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17	GATTUSO, ELISSA WAGNER, and DIXIE WILLIAMS, individually and on behalf of	SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT					
18	themselves and all others similarly situated,	(HIDY TRIAL DEMANDED)					
19	Plaintiffs,	(JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)					
	v.						
20	RODAN & FIELDS, LLC,						
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SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

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Plaintiffs CARYN GORZO, KASEY POE, ANNA DOHNKE, LIEN SCHERR, JOLENE LEWIS VOLPE (formerly BARBARA LEWIS), BOBBIE JOE HULING, CYNTHIA WHETSELL, MARTHA MERLE, TERESA GATTUSO, ELISSA WAGNER, and DIXIE WILLIAMS ("Plaintiffs") bring this action on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated against Rodan & Fields, LLC ("Rodan & Fields" or "Defendant"). Plaintiffs' allegations against Defendant are based upon investigation carried out by Plaintiffs' counsel, except for allegations pertaining to each Plaintiff, which are based upon each Plaintiff's personal knowledge.

I. NATURE OF ACTION

- 1. This is a class action brought by Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated persons, against Rodan & Fields, LLC. Plaintiffs seek damages and equitable and legal remedies for themselves and the putative Class, which includes consumers who purchased Rodan & Fields Enhancements Lash Boost (hereafter, "Lash Boost").
- 2. This action arises out of Defendant's deceptive and misleading marketing of Lash Boost, including its statements that Lash Boost is "not a drug product," is "safe and non-irritating," "does not contain any over-the-counter (OTC) or drug ingredients," "contains only cosmetic ingredients," and is "not associated with any significant side effects," when in fact Lash Boost is a drug, is illegally marketed and sold, and contains ingredients that are associated with serious adverse effects.
- 3. Rodan & Fields has promoted itself as a company that creates safe and effective skincare products, with a thoughtful process of thoroughly vetting ingredients. For instance, on its website, Rodan & Fields states: "Rodan & Fields' philosophy is to create safe and effective formulations, and thus, would not place a product on the market otherwise." Through this campaign, Rodan & Fields has convinced consumers that they can trust the Rodan & Fields name and the specific representations Rodan & Fields makes about its products.

¹ http://www.rodanandfields.com/rfconnection/?s=lash+boost.

- 4. During all times material hereto, Defendant engaged in a common plan and scheme, through the use of misleading marketing, advertising, and product labeling, which led consumers to believe that Lash Boost is a purely cosmetic product that is not associated with serious health risks, and is legally marketed and sold, when in fact, none of these things are true.
- 5. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has found that one of Lash Boost's ingredients, isopropyl cloprostenate, is "well known to have an effect on the structure or function of the body," and that, accordingly, products containing isopropyl cloprostenate "are drugs as defined by section 201(g)(1)(C) of the [the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic] Act (21 U.S.C. § 321(g)(l)(C))."²
- 6. Because it contains isopropyl cloprostenate, Lash Boost qualifies as a drug as well as a cosmetic under both federal laws and parallel state laws governing food, drugs, and cosmetics.³
- 7. Lash Boost is also a "new drug" that is illegally sold without an approved new drug application in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 111550 and 21 U.S.C. § 355(a)), and a "misbranded" drug that is illegally sold in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 111440, 111445 and 21 U.S.C. § 331.
- 8. In addition to being a drug that is marketed and sold illegally, Lash Boost contains ingredients that are associated with serious adverse effects. Specifically, the FDA has found that isopropyl cloprostenate may cause side effects including, but not limited to "ocular irritation, hyperemia, iris color change, macular edema, ocular inflammation, and interference with intraocular

² https://wayback.archive-

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^{11/}ucm251951.htm. In line with the FDA's guidance, the District Court for the Central District of California recently found that an isopropyl cloprostenate-based product known as "RevitaLash Enhanced®" was "objectively intended to grow eyelashes" and was therefore a "drug[] under the FDCA and the Cal. Healthy and Safety code." See Allergan, Inc. v. Athena Cosmetics, Inc., 2012 WL

^{12896222,} at *8 (C.D. Cal. July 19, 2012).

