lab. Code §203. Ornelas alleges that Defendant "willfully failed and refused, and continue to willfully fail and refuse, to timely pay compensation due to Class Member[s] upon termination or resignation as required by Labor Code § 201," and therefore these former employees could all be owed 30-day penalties. Complaint ¶ 67; see Altamirano v. Shaw Indus., Inc., 2013 WL 2950600, at *12 (N.D. Cal. June 14, 2013) (in estimating amount in controversy, where plaintiff alleges pervasive violations, "it is reasonable to assume that each employee leaving employment would [be owed Section 203 penalties]"); Helm v. Alderwoods Grp., Inc., 2008 WL 2002511, at *5 (N.D. Cal. May 7, 2008) (accord); see also Korn v. Polo Ralph Lauren Corp., 536 F. Supp. 2d 1199, 1205-06 (E.D. Cal. 2008) (in estimating amount in controversy, court may assume maximum penalty consistent with plaintiff's allegations). Since September 4, 2015, approximately 280 of the Coach brand non-exempt California associate and assistant managers have separated from the company. See Shea Decl. ¶ 13(p). These individuals

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⁷ Since July 2014, California's minimum wage has always been at least \$9 per hour. See *https://www.dir.ca.gov/iwc/minimumwagehistory.htm*

typically worked shifts of at least 7.5 hours per day, and earned more than \$21.00 per hour on average. See id. ¶¶ 13(h), 13(j). Accordingly, an average 30-day penalty would be at least \$4,725 per person $(30 \times 7.5 \times \$21 = \$4,725)$. Since May 23, 2017, approximately 650 Coach brand non-exempt California sales associates have separated from the company. Id. ¶ (q). These individuals typically worked shifts of at least 6.5 hours per day, and earned more than \$10.50 per hour on average. See id. ¶¶ 13(i), 13(k). Accordingly, an average 30-day penalty would be at least \$2,047 per person $(30 \times 6.5 \times \$10.50 = \$2,047.50)$. These individuals are potentially all eligible to recover Section 203 penalties. Therefore, the total amount of Section 203 penalties in controversy exceeds \$2.6 million based on Ornelas's allegations $((\$4,725 \times 280 \text{ Coach assistant and associate managers} = \$1,323,000) + (\$2,047.50 \times 650 \text{ Coach sales associates} = \$1,330,875)).$

17. For his Fifth Cause of Action, Ornelas alleges that Tapestry violated Labor Code Section 226 by providing inaccurate wage statements. Complaint ¶¶ 61-63. Section 226 provides for a penalty of \$50 for the initial pay period in which a violation occurs and \$100 per employee for each violation in a subsequent pay period. *See* Cal. Lab. Code § 226(e). From September 4, 2017 to the present, Tapestry has typically employed at least 1,200 non-exempt employees in California Coach stores at any time. Shea Decl. ¶ 13(r)-13(s). Because Tapestry pays its employees bi-weekly (*id.* ¶ 11), it issued at least 31,200 wage statements during this period (1,200 employees × 26 pay

⁸ A three-year statute of limitations applies to claims brought pursuant to Section 203. *Pineda v. Bank of America, N.A.*, 50 Cal. 4th 1389, 1395-96 (2010).

⁹ Again, these estimates do not take into account putative class members who worked at Stuart Weitzman or Kate Spade stores. Using conservative estimates for just Kate Spade employees puts an additional \$2.3 million in controversy in waiting time penalties alone. *Ibarra*, 775 F.3d at 1198 (defendant is "not stipulating to damages suffered, but only estimating the damages that are in controversy"). There have been more than 1,100 non-exempt Kate Spade employees in California who have separated from the company since September 4, 2015. Shea Decl. ¶ 13(b). These individuals typically worked shifts of at least six hours per day, and earned more than \$12.00 per hour on average. *Id.* ¶¶ 13(c)-13(d). The average 30-day penalty would be at least \$2,160 per person $(30 \times 6 \times $12 = $2,160)$, adding at least \$2.3 million to the amount in controversy $($2,160 \times 1,100 = $2,376,000)$.

¹⁰ A one-year statute of limitations applies to claims for penalties under Section 226(e). *See Hernandez v. Towne Park, Ltd.*, 2012 WL 2373372, at *14 (C.D. Cal. June 22, 2012).

1	periods). Here, Ornelas alleges that Tapestry "has routinely failed to provide Class
2	Members with timely and accurate wage and hour statements" during the relevant
3	period. Complaint ¶ 62. Thus, under his theory, all wage statements arguably were
4	deficient. Therefore, the amount in controversy for this claim exceeds \$3 million
5	$((1,200 \text{ initial violations} \times \$50) + (30,000 \text{ subsequent violations} \times \$100) = \$3,060,000).$
6	18. Ornelas also seeks attorneys' fees, which must be included in the amount in
7	controversy when available by statute. Fritsch v. Swift Transp. Co. of Ariz., LLC, 899
8	F.3d 785, 794 (9th Cir. 2018) ("[I]f the law entitles the plaintiff to future attorneys' fees
9	if the action succeeds, 'then there is no question that future [attorneys' fees] are 'at
10	stake' in the litigation,' and the defendant may attempt to prove that future attorneys'
11	fees should be included in the amount in controversy." (internal citation omitted)); Galt
12	G/S v. JSS Scandinavia, 142 F.3d 1150, 1156 (9th Cir. 1998); see Complaint & Prayer
13	for Relief. The Ninth Circuit "has established 25% of the common fund as a benchmark
14	award for attorney fees" in class actions. Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp., 150 F.3d 1011,
15	1029 (9th Cir. 1998); see also Salazar v. Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc., 2018 U.S.
16	Dist. LEXIS 161293, at *19 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 19, 2018). Therefore, these fees place an
17	additional several million dollars in controversy, given the potential damages and
18	penalties at issue. See, e.g., Rodriguez v. Cleansource, Inc., 2014 WL 3818304, at *4
19	(S.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2014) (denying motion to remand where defendant showed potential
20	damages of \$4.2 million because attorney's fees of 25 percent brought the total amount
21	in controversy to \$5.3 million); see also Deaver v. BBVA Compass Consulting &
22	Benefits, Inc., 2014 WL 2199645, at *6 (N.D. Cal. May 27, 2014) (accounting for
23	attorney's fees by adding 25 percent of potential damages to amount in controversy);
24	Giannini v. Nw. Mut. Life Ins. Co., 2012 WL 1535196, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 30, 2012)
25	(same); Jasso, 2012 WL 699465, at *7 (reasonable to assume attorney's fees valued at
26	25 percent of common fund on removal).

