DECLARATION OF CLAUDIO PALMIERI

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- 1. I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Relief from Order Granting Defendant's Special Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Complaint Pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.16 and Order of Dismissal of Entire Action, submitted concurrently herewith. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained within this declaration, and, if called upon as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. I am not a lawyer and was unaware of the misconduct detailed in the concurrently filed Affidavit of Fault by Shane Bernard, Esq. until March 13, 2018, well after the February 23, 2018 hearing on Defendant's Special Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Complaint Pursuant to C.C.P. § 425.16 (the "Motion to Strike"). I relied on Mr. Bernard, as my attorney, to stay on top of case deadlines and to prepare timely and properly supported filings, such as Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Strike. I trusted Mr. Bernard—trust that I now realize was misplaced.
- 3. On February 23, I reached out to Mr. Bernard and asked why Defendant Margaret Osborn (a/k/a Alice Glass) was proclaiming on the internet that she had "won" this case. Four days later, on February 27, Mr. Bernard told me over the phone, for the first time, that my case had been dismissed. But Mr. Bernard did not disclose the severity of his mistakes that led to the dismissal; he kept me completely in the dark (he did not even send me hearing transcripts when requested). It was not until March 13, 2018 that I learned—from someone other than Mr. Bernard—all that had transpired in this case. I was not sure what to do at that point, whether to allow Mr. Bernard to continue or retain different counsel for myself and co-Plaintiff Crystal Castles. I ultimately decided to retain new counsel after reading the Court's Order dismissing my case and the transcript from the hearing.

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On March 19, 2018, I retained the law firm of King, Holmes, Paterno and Soriano. 4. LLP to replace Mr. Bernard. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the By: CLAUDIO PALMIERI KING, HOLMES, PATERNO & SORIANO, LLP 4953.060/1294013.1