³ See https://www.fda.gov/Cosmetics/GuidanceRegulation/LawsRegulations/ucm074201.htm ("some products meet the definitions of both cosmetics and drugs ... [f]or example, a shampoo is a cosmetic because its intended use is to cleanse the hair. An antidandruff treatment is a drug because its intended use is to treat dandruff. Consequently, an antidandruff shampoo is both a cosmetic and a drug ... [s]uch products must comply with the requirements for both cosmetics and drugs.")

pressure reduction therapy."⁴ Defendant made misrepresentations and omissions regarding the serious adverse effects of Lash Boost.

- 9. Defendant knows, or reasonably should know, that Lash Boost is a drug, that it is illegally sold without having gone through the proper regulatory approval processes, and that its ingredients are associated with serious adverse effects.
- 10. Accordingly, Defendant's labeling, advertising, and marketing of Lash Boost as "not a drug product," "safe and non-irritating," "not contain[ing] any over-the-counter (OTC) or drug ingredients," "contain[ing] only cosmetic ingredients," and "not associated with any significant side effects," as well as its material omissions signifying that Lash Boost is legally saleable, are deceptive and misleading.
- 11. But for Defendant's deceptive and misleading representations and omissions, Plaintiffs and the Class would not have purchased Lash Boost.
- 12. As discussed more fully herein, Defendant's conduct constitutes fraudulent misrepresentation, fraudulent concealment, negligent misrepresentation, common law fraud, unjustly enriched Defendant, violates California's Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Law (California's Health & Safety Code §§ 109875 et. seq.) ("Health and Safety Code") and the following consumer protection statutes: (i) California's Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. (the Unfair Competition Laws or "UCL"); (ii) California Civil Code §§ 1750, et seq. (the Consumers Legal Remedies Act or "CLRA"); (iii) California's Business & Professions Code §§ 17500, et seq. (the False Advertising Laws or "FAL"), (iv) 815 ILL. COMP. STAT. 505/1, et seq. and 720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 295/1A, (v) Wash Rev. Code §§ 19.86.010 et seq., (vi) Fla. Stat. §§ 501.21 et seq., (vii) NY Gen. Bus. Law §§ 349-350 et seq., (viii) Mass. Gen. Laws CH. 3A, §§ 1, et seq.
- 13. Plaintiffs bring this action to vindicate state law rights on behalf of themselves and other class members. Specifically, Plaintiffs seek to remedy the unlawful, unfair, deceptive, and

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misleading business practices of Defendant with respect to the marketing and sale of Lash Boost, which is available for purchase throughout the United States, and to recover the ill-gotten gains obtained by Defendant through this deception.

II. PARTIES

- 14. Plaintiff Caryn Gorzo is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of California, residing in the City of Murrieta, California. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She first purchased the product from Rodan & Fields on or about June 1, 2017.
- 15. Plaintiff Kasey Poe is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of California, residing in the City of Grover Beach, California. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product from Rodan & Fields on or about January 10, 2018.
- 16. Plaintiff Anna Dohnke is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of California, residing in the City of Tehachapi, California. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product from Rodan & Fields on or about January 20, 2017, and in May 2017 and January 2018.
- 17. Plaintiff Lien Scherr is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of California, residing in Los Angeles County, California. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purchases. She purchased the product from Rodan & Fields on or about September 5, 2017.
- 18. Plaintiff Jolene Lewis Volpe (formerly Barbara Lewis) is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of California, residing in Ventura County, California. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product in February 2018.
- 19. Plaintiff Bobbie Joe Huling is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of Florida, residing in Lake County, Florida. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product in May 2017.