19. Accordingly, in combination, Ornelas's claims for final wages, meal and rest break violations, unpaid minimum wages, inaccurate wage statements, and

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1	attorneys' fees easily place more that	an \$5 million in controversy, without even		
2	considering Ornelas's other claim for unpaid overtime wages, or putative class member			
3	who worked at Stuart Weitzman or Kate Spade brand stores. See Complaint & Prayer			
4	for Relief. Therefore, the amount in	n controversy requirement is satisfied. Guglielmino		
5	v. McKee Foods Corp., 506 F.3d 69	6, 700-01 (9th Cir. 2007) (remand denied under		
6	preponderance of the evidence stand	dard where defendant's conservative estimates		
7	exceeded the requisite amount).			
8	20. There are no grounds t	hat would justify this Court in declining to exercise		
9	its jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C	C. § 1332(d)(3) or require it to decline to exercise		
10	jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §	1332(d)(4).		
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12	21. The United States Dist	rict Court for the Northern District of California is		
13	the judicial district embracing the place where Case No. RG18920047 was filed by			
14	Ornelas and is therefore the appropr	riate court for removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C.		
15	§ 1441(a).			
16	WHEREFORE, Defendant re	equests that the above action now pending against it		
17	in the Superior Court of California,	County of Alameda, be removed to this Court.		
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DECLARATION OF JONATHAN CHRISTIE

- I, Jonathan Christie, certify and declare as follows:
- 1. I am an associate at the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, and counsel of record for defendant Tapestry, Inc. ("Defendant") in this action. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this declaration, and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. On September 4, 2018, a putative class action was commenced and is currently pending against Defendant in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Rene C. Davidson Alameda Courthouse, as Case No. RG18920047, entitled *John Ornelas, Plaintiff v. Tapestry, Inc., Defendant.* Attached as **Exhibit A** are true and correct copies of the Summons, Complaint, Civil Case Cover Sheet, and Proof of Service of Summons.
- 3. On October 18, 2018 counsel for Plaintiff represented to counsel for Defendant that the Complaint and Summons were served via certified mail on September 13, 2018. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of the USPS tracking receipt reflecting mailing to Victor Luis, Chief Executive Officer of Tapestry, Inc., 10 Hudson Yards, New York, New York 10001, as provided by Plaintiff.
- 4. Attached as **Exhibit C** are true and correct copies of the court's Notice of Hearing (Case Management Conference and Complex Case Determination Hearing), dated September 12, 2018, and Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, filed in Alameda County Superior Court on October 22, 2018. There have been no further proceedings in case number RG18920047, and no other pleadings have been served upon or by Defendant in this action.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 22, 2018 in Los Angeles, California.

Jonathan Christie

EXHIBIT A

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

TAPESTRY, INC., a Maryland Corporation; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

JOHN ORNELAS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

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September 04, 2018

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT By Burt Moskaira, Deputy

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1225 Fallon Street

Oakland, CA 94612

CASE NUMBER:

RG18920047

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14	JOHN ORNELAS, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	CASE NO.:
15	Plaintiff,	[CLASS ACTION]
16	vs.	COMPLAINT FOR:
17 18 19	TAPESTRY, INC., a Maryland corporation; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, Defendants.	 UNPAID WAGES (LABOR CODE §§ 216 and 1194); FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGE (LABOR CODE §1194 et seq.);
20		3. FAILUŘE TO PAÝ OVERTIME COMPENSATION
21 22		(LABOR CODE §510) 4. FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL & REST PERIODS (LABOR CODE § 226.7 and
23		512) 5. FAILURE TO FURNISH
24	}	ACCURATE WAGE AND HOUR STATEMENTS
25	}	(LABOR CODE § 226); 6. WAITING TIME PENALTIES
26	}	(LABOR CODE §§ 201-203); and UNFAIR COMPETITION
27		(BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200, et seq.)
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Plaintiff JOHN ORNELAS ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all similarly situated individuals, alleges as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. This is a proposed class action brought against Defendants TAPESTRY, INC., and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive (collectively, "Defendants", "Tapestry" or "Company"), on behalf of Plaintiff and all other individuals who were or are employed as non-exempt, hourly employees at Defendant's Stuart Weitzman, Kate Spade, and Coach retail stores and locations in California (collectively, "Sales Employees" or "Class Members"), at any time during the four years preceding the filing of this action, and continuing while this action is pending ("Class Period"), and who were denied the benefits and protections required under the Labor Code and other statutes and regulations applicable to employees in the State of California.
 - 2. During the Class Period, Defendant:
 - failed to pay wages for all hours worked, including for hours worked in excess of eight hours a day or forty hours a week, by the Sales Employees;
 - b. failed to pay minimum wages due to the Sales Employees;
 - failed to provide the Sales Employees with timely and accurate wage and c. hour statements;
 - d. failed to pay the Sales Employees compensation in a timely manner upon their termination or resignation;
 - failed to maintain complete and accurate payroll records for the Sales e. Employees;
 - f. wrongfully withheld wages and compensation due to the Sales Employees; and
 - committed unfair business practices in an effort to increase profits and to g. gain an unfair business advantage at the expense of the Sales Employees and the public;

COMPLAINT

3. The foregoing acts and other acts by Defendant - committed throughout California - violated numerous provisions of California law, including Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 216, 223, 225.5, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, 2802, and 2698 et seq. and the applicable Wage Orders issued by the Industrial Welfare Commission, (collectively, "Employment Laws and Regulations"), Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 et seq., and violated Plaintiff's rights and the rights of the Sales Employees.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 4. This class action is brought pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382. The monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceed the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial.
- 5. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, section 10. The statutes under which this action is brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.
- 6. Venue is proper in this judicial district, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 395(a) and 395.5 in that liability arose in the County of Alameda because at least some of the transactions that are the subject matter of this complaint occurred therein and/or each defendant is found, maintains offices, transacts business and/or has an agent therein.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that Defendant TAPESTRY, INC. is not registered as a foreign corporation with California Secretary of State and has not designated any county in California as its principal place of business. As such, venue is proper in any county in California.