- 20. Plaintiff Cynthia Whetsell is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of Illinois, residing in Peoria, Illinois. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product from a Rodan & Fields consultant in May 2017.
- 21. Plaintiff Martha Merle is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of Massachusetts, residing in Wellesley County. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product in January 2018.
- 22. Plaintiff Teresa Gattuso is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of New York, residing in Suffolk County, New York. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product in June 2017.
- 23. Plaintiff Elissa Wagner is and was at all relevant times a citizen of the State of New York, residing in Suffolk County, New York. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product in September 2017, and she previously received the product as a gift during the late winter or early spring of 2017.
- 24. Plaintiff Dixie Williams is currently a resident of Nevada but at all relevant times to this action a citizen of the State of Washington, residing in Pierce County, Washington. Plaintiff has purchased and used Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes. She purchased the product from a Rodan & Fields consultant in March 2017.
- 25. Plaintiffs examined Lash Boost's packaging, labeling, and/or other marketing materials. If Defendant had properly disclosed the true facts regarding Lash Boost and its ingredients, Plaintiffs either would not have purchased Lash Boost and/or would have paid less for it.
- 26. Defendant Rodan & Fields, LLC is a skincare company headquartered in San Francisco, California and incorporated in California. Rodan & Fields markets and sells Lash Boost directly through its website, as well as through its many distributors or "consultants."

III. JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND GOVERNING LAW

27. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter because the amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000.

- 28. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 395(a) because Rodan & Fields, LLC is a resident of San Francisco, California, which is located in this District.
- 29. Rodan & Fields, LLC regularly and systematically does business throughout the State of California, including in this District, and provides products and services to its customers, including members of the putative Class. As such, it is subject to the personal jurisdiction of this Court.
- 30. The application of California law to this litigation is appropriate given Rodan & Fields' contacts with the State of California.
- 31. Rodan & Fields maintains its headquarters, including its marketing department, in California. Rodan & Fields employs hundreds of employees in California, including employees responsible for marketing.
- 32. From its headquarters in California, Rodan & Fields developed and approved the marketing claims alleged herein regarding Lash Boost.
- 33. The State of California has a substantial interest in ensuring that businesses do not misrepresent their products, omit risks concerning those products, and otherwise engage in business decisions that would deceive consumers.
- 34. The application of California law to the claims against Rodan & Fields—a California company that took substantial actions in the State of California impacting Plaintiffs and the Class members throughout the United States—would be neither unfair nor unlawful, nor would it violate due process.

IV. FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLASS MEMBERS

A. Rodan & Fields' Representations That Lash Boost is Not a Drug

- 35. Rodan & Fields, an American manufacturer and multi-level marketing company specializing in skincare products, markets and sells a topical serum known as Lash Boost.
- 36. Lash Boost retails for approximately \$150.00 and is available without a prescription through Rodan & Fields' website and through Rodan & Fields' many distributors, whom the company refers to as "consultants."

- 37. Rodan & Fields' website describes Lash Boost as a "unique proprietary formula that improves the appearance of lash volume and length for lashes that are 100% real, 100% yours." 5
- 38. Lash Boost, which is labeled and marketed as an "eyelash conditioning serum," contains an ingredient known as isopropyl cloprostenate.
- 39. Isopropyl cloprostenate is one of a class of chemicals known as prostaglandin analogs (hereafter, "PAs"), which have long been used to reduce intraocular pressure in glaucoma patients.⁶ According to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, "prostaglandin analogs work by increasing the outflow of intraocular fluid from the eye." A well-known side effect of glaucoma treatments containing PAs is that they cause eyelash growth.⁸
- 40. In 2008, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") approved Latisse, whose active ingredient is a PA known as bimatoprost, for increasing eyelash length, thickness, and darkness in patients with hypotrichosis (or inadequacy) of the eyelashes. Latisse is classified as an ophthalmic drug and cannot be obtained without a prescription. ¹⁰
- 41. The FDA has found that, like the active ingredient in Latisse, the PA isopropyl cloprostenate is "well known to have an effect on the structure or function of the body," and that, accordingly, products containing isopropyl cloprostenate "are drugs as defined by section 201(g)(1)(C) of the [the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic] Act (21 U.S.C. § 321(g)(l)(C))."¹¹
- 42. The California Health and Safety Code defines "drug" based on intended use. Specifically, any product "intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other condition, or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or any other animal" or any product

⁵ https://www.rodanandfields.com/Shop/Product/ENHLSH01#description.

⁶ https://wayback.archive-

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⁷ https://www.glaucoma.org/treatment/medication-guide.php#prostaglandin_analogs.

^{25 || 8} See Id.

 $^{^9 \}textit{See} \ https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2008/022369s000_Approv.pdf.$

¹⁰ See https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/022369s005lbl.pdf.

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"intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of human beings" qualifies as a "drug" under California law. Code § 109925(b) and (c). The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ("FDCA") adopts the same definition. 21 U.S.C. § 321(g)(1)(B) and (C).

- 43. Because it is objectively intended to affect the structure or function of the body, as demonstrated by the fact that it contains isopropyl cloprostenate, Lash Boost qualifies as a drug under both federal laws and parallel state laws governing food, drugs, and cosmetics.¹²
- 44. Lash Boost's pricing (\$150 for a two-to-three month supply,¹³ far more expensive than most non-drug lash enhancement products on the market) and recommended method of application (the website instructs consumers that "for best results," they should "use Lash Boost for 8 weeks," ¹⁴ indicating that unlike most purely cosmetic products, Lash Boost does not immediately affect appearance but instead changes eyelashes over time) provide further evidence of Rodan & Fields' objective intent for Lash Boost to affect the structure or function of the body.
- 45. Rodan & Fields' marketing claims regarding Lash Boost's effects on physical appearance ("get the appearance of lush, longer-looking lashes"¹⁵) also show that it is intended to function as a drug. Notably, in marketing Lash Boost, Rodan & Fields deliberately uses language centered around appearance in order to avoid to regulatory oversight:

Because Lash Boost is a cosmetic and not a drug, the company is careful to avoid saying that it causes lashes to grow. Instead, it uses language centered around appearance, promising "fuller-looking" and "longer-looking" lashes. Consultants for Rodan & Fields are given dos and don'ts for their social media posts that advise them on lighting, as well as examples of compliant language ("I have noticed longer-looking lashes") and noncompliant phrasing ("My lashes are longer"). ¹⁶

¹² In determining whether a product is intended to affect the structure or function of the body, a vendor's objective intent in promoting, distributing, and selling the product is the key consideration. *See, e.g., United States v. Kasz*, 855 F.Supp 534, 542 (D.R.I. 1994) ("[T]he objective intent of the vendor, not the vendor's subjective explanations and disclaimers" determines the intended use of a product).

¹³ http://www.rodanandfields.com/rfconnection/index.php/2017/06/26/how-long-will-a-container-of-enhancements-lash-boost-last/.

¹⁴ https://www.rodanandfields.com/Shop/Product/ENHLSH01#description

¹⁵ https://www.rodanandfields.com/Shop/Product/ENHLSH01#description

¹⁶ https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/25/business/media/lash-boost-eyelash-enhancer-marketing.html.

However, the FDA has made clear that representations regarding appearance, when paired with ingredients known to cause lash growth, indicate that a lash enhancement product is a drug.¹⁷

46. In marketing and selling Lash Boost, Rodan & Fields actively misleads consumers by fundamentally misrepresenting what Lash Boost is – a drug. For instance, the Rodan & Fields website states:

ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost is a cosmetic-grade product designed to improve the appearance of your lashes. It is not a drug product and will not affect the structure and function of your lashes.