THE PARTIES

- 8. Plaintiff John Ornelas was employed by Defendant as a non-exempt, hourly Sales employee within the last year, and worked out of Defendants' Stuart Weitzman retail store located at the Topanga mall in Canoga Park, California. Plaintiff also periodically worked at Defendant's Stuart Weitzman store locations in Beverly Hills, California.
 - 9. Defendant TAPESTRY, INC. are, and at all relevant times, was a corporation

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incorporated under the laws of Maryland, and having a principal place of business in New York. Upon information and belief, the Company owns and operates a chain of retail stores and locations in California under the names "Stuart Weitzman", "Kate Spade", and "Coach", and sell clothing, accessories, and/or furniture.

- Plaintiff is currently unaware of the true names and capacities of the defendants 10. sued in this action by the fictitious names DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, and therefore sue those defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of such fictitiously named defendants when they are ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believe and based thereon state that the persons sued herein as DOES are in some manner responsible for the conduct, injuries and damages herein alleged.
- 11. Plaintiff is informed and believe and based thereon allege that each defendant sued in this action, including each defendant sued by the fictitious names DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, is responsible in some manner for the occurrences, controversies and damages alleged below.
- 12. Plaintiff is informed and believe and based thereon allege that DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, were the agents, servants and/or employees of Defendants and, in doing the things hereinafter alleged and at all times, were acting within the scope of their authority as such agents, servants and employees, and with the permission and consent of Defendants.
- 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that Defendants ratified, authorized, and consented to each and all of the acts and conduct of each other as alleged herein. Each of the defendants was the agent and/or employee of the others, and the conduct of each defendant herein alleged was authorized and/or ratified by the others. The conduct of the Company was carried on by and through its authorized agents, including owners, officers, directors, managers and supervisors.

FACTS

14. Defendants employed Plaintiff John Ornelas as a non-exempt, hourly-paid employee from approximately April 2016 to June 2018 at Defendant's Stuart Weitzman retail locations in Canoga Park and Beverly Hills, California. During his employment, Plaintiff worked

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full-time as a Sales Associate in Defendant's retail stores. Plaintiff typically worked eight (8) or more hours per day and five (5) days per week.

- 15. During Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, the Company implemented a security/loss prevention measure that requires all Sales Employees to have their bags, jackets, and other personal items checked by a Tapestry employee prior to leaving the retail store for all shifts and breaks. Defendant routinely fails to give Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, their legally required duty-free rest and meal periods and full pay by requiring them to remain in the store for a substantial period of time off the clock to engage in Tapestry's theft prevention program.
- 16. Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, would clock out in their respective stores, and would wait to have another Tapestry employee to inspect their bags, clothing, and other items. This was all done off-the-clock and in violation of the Employment Laws and Regulations. Tapestry theft prevention program is a pervasive and continuous policy, practice, and/or procedures which deprives Class Members of their full wages. Accordingly, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and Sales Employees for all hours worked.
- 17. Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, are and were not compensated for the time spent waiting to be released from Defendant's retail stores and locations. When Class Members, including Plaintiff, wait for and undergo the bag and security inspection, they are under the control of their employer and must be compensated for that time. *See Morillion v. Royal Packing Co.*, 22 Cal.4th 575 (2000); *See also Troester v. Starbucks Corp.*, 421 P.3d 1114 (2018).
- 18. Similarly, as a result of Defendant's required bag and security inspections, Sales Employees, like Plaintiff, are also regularly denied by Defendants mandated meal and rest breaks in accordance with *Brinker Rest. Corp. v. Superior Court*, 53 Cal. 4th 1004 (2012).
- 19. Accordingly, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and Sales Employees for all hours worked.
- 20. During Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Defendants failed and refused to provide Plaintiff with timely and accurate wage and hour statements in violation of the Employment Laws and Regulations.

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During Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Defendants wrongfully withheld 21. from Plaintiff and failed to pay wages and other compensation due for all hours worked, and as otherwise required per Employment Laws and Regulations.

22. To the extent that any Sales Employee, including Plaintiff, entered into any arbitration agreement with any Defendant, such agreement is void and unenforceable. Any such agreement was one of adhesion, executed under duress, lacked consideration and mutuality, and is otherwise void under both Labor Code § 229 and the California Supreme Court case of Armendariz v. Foundation Health Psychare Services, Inc., 24 Cal.4th 83 (2000).

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 23. All current and former Sales Employees who were employed by Defendant in California during the Class Period, including Plaintiff, are proposed class members (henceforth, "Class Members").
- 24. The Sales Employees' duties and activities during their respective working hours and each shift are known to and directed by Defendants, and are set and controlled by Defendants.
- 25. During the Class Period, Defendants have routinely failed to provide Sales Employees with legally compliant and mandated meal and rest breaks.
- 26. During the Class Period, the Company refused to compensate Sales Employees for all wages earned ("off-the-clock" work) and for all hours worked including time during which Sales Employees were subject to Defendants' control and were suffered or permitted to work for the Company. The Company failed and refused to pay Sales Employees for all hours worked, including but not limited to time worked after the official end times of their shifts.
- 27. During the Class Period, Defendants have failed and refused to provide Sales Employees with timely and accurate wage and hour statements.
- 28. During the Class Period, Defendants have failed and refused to pay accrued wages and other compensation earned and due immediately to Sales Employees who were terminated, and Defendants have failed and refused to pay accrued wages and other compensation earned and due within seventy-two hours to Sales Employees who ended their employment.