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ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost is a cosmetic product and not considered a drug. It contains only cosmetic ingredients to address the appearance of lashes and is not intended to be a medical treatment for damaged lashes. ¹⁹

ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost is a cosmetic product and does not contain any over-the-counter (OTC) or drug ingredients. It contains a complete formula of safe ingredients which moisturize, nourish and protect the appearance of lashes.²⁰

47. Additionally, in a description of Lash Boost's ingredients and how they "fit into the R+F Philosophy," Defendants fails to address the fact that the product is effective because it contains a PA that stimulates lash growth, instead focusing on the "natural" ingredients the product also contains and their supposed effects:

ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost follows the Rodan + Fields philosophy of Multi-Med Therapy for lashes by bringing together Biotin, Keratin and peptides to moisturize, nourish and protect your lashes. Biotin and Keratin deposit an infusion of protein to the lashes, helping to moisturize and condition them, while peptides enhance lash durability, supporting more voluminous looking lashes. ²¹

¹⁷ See https://wayback.archive-

it.org/7993/20170111100914/http:/www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/WarningLetters/20 11/ucm251951.htm (stating that certain lash products were drugs because "The presence of the prostaglandin analog, isopropyl cloprostenate, along with appearance claims such as 'enhance the appearance of your lashes and brows,' 'fuller healthier-looking lashes,' and 'fuller healthier-looking brows' indicate that your products are intended to affect the structure or function of the body.")

18 http://www.rodanandfields.com/rfconnection/?s=lash+boost.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ *Id*.

²¹ *Id*.

ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost is a cosmetic product and does not contain any medical or active ingredients. It contains a complete formula of safe ingredients which moisturize, nourish, and protect the appearance of lashes.²²

- 48. Lash Boost's label does not list any "active ingredients" or "inactive ingredients," designations consumers have come to expect on drug products, ²³ nor does it contain any other indications that Lash Boost is a drug.
- 49. Based on the labeling and marketing of Lash Boost, Plaintiffs reasonably believed that they were purchasing a purely cosmetic product, not a drug, when in reality, the FDA has found that the presence of isopropyl cloprostenate in Lash Boost makes it a drug, and a variety of other factors indicate that Rodan & Fields objectively intends for Lash Boost to function as a drug.
- 50. At all relevant times, Rodan & Fields was intimately aware of the true nature of the isopropyl cloprostenate in its product, including that it was designed to affect the structure and/or function of the eyelashes, and thus knew or reasonably should have known that Lash Boost was a drug product within the governing federal and state law definitions.
- 51. Despite this knowledge, Defendant continued to represent to consumers that Lash Boost "is not a drug product and will not affect the structure and function of your lashes," "is not considered a drug," "contains only cosmetic ingredients," and "is a cosmetic product and does not contain any over-the-counter (OTC) or drug ingredients."
- 52. In this way, Defendant actively misled consumers about the true nature of Lash Boost and its ingredients. Reasonable consumers would consider the true facts regarding Lash Boost and its ingredients to be important in determining whether or not to purchase Lash Boost.
- 53. Plaintiffs reasonably understood the marketing of Lash Boost to mean or imply that the Lash Boost is not a drug. Based on the labeling and marketing of Lash Boost, Plaintiffs reasonably believed that they were purchasing a purely cosmetic product.

²³ See https://www.fda.gov/Cosmetics/GuidanceRegulation/LawsRegulations/ucm074201.htm

cosmetic ingredients, listed in descending order of predominance as 'Inactive Ingredients."')

("Combination OTC drug/cosmetic products must have combination OTC drug/cosmetic labeling.

For example, the drug ingredients must be listed alphabetically as 'Active Ingredients,' followed by

 $^{^{22}}$ Id

B. Rodan & Fields' Material Omissions Indicating That Lash Boost is Legally Marketed and Sold

property through the out-of-pocket costs expended to purchase Lash Boost.