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- 29. During the Class Period, Defendant has failed and refused to maintain complete and accurate payroll records for Sales Employees showing gross hours earned, total hours worked, all deductions made, net wages earned, and all applicable hourly rates in effect during each pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate.
- 30. During the Class Period, Defendant has wrongfully withheld and failed to pay Sales Employees wages and other compensation earned and due them for all hours worked and as otherwise required pursuant to the Employment Laws and Regulations.
- 31. Defendant's conduct violated the Employment Laws and Regulations. Defendant's systematic acts and practices also violated, *inter alia*, Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et* seq.
- 32. Plaintiff also seeks of all other compensation and all benefits required pursuant to the Employment Laws and Regulations, plus penalties and interest, owed to Sales Employees.
- The duties and business activities of the Class Members were essentially the same as the duties and activities of the Plaintiff described above. At all times during the Class Period, all of the Class Members were employed in the same or similar job as Plaintiff (as a non-exempt, hourly Sales employee) and were paid in the same manner and under the same standard employment procedures and practices as Plaintiff.
- 34. During the Class Period, Defendant was fully aware that Plaintiff and the Class Members were performing "off-the-clock" unpaid work and not being paid for all hours worked in violation of the provisions of the Labor Code.
- 35. Defendant's violations of the Employment Laws and Regulations were repeated, willful and intentional.
 - 36. Plaintiff and the Class Members have been damaged by Defendant's conduct.
- 37. While the exact number of Class Members is unknown to Plaintiff at the present time, based on information and belief, there are more than 50 such persons. A class action is the most efficient mechanism for resolution of the claims of the Class Members.
- 38. In addition, a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because the damages suffered by individual Class

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Members may be relatively small, and the expense and burden of individual litigation would make it impossible for such Class Members individually to redress the wrongs done to them. Moreover, because of the similarity of the Class Members' claims, individual actions would present the risk of inconsistent adjudications subjecting the Defendants to incompatible standards of conduct.

39. Plaintiff is currently unaware of the identities of all the Class Members.

- Accordingly, Defendants should be required to provide to Plaintiff a list of all persons employed as Sales Employees (and similarly situated individuals who held titles involving the sale and service of products in Stuart Weitzman, Kate Spade, and Coach retail locations) in California beginning four years prior to the filing of this Complaint until the present, stating their last known addresses and telephone numbers, so that Plaintiff may give such Class Members notice of the pendency of this action and an opportunity to make an informed decision about whether to participate in it.
 - 40. The proposed Class that Plaintiff seeks to represent is defined as follows:

All Sales Employees who are or have been employed by Defendant in the State of California at any time and at any Kate Spade, Coach, and/or Stuart Weitzman retail store or location during the four years prior to the commencement of this suit and continuing while this Action is pending.

- 41. There is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the proposed Class is easily ascertainable:
- a. <u>Numerosity</u>: While the precise number of Class Members has not been determined at this time, Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants have employed in excess of 100 persons as Sales Employees in California during the proposed Class Period.
- b. <u>Commonality</u>: There are questions of law and fact common to Plaintiff and the Class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class Members. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:
 - Whether Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff and the Class
 Members for all hours worked;
 - Whether Defendants did not have any formal policies or procedures in place applicable to Plaintiff and Class Members relating to meal periods;

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1	iii	*	Whether Defendants' theft prevention program failed to pay
2			Plaintiff and the Class Members for all hours worked including
3			overtime premium pay by requiring Class Members to engage in
4			post shift activities without wages.
5	iv.		Whether Defendants uncompensated theft prevention program
6			interrupted, impeded, or shortened the time for Class Members to
7			take meal and rest breaks that did not comply with the requirement
8			of Brinker Rest. Corp. v. Superior Court, 53 Cal. 4th 1004 (2012);
9	iv.	•	Whether Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Class Members
0			the required minimum wage for every hour where work was
1			performed;
2	v.		Whether Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and the Class
3			Members with accurate itemized statements;
4	vi.		Whether Defendants failed to provide meal breaks for
5			Plaintiff and the Class Members;
6	vii	i.	Whether Defendants owe Plaintiff and the Class Members waiting
7			time penalties pursuant to Labor Code §203;
8	vii	ii.	Whether Defendants engaged in unfair business practices under
9			Business and Professions Code §17200;
0.	ix.	•	The effect upon and the extent of damages suffered by Plaintiff and
21			the Class Members and the appropriate amount of compensation.
2	с. <u>Т</u> у	pical	ity: Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the proposed
13	Class. Plaintiff and all C	lass l	Members sustained injuries and damages arising out of and caused
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25	d. <u>A</u> s	dequa	cy of Representation: Plaintiff are members of the proposed Class
26	and will fairly and adequ	ately	represent and protect the interests of the Class Members. Counsel
?7	who represent Plaintiff a	re coi	mpetent and experienced in litigating large wage and hour and other
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e. <u>Superiority of Class Action</u>: A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Questions of law and fact common to the proposed Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class Members. Each proposed Class Member has been damaged and is entitled to recovery by reason of Defendants' illegal policies and/or practices of failing to pay full and correct wages, including the minimum wage and overtime premium wages, as required by law. A class action will allow those similarly situated persons to litigate their claims in the manner that is most efficient and economical for the parties and the judicial system.

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### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Failure to Pay Compensation For All Hours Worked - Labor Code §§ 216 and 1194 By Plaintiff Individually and on Behalf of All Class Members)

- 42. As a separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains and realleges all of the allegations contained in this complaint, and incorporates them by reference into this cause of action as though fully set forth herein, excepting those allegations which are inconsistent with this cause of action.
- 43. Plaintiff brings this action to recover unpaid compensation for all hours worked, including for work over eight hours in a day and over forty hours in a workweek.
- 44. Defendants' conduct described in this Complaint violates, among other things, Labor Code §§ 204, 216, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 510, 1194, and 1198 and the IWC Wage Orders.
- 45. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Class Members for all of the actual hours worked, including for work over eight hours in a day and over forty hours in a workweek. As stated, Defendant had, and continues to have, a security/loss prevention standards policy mandating that Plaintiff and class members undergo security bag and clothing checks before leaving the store premises. Specifically, after clocking out for their meal breaks and/or at the end of their shifts, Plaintiff and class members were required to wait off-the-clock for another employee to become available to perform the security bag check before they could leave. Plaintiff was required to wait "off-the-clock" for another employee to perform the security bag check before he was permitted to leave the store premises. Defendant did not pay at least minimum

46. Plaintiff and the Class Members are also entitled to penalties pursuant to Paragraph No. 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order which provides, in addition to any other civil penalties provided by law, any employer or any other person acting on behalf of the employer who violates, or causes to be violated, the provisions of the IWC Wage Order, shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$50.00 (for initial violations) or \$100.00 (for subsequent violations) for each underpaid employee for each pay period during which the employee was underpaid in addition to the amount which is sufficient to recover unpaid wages.

hours in violation of California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1.

- 47. Defendant knew or should have known that its security/loss prevention standards policy caused Plaintiff and class members to incur off-the-clock time after punching out based on the location of Defendant's timekeeping system at the back of stores and requiring security bag checks to take place at the front of their stores. However, Defendant did not compensate Plaintiff and class members for the time they spent off-the-clock to undergo security bag checks. To the extent that the time Plaintiff and class members were subjected to security bag checks pursuant to Defendant's security/loss prevention policy qualified for overtime pay, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and class members overtime wages in violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198.
- 48. As a result of Defendant's unlawful acts, Plaintiff and Class Members have been deprived of compensation in an amount according to proof at the time of trial, and are entitled to recovery of such amounts, plus interest thereon, liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code § 1194.2, and attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1194 and 2698, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial. Plaintiff and the Class Members are also entitled to additional penalties and/or liquidated damages pursuant to statute.

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# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

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# (Failure to Pay Minimum Wages - Labor Code § 1194

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50. At all relevant times, the IWC Wage Orders contained in Title 8 of the Code of Regulations ("Wage Orders") applied to Plaintiff in Plaintiff's capacity as employees of Defendants. The Wage Orders and California law provided, among other things, that Plaintiff must receive minimum wage earnings for all hours worked.

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51. During the Class Period, Defendants have routinely failed to pay Class Members, including Plaintiff, the minimum wage required by the Employment Laws and Regulations for all hours worked.

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52. The Class Members, including Plaintiff, have been deprived of their rightfully earned minimum wages as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' policies and practices and Defendants' failure and refusal to pay said wages for all hours worked. The Class Members, including Plaintiff, are entitled to recover the past wages owed to them, under the minimum wage laws, plus an additional equal amount as liquidated damages as permitted under the Wage Orders and California law, plus interest thereon and attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1194 and 2698, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial.

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# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

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# (Failure to Pay Overtime Compensation - By Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of All Class Members: California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1194)

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53. As a separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains and realleges all the allegations contained in this complaint, and incorporates them by reference into this cause of action as though fully set forth herein, excepting those allegations which are inconsistent with this cause of action.

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54. During the Class Period, Defendant has routinely required Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, to work over eight hours in a day and over forty hours in a workweek, However, Defendant has failed and refused to pay the Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, the overtime compensation required by the Employment Laws and Regulations.

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- 55. Defendant knew or should have known that its security/loss prevention standards policy caused Plaintiff and class members to incur off-the-clock time after punching out based on the location of Defendant's timekeeping system at the back of stores and requiring security bag checks to take place at the front of their stores. However, Defendant did not compensate Plaintiff and class members for the time they spent off-the-clock to undergo security bag checks. To the extent that the time Plaintiff and class members were subjected to security bag checks pursuant to Defendant's security/loss prevention policy qualified for overtime pay, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and class members overtime wages in violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198.
- 56. The Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, have been deprived of their rightfully earned overtime compensation as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's policies and practices and Defendant's failure and refusal to pay that compensation. The Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, are entitled to recover such amounts, plus interest, attorney's fees and costs.

### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Failure to Provide Meal and Rest Periods - Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512 By Plaintiff Individually and on Behalf of All Class Members)

- 57. As a separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains and realleges all of the allegations contained in this complaint, and incorporates them by reference into this cause of action as though fully set forth herein, excepting those allegations which are inconsistent with this cause of action.
- 58. During the Class Period, Defendant has failed to provide Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, legally compliant meal and rest periods during their work shifts, and has failed to compensate Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, for those meal and rest periods, as required by Labor Code § 226.7 and the other applicable sections of the Employment Laws and

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Regulations.

Plaintiff and Class Members were required to undergo security bag checks at the front of their stores after they had already clocked out for a meal break. For example, Plaintiff carried his backpack to work and after clocking out at the back of the store for the end of his shift or a meal break, was required to undergo a security bag check at the front of the store. After clocking out and then walking to the front of the store, Plaintiff had to wait for another employee to become available to perform the security bag check before he was permitted to leave. Thus, after clocking out for a supposed meal break or stepping away for a purported rest break, Plaintiff remained under the custody and control of Defendant, and therefore such breaks - whether meal breaks or rest breaks - are interrupted, impeded, shortened and overall illusory in nature.

60. The Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, have been deprived of their rightfully earned compensation for meal and rest periods as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' policies and practices and Defendants' failure and refusal to pay that compensation. The Sales Employees, including Plaintiff, are entitled to recover such amounts pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7(b), plus interest.

#### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Failure to Furnish Accurate Wage and Hour Statements - Labor Code § 226 By Plaintiff Individually and on Behalf of All Class Members)

- 61. As a separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains and realleges all of the allegations contained in this complaint, and incorporate them by reference into this cause of action as though fully set forth herein, excepting those allegations which are inconsistent with this cause of action.
- 62. During the Class Period, Defendant has routinely failed to provide Class Members, including Plaintiff, with timely and accurate wage and hour statements showing gross hours earned, total hours worked, all deductions made, net wages earned, and all applicable hourly rates in effect during each pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate.

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63. As a consequence of Defendant's actions, Class Members are entitled to all available statutory penalties, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including those provided in Labor Code § 226(e), as well as all other available remedies.

### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# (For Waiting Time Penalties - Labor Code §§ 201-203

# By Plaintiff Individually and on Behalf of All Class Members)

- 64. As a separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains and realleges all of the allegations contained in this complaint, and incorporates them by reference into this cause of action as though fully set forth herein, excepting those allegations which are inconsistent with this cause of action.
- 65. During the Class Period, Defendant failed to pay accrued wages and other compensation due immediately to each Class Member who was terminated, and failed to pay accrued wages and other compensation due within seventy-two hours to each Class Member, including Plaintiff, who ended his employment.
- 66. Labor Code § 201 requires an employer who discharges an employee to pay compensation due and owing to said employee immediately upon discharge. Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay compensation promptly upon discharge, as required by § 201, the employer is liable for waiting time penalties in the form of continued compensation for up to 30 work days.
- 67. Defendant, and each of them, willfully failed and refused, and continue to willfully fail and refuse, to timely pay compensation due to Class Member upon termination or resignation, as required by Labor Code § 201. As a result, Defendant, and each of them, are liable to Plaintiff and all Class Members similarly situated for waiting time penalties, together with interest thereon, pursuant to Labor Code § 203, as well as all other available remedies, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial.