- 56. Not only is Lash Boost a drug, it is a "new drug" as defined by 21 C.F.R. § 310.527(b), incorporated into California law by Cal. Health & Safety Code § 110110, because it is "labeled, represented, or promoted for external use as a hair grower."
- 57. Lash Boost also qualifies as a "new drug" under Cal. Health & Safety Code § 109980 and 21 U.S.C. § 321(p) because it is "not generally recognized, among experts qualified by scientific training and experience ... as safe and effective for use under the conditions prescribed, recommended, or suggested" and "has not ... been used to a material extent or for a material time under [those] conditions."²⁴
- 58. Both California and federal law prohibit the sale of "new drugs" without an approved new drug application. Code § 111550; 21 U.S.C. § 355(a).
- 59. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Lash Boost is marketed and sold without an approved new drug application, and that neither the FDA nor the California Department of Public Health has approved it for sale.

²⁴ See also https://wayback.archive-

it.org/7993/20170111100914/http:/www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/WarningLetters/20 11/ucm251951.htm (showing that the FDA found that several eyelash enhancement products containing isopropyl cloprostenate were "new drugs, as defined by section 201(p) of the Act, (21 U.S.C. § 321(p)), because they are not generally recognized as safe and effective under the conditions prescribed, recommended, or suggested in its labeling.")

60.	Lash Boost is also a	"misbranded"	drug under	various	provisions	of the Cal	. Health &
Safety Code,	including:						

- (i) under § 111330 because the product labeling is misleading insofar as it fails to disclose all significant safety concerns and/or fails to disclose that it is a drug, and is a new drug sold without an approved new drug application;
- (ii) under § 111335, because the product labeling and packaging do not conform to the requirements of Chapter 4 (commencing with § 110290);
- (iii) under § 111355 because the product labeling does not bear the established name and quantity of each active ingredient;
- (iv) under § 111360, because Rodan & Fields fails to include in all advertising materials a summary of all side effects and contraindications;
- (v) under § 111375, because the product labeling does not bear adequate warnings as to unsafe dosages or methods or duration of administration or application; and/or (vi) under § 111400, because it may be dangerous to health when used in the suggested
- 61. Under the Health & Safety Code, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any drug that is misbranded, or to misbrand any drug. Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 111440, 111445.

frequency, duration, or dosage.

- 62. Because Lash Boost is "new drug" sold without an approved new drug application, and because it is a misbranded drug, Lash Boost is sold illegally.
- 63. In marketing Lash Boost, Rodan & Fields materially omits and does not adequately disclose to consumers that Lash Boost sold illegally without proper government approval.
- 64. By omitting this information, Defendant actively conceals material facts and leads reasonable consumers to believe that they are purchasing a product whose sale does not violate federal and/or state law. Specifically, by marketing and selling Lash Boost, Defendant effectively represents to consumers that the product is recognized as safe by the relevant regulatory bodies, and that it is legally saleable, when in reality, it is not.

- 65. Reasonable consumers would consider the omitted facts to be important in determining whether or not to purchase Lash Boost.
- 66. Plaintiffs reasonably understood the marketing of Lash Boost to mean or imply that the sale of Lash Boost is legal. Based on the labeling and marketing of Lash Boost, Plaintiffs reasonably believed that they were purchasing a product that was legally saleable.
- 67. Defendant knew, or reasonably should have known, that the sale of Lash Boost was illegal under federal and California law. Such facts were not known or reasonably accessible to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant had superior and exclusive knowledge of these material facts.
- 68. At all relevant times, Defendant was familiar with the requisite federal and state regulatory scheme surrounding the marketing and sale of drugs and cosmetics, and at one point even produced and publicly posted a promotional video concerning its supposed compliance with FDA regulations.²⁵
- 69. Defendant omitted the above-described material information with the knowledge that its omissions would mislead and deceive consumers. Alternatively, Defendant was reckless in not knowing that the omissions were deceptive and/or misleading.
- 70. As the direct and proximate result of Defendant's deceptive and/or misleading material omissions, Plaintiffs and putative Class Members have suffered injury-in-fact and a loss of money or property through the out-of-pocket costs expended to purchase Lash Boost.