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SEVENTH	CAUSI	OF	ACTION

(For Unfair Competition - Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq. By Plaintiff Individually and on Behalf of All Class Members)

- 68. As a separate and distinct cause of action, Plaintiff complains and realleges all of the allegations contained in this complaint, and incorporates them by reference into this cause of action as though fully set forth herein, excepting those allegations which are inconsistent with this cause of action.
- 69. As a result of Defendants' unfair business practices, Defendants have reaped unfair benefits and illegal profits at the expense of Class Member s, including Plaintiff, and members of the public. Defendants should be made to disgorge their ill-gotten gains and to restore them to Class Member s, including Plaintiff.
- 70. Defendants' unfair business practices violate the Unfair Competition Laws and entitle Plaintiff to seek preliminary and permanent injunctive relief including, but not limited to, orders that Defendants account for, disgorge and restore to the Class Member s, including Plaintiff, the wages and other compensation unlawfully withheld from them.
- 71. In addition to the actual damages caused by the unlawful conversion, the Class Members, including Plaintiff, are entitled to recover exemplary damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing Defendants.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Class, prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. For an Order certifying the First through Seventh Causes of Action as a class action;
  - 2. For an Order appointing Plaintiff's counsel as Class counsel;
  - 3. For compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at trial;
  - 4. For restitution in an amount to be ascertained at trial;
  - 5. For punitive and exemplary damages in an amount to be ascertained at trial;
  - 6. For all penalties allowed by law;

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### **COMPLAINT**

1	7. For prejudgment interest;	
	8. For reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1194;	
3	9. For costs of suit incurred herein;	
4	10. For disgorgement of profits garnered as a result of Defendants' unlawful failure to	
5	pay wages, including overtime wages, earned; and	
6	11. For such further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.	
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Ornelas

Plaintiff/Petitioner(s)
VS.

Tapestry, Inc., a Maryland corporation

Defendant/Respondent(s)
(Abbreviated Title)

No. RG18920047

NOTICE OF HEARING

To each party or to the attorney(s) of record for each party herein:

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled action has been set for:

Complex Determination Hearing Case Management Conference

You are hereby notified to appear at the following Court location on the date and time noted below:

Complex Determination Hearing:

DATE: 10/30/2018 TIME: 03:00 PM DEPARTMENT: 23

LOCATION: Administration Building, Fourth Floor

1221 Oak Street, Oakland

Case Management Conference:

DATE: 12/11/2018 TIME: 03:00 PM DEPARTMENT: 23

LOCATION: Administration Building, Fourth Floor

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Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.400 et seq. and Local Rule 3.250 (Unified Rules of the Superior Court, County of Alameda), the above-entitled matter is set for a Complex Litigation Determination Hearing and Initial Complex Case Management Conference.

Department 23 issues tentative rulings on DomainWeb (www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/domainweb). For parties lacking access to DomainWeb, the tentative ruling must be obtained from the clerk at (510) 267-6939. Please consult Rule 3.30(c) of the Unified Rules of the Superior Court, County of Alameda, concerning the tentative ruling procedures for Department 23.

Counsel or party requesting complex litigation designation is ordered to serve a copy of this notice on all parties omitted from this notice or brought into the action after this notice was mailed.

All counsel of record and any unrepresented parties are ordered to attend this Initial Complex Case Management Conference unless otherwise notified by the Court.

Failure to appear, comply with local rules or provide a Case Management Conference statement may result in sanctions. Case Management Statements may be filed by E-Delivery, by submitting directly to the E-Delivery Fax Number (510) 267-5732. No fee is charged for this service. For further information, go to **Direct Calendar Departments** at

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All motions in this matter to be heard prior to Complex Litigation Determination Hearing must be scheduled for hearing in Department 23.

If the information contained in this notice requires change or clarification, please contact the courtroom clerk for Department 23 by e-mail at Dept.23@alameda.courts.ca.gov or by phone at (510) 267-6939.

TELEPHONIC COURT APPEARANCES at Case Management Conferences may be available by contacting CourtCall, an independent vendor, at least 3 business days prior to the scheduled conference. Parties can make arrangements by calling (888) 882-6878, or faxing a service request form to (888) 883-2946. This service is subject to charges by the vendor.

Dated: 09/12/2018 Chad Finke Executive Officer / Clerk of the Superior Court

By Deputy Clerk

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that the following is true and correct: I am the clerk of the above-named court and not a party to this cause. I served this Notice by placing copies in envelopes addressed as shown hereon and then by sealing and placing them for collection, stamping or metering with prepaid postage, and mailing on the date stated below, in the United States mail at Alameda County, California, following standard court practices.

Executed on 09/13/2018.

Deputy Clerk

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1 Defendant Tapestry, Inc. ("Defendant") hereby answers the Complaint filed by Plaintiff John 2 Ornelas ("Plaintiff") as follows: 3 GENERAL DENIAL 4 Pursuant to Section 431.30(d) of the California Code of Civil Procedure, Defendant generally 5 and specifically denies each and every allegation of the Complaint. Further, without waiving or 6 excusing the burden of Plaintiff, or admitting that Defendant has any burden of proof, Defendant 7 hereby asserts the following defenses: 8 FIRST DEFENSE 9 (Failure to State a Cause of Action) 10 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent it 11 fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against Defendant. 12 SECOND DEFENSE 13 (Statute of Limitations) 14 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent 15 Plaintiff seeks relief for conduct occurring outside the applicable statute of limitations. 16 THIRD DEFENSE 17 (Estoppel) 18 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent the 19 alleged actions of Defendant or its agents were a result of conduct by Plaintiff for which she cannot 20 equitably seek recovery against Defendant. 21 FOURTH DEFENSE 22 (Good Faith) 23 Plaintiff is barred from relief because Defendant and its agents acted in good faith at all times 24 and had reasonable grounds to believe that no violation of any applicable law, statute, and/or regulation 25 occurred. 26 27 28

1 FIFTH DEFENSE 2 (Class Action Civil Penalties Unconstitutional) 3 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent 4 Plaintiff's claim for civil penalties on behalf of a class is unconstitutional in violation of the United 5 States and California Constitutions. 6 SIXTH DEFENSE 7 (Good Faith Dispute/No Willfulness) 8 For his fifth and sixth causes of action, Plaintiff seeks penalties for willful, intentional, or 9 knowing violations of the Labor Code. These claims are barred if a "good faith dispute" exists 10 concerning whether Defendant violated the Labor Code. A good faith dispute exists here because 11 Defendant has reasonable defenses that it did not violate the Labor Code provisions regarding paying 12 wages, providing breaks, and providing wage statements: 13 SEVENTH DEFENSE 14 (No Willfulness) 15 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred because the 16 alleged conduct of Defendant and its agents was not willful. 17 EIGHTH DEFENSE 18 (No Knowing or Intentional Conduct) 19 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent the 20 alleged wage statement violations of Defendant were not knowing or intentional. 21 NINTH DEFENSE 22 (Alleged Work Not Compensable) 23 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent the 24 alleged "work" Plaintiff and putative class members performed for Defendant was not compensable. 25 26 27 28

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1	TENTH DEFENSE					
2	(No Knowledge)					
3	The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred because					
4	Defendant had no knowledge of any uncompensated "work" performed by Plaintiff or putative class					
5	members.					
6	ELEVENTH DEFENSE					
7	(De Minimis Doctrine)					
8	The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent the					
9	de minimis doctrine applies to Plaintiff's claims.					
10	TWELFTH DEFENSE					
11	(Waiver of Meal and/or Rest Breaks)					
12	The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent					
13	Plaintiff waived his right to take meal and/or rest breaks pursuant to the Labor Code and/or the					
14	applicable wage order.					
15	THIRTEENTH DEFENSE					
16	(Meal and Rest Breaks Provided)					
17	The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred because					
18	Defendant provided meal and rest breaks, as required by law.					
19	FOURTEENTH DEFENSE					
20	(No Injury)					
21	The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent it					
22	seeks damages or penalties for allegedly inaccurate wage statements, because Plaintiff suffered no					
23	injury from the alleged failure to provide properly itemized wage statements.					
24	FIFTEENTH DEFENSE					
25	. (Compliance with Statute)					
26	Plaintiff is barred from relief because Defendant at all times complied and/or substantially					
27	complied with all applicable statutes, regulations, and laws.					
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1 SIXTEENTH DEFENSE 2 (Paid All Sums) 3 Defendant is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that the Complaint, and each 4 purported claim therein, is barred because Defendant has paid Plaintiff and the members of the putative 5 class he purports to represent all sums due them. 6 SEVENTEENTH DEFENSE 7 (Waiver) 8 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent 9 Plaintiff by his actions has waived his right to recovery. 10 EIGHTEENTH DEFENSE 11 (Accord and Satisfaction) 12 Plaintiff and any purported class member he seeks to represent are barred from relief to the 13 extent they have previously waived or released their claims against Defendant, including in the 14 settlement agreement reached in Miranda v. Coach, Inc., U.S. District Court for the Northern District 15 of California, Case No. 3:14-CV-02031-JD. 16 NINETEENTH DEFENSE 17 (Unclean Hands) 18 The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred in whole or in 19 part by the doctrine of unclean hands. 20 TWENTIETH DEFENSE 21 (Standing) 22 Defendant is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Plaintiff lacks the requisite 23 standing to assert each purported cause of action in the Complaint. 24 TWENTY-FIRST DEFENSE 25 (Class Certification Requirements Not Met) 26 Defendant is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that this action does not meet the 27 requirements for class action treatment. 28

## violations. barred. /// ///

### TWENTY-SECOND DEFENSE

(Impermissible Representative Action)

Plaintiff is barred from obtaining relief against Defendant because California Business and Professions Code Section 17200, et seq. does not permit representative actions where liability can be determined only through fact-intensive individualized assessments of alleged wage and hour violations.

### TWENTY-THIRD DEFENSE

(No Waiting Time Penalties)

Plaintiff seeks waiting time penalties for an alleged failure to pay final wages, including meal and rest break premiums. However, waiting time penalties are not available for meal and rest break violations as a matter of law. Thus, his claim for waiting time penalties based on break violations is barred.

### TWENTY-FOURTH DEFENSE

(No Employment Relationship)

The Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, is barred to the extent that Plaintiff purports to represent individuals who were not employed by Tapestry.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS 1 2 Defendant reserves the right to add additional defenses as they become known during the course of this litigation. 3 WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for judgment as follows: 4 5 1. That Plaintiff take nothing by the Complaint; That the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice; 6 2. 7 3. For judgment in favor of Defendant; 8 4. For attorneys' fees and costs of suit herein; and 9 5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper and just. 10 11 AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP Dated: October 19, 2018 12 JONATHAN S. CHRISTIE VICTOR A. SALCEDO 13 14 Gregory W_Knopp 15 attorneys for Defendant Tapestry, Inc. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

1 PROOF OF SERVICE 2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 3 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90067. On October 19, 2018, I served the foregoing document(s) described as: DEFENDANT TAPESTRY INC.'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT on the interested parties below, 4 5 using the following means: 6 BOYAMIAN LAW, INC. Michael E. Boyamian 7 Armand R. Kizirian 550 North Brand Blvd., Suite 1500 8 Glendale, CA 91203 Telephone: 818.547.5300 9 Facsimile: 818.547.4678 michael@boyamianlaw.com 10 armand@boyamianlaw.com 11 LAW OFFICES OF THOMAS FALVEY Thomas W. Falvey 12 550 North Brand Blvd., Suite 1500 Glendale, CA 91203 13 Telephone: 818.547.5200 Facsimile: 818.500.9307 14 thomasfalvey@gmail.com 15 16 BY UNITED STATES MAIL I enclosed the documents in a sealed envelope or package addressed to the respective address of the parties stated above and placed the envelope for collection and mailing, 17 following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for 18 collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid at Los Angeles, California. 19 (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing 20 is true and correct. 21 Executed on October 19, 2018, at Los Angeles, California. 22 23 Verbon Davenport [Print Name of Person Executing Proof] 24 25 26 27