C. Rodan & Fields' Representations and Material Omissions Indicating That Lash Boost is Safe and Not Associated With Any Serious Adverse Effects

71. The FDA has found that isopropyl cloprostenate poses significant health risks, including but not limited to "ocular irritation, hyperemia, iris color change, macular edema, ocular inflammation, and interference with intraocular pressure reduction therapy."²⁶

²⁵ See https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=CeM1lAfmwBE.

²⁶ https://wayback.archive-

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- 72. The FDA has advised that, because of its potentially harmful effects, products containing isopropyl cloprostenate are "not safe for use except under the supervision of a practitioner licensed by law to administer them."²⁷
- 73. Despite what the FDA has said, Rodan & Fields affirmatively states in its marketing materials that Lash Boost is safe to use as directed and has not been associated with any serious side effects, including change in iris pigmentation, a risk specifically identified by the FDA as stemming from the use of isopropyl cloprostenate. For instance, the Rodan & Fields website states:

Rodan + Fields' philosophy is to create safe and effective formulations, and thus, would not place a product on the market otherwise. ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost is clinically and ophthalmologist tested, and found to be safe and non-irritating. ²⁸

ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost ... contains a complete formula of safe ingredients which moisturize, nourish and protect the appearance of lashes.²⁹

The only serious side effects we have heard about are those associated with drug products, not cosmetics. ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost is a cosmetic, and the ingredients have not been associated with any significant side effects. ³⁰

ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost is not anticipated to cause permanent discoloration on the eye area. ³¹

ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost does not cause discoloration or change in pigmentation of the iris. Those serious side effects are associated with the warnings on drug products only. The cosmetic ingredients used in ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost have never been associated with reports of change in iris pigmentation or any discoloration. ³²

74. In marketing and selling Lash Boost, Rodan & Fields also materially omits and does not adequately disclose to consumers the other side effects isopropyl cloprostenate is known to cause, including hyperemia, macular edema, ocular inflammation, and the lowering of intraocular pressure.

²⁷ *Id*.

²⁸ http://www.rodanandfields.com/rfconnection/?s=lash+boost

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³⁰ *Id*.

³¹ *Id*.

³² *Id*.

75.	Though the Rodan & Fields website does refer to minor potential reactions such as						
irritation, redness, and swelling, Rodan & Fields' instructions for how to deal with such reactions are							
contradictory	y and highly likely to confuse reasonable consumers.						

- 76. For instance, the Lash Boost product page states "[i]f you develop irritation or swelling, discontinue product usage", 33 whereas elsewhere on the website, Rodan & Fields tells consumers that they may experience "temporary tingling or redness, which normally disappears after continued use." In yet another place on the website, Rodan & Fields tells consumers that if they experience tingling, burning, redness, or irritation, they should "reduce the frequency of application to every other day until the sensation no longer occurs. Gradually go back to daily application." 35
- 77. In some instances, the website goes so far as to note that the product may be harmful when used in very specific ways, but conspicuously fails to explain why, or provides highly misleading explanations. For example, the website states:

Applying ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost to the upper lashes alone will subsequently apply to the lower lashes by the way of natural blinking. Thus, we do not recommend applying ENHANCEMENTS Lash Boost on the lower lashes because it could lead to excessive product usage and irritate the eye area.³⁶

This description grossly understates the risks associated with PAs in that it fails to mention that, when PAs are applied to the lower lash line, they can cause excess hair growth outside the treatment area, for instance on the cheek.³⁷

78. In another place, the website states:

If you're . . . being treated for any eye-related disorder, undergoing cancer treatment, prone to dry eyes or styes, consult your physician before use.³⁸

25 http://www.rodanandfields.com/rfconnection/index.php/2017/06/26/can-enhancements-lash-boost-be-used-on-the-lower-lash-line/

³³ https://www.rodanandfields.com/Shop/Product/ENHLSH01#usageNotes_(emphasis supplied)

³⁴ http://www.rodanandfields.com/rfconnection/?s=lash+boost_(emphasis supplied)

³⁵ Id.