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15		<u>CLASS ACTION</u>						
16 17	Plaintiffs, v.	DECLARATION OF BEN SHEA IN SUPPORT OF TAPESTRY, INC.'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL						
18	TAPESTRY, INC., a Maryland	[Notice of Removal, Declaration of Jonathan						
19	Corporation; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive,	Christie, Civil Cover Sheet, Notice of Interested Parties and Corporate Disclosure Statement, Notice of Pendency of Other Actions, and Certificate of Service filed concurrently]						
20	Defendants.							
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### **DECLARATION OF BEN SHEA**

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- I, Ben Shea, certify and declare as follows:
- I am currently employed by Tapestry, Inc. as Vice President, Global People Services. In that position, I am familiar with and have personal knowledge of Tapestry's corporate organization, operations, and general business affairs, as well as the employment records maintained regarding employees working in the Coach, Kate Spade, and Stuart Weitzman brand stores. I submit this declaration in support of Tapestry's Notice of Removal.
  - Effective October 31, 2017, Coach, Inc. changed its name to Tapestry, Inc.
- Tapestry is a corporation organized and incorporated under the laws of the 3. state of Maryland. Tapestry has not been incorporated in California.
- 4. Tapestry maintains its corporate headquarters in New York, New York, and Tapestry's Coach, Kate Spade, and Stuart Weitzman brands are each operated from New York, New York.
- For example, Tapestry's and the Coach, Kate Spade and Stuart Weitzman brands' executive and administrative operations are centrally managed from New York, New York.
- 6. Tapestry's chief executive officer, president and chief administrative officer, chief financial officer, and global head of human resources maintain their offices at Tapestry's headquarters in New York, New York. In addition, the chief executive officers, heads of store operations and heads of human resources for Coach, Kate Spade and Stuart Weitzman also maintain their offices in New York, New York.
- From its headquarters in New York, Tapestry, Coach, Kate Spade and 7. Stuart Weitzman make and implement operating, distribution, financial, employee relations, marketing, development, customer care, accounting, income tax, treasury, and legal policy decisions.
- The majority of meetings of Tapestry's Board of Directors and 8. stockholders take place in the state of New York.

- 9. Tapestry's, and the Coach, Kate Spade and Stuart Weitzman brands' financial records are maintained in the state of New York.
  - 10. Tapestry's tax returns are filed from the state of New York.
  - 11. Tapestry pays its employees bi-weekly.
- 12. In the regular course of business, Tapestry and the Kate Spade brand currently maintain electronic human resources and payroll databases containing information regarding the employment status, job positions, termination dates, and wages of current and former employees from the Coach, Kate Spade, and Stuart Weitzman brand stores, including employees in California. I am familiar with these databases and my team and I regularly use and rely on the data they maintain in connection with our work responsibilities.
- 13. In October 2018, searches of these databases were conducted, and I have reviewed the data and results. These queries revealed the following:
  - a. During his employment with Tapestry, John Ornelas worked at a Stuart Weitzman brand store in Canoga Park, California and kept a Santa Clarita, California address on file with the company in connection with that work.
  - b. From September 4, 2015 to the present, at least 1,100 of Kate Spade's California non-exempt employees have separated from the company.
  - c. From September 4, 2015 to the present, Kate Spade's California non-exempt employees typically have worked shifts longer than six hours.
  - d. From September 4, 2015 to the present, the average hourly rate for Kate Spade's California non-exempt employees has been at least \$12.00 per hour.
  - e. From September 4, 2014 through December 16, 2017, Tapestry (and/or its predecessor, Coach, Inc.) has employed approximately 600 individuals as an Associate Manager or Assistant Manager in its California Coach stores. These employees worked approximately 40,000 total workweeks in these positions during this period.

- f. From May 23, 2017 through December 16, 2017, Tapestry (and/or its predecessor, Coach, Inc.) has typically employed more than 1,000 individuals as Sales Associates in its California Coach stores at any given time. These employees worked approximately 53,000 total workweeks in these positions during this period.
- g. From September 4, 2014 to the present, the average hourly rate for Tapestry's Coach Associate Managers and Assistant Managers in California has been at least \$21.00 per hour.
- h. From September 4, 2015 to the present, the average hourly rate for Tapestry's Coach Associate Managers and Assistant Managers in California has been at least \$21.00 per hour.
- i. From May 23, 2017 to the present, the hourly rate for Tapestry's Coach Sales Associates has been at least \$10.50 per hour.
- j. From September 4, 2014 through December 16, 2017, Coach Associate Managers and Assistant Managers in California typically have worked shifts longer than 7.5 hours.
- k. From May 23, 2017 through December 16, 2017, Coach Sales Associates in California typically have worked shifts longer than 6.5 hours.
- 1. From September 4, 2014 through December 16, 2017, Coach Associate Managers and Assistant Managers in California have, on average, worked more than four shifts per week.
- m. From May 23, 2017 through December 16, 2017, Coach Sales Associates in California have, on average, worked at least four shifts per week.
- n. From September 4, 2014 through December 16, 2017, Coach Associate Managers and Assistant Managers in California have worked more than 180,000 shifts longer than five hours.
- o. From May 23, 2017 through December 16, 2017, Coach Sales Associates in California have worked more than 40,000 shifts longer than five hours.

- p. From September 4, 2015 to the present, at least 280 of Coach's California Associate and Assistant Managers have separated from the company.
- q. From May 23, 2017 to the present, at least 650 of Coach's California Sales Associates have separated from the company.
- r. From September 4, 2017 to the present, Coach has typically employed at least 200 Associate Managers and Assistant Managers in California at any time.
- s. From May 23, 2017 to the present, Coach has typically employed at least 1,000 Sales Associates in California at any given time.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 22, 2018 in New York, New York.

BEN SHEA

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS-CAND 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved in its original form by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the Clerk of Court to initiate the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS JOHN ORNELAS, indiv	idually and on behalf of all	l others similarly	DEFENDANTS TAPESTRY, INC., a Maryland Corporation; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive  County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)				
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