³⁷ http://www.latisse.com/FAQs.aspx;

https://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/02/health/02latisse.html ("Latisse must be dabbed on the upper lash line only, since it can grow unintended hair — on the cheek, for example.")

³⁸ http://www.rodanandfields.com/rfconnection/?s=lash+boost

Again, this warning is not specific with respect to the documented risk that Lash Boost may interfere with glaucoma treatment or lower intraocular pressure.

- 79. These statements and omissions are likely to mislead and deceive ordinary consumers of Lash Boost and have deceived Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs reasonably understood the labeling and marketing of the Products to mean or imply that Lash Boost is safe to use and not associated with serious adverse effects.
- 80. Yet, in reality, Lash Boost can and does cause damage to the eyes when used in accordance with the instructions provided to consumers.
- 81. For instance, the Journal of Cosmetic Dermatology has published a case study noting that isopropyl cloprostenate has been associated with periocular discoloration.³⁹
- 82. Furthermore, numerous consumers have complained online that Lash Boost has caused side effects including, among other things, burning, itching, redness, discoloration, swelling, styes, severe dry eye, eyelash fallout, hair growth outside the application area, drooping eyelids, and infections.⁴⁰ For example:
 - Started using this product in the late spring of 2017, by June my eyes were infected and i was in severe pain, doctor visits and more doctor visits, prescriptions...loss of lashes, I am STILL dealing with this!⁴¹
 - Growing hair on cheekbones. I am horrified and totally think that R&F should be responsible for not listing this as a side effect!⁴²

³⁹ See Orsolya N. Horváth et. al., Periocular discoloration after using a prostaglandin analog for eyelash enhancement: Evaluation with reflectance confocal microscopy, JOURNAL OF COSMETIC DERMATOLOGY (Sept. 2016) ("[a] woman was admitted to our outpatient department with

periocular discoloration. She applied a serum with the active ingredient isopropyl cloprostenate for enhancing the growth of the eyelashes").

⁴⁰ Notably, Latisse users are instructed to apply the drug with included one-use applicators in order to avoid infection. *See* https://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/02/health/02latisse.html. Lash Boost comes with a single applicator wand that is meant to be used over and over again.

⁴¹ https://rodan-and-fields.pissedconsumer.com/wish-i-d-never-heard-of-lash-boost-201710231119104.html

⁴² https://rodan-and-fields.pissedconsumer.com/rodan-and-fields-lash-boost-serum-review-201705301054140.html

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- ...my eyes were red, itchy and watery ... three weeks, 4 opthamogist visits, a trip to urgent care and over \$200 in different medications later, my eyes are finally settling down.⁵³
- Used this product for one month. Had slight eye itchiness but tried to "deal with it" to see the results. Well a month in and my left eye will NOT stop tearing. Terrible! There is something dangerous in this product!⁵⁴
- 83. One consumer even posted a video on YouTube demonstrating that Lash Boost has caused persistent drooping of her eyelid.⁵⁵ The video, which has attracted over 130,000 views, includes a link to an article in the Review of Opthamology which notes that eyelid drooping is a known side effect of PA use, and explains: "exposure to the prostaglandin affects [peri-orbital fat cells'] metabolism, causing them to shrink. The shrinkage of the fat cells surrounding the eye causes enophthalmos—the eye becomes more sunken-in. The result is a deepening of the superior eye lid sulcus, while periorbital fat tissue seems to melt away."⁵⁶
- 84. Based on the marketing of Lash Boost, Plaintiffs reasonably believed that it was safe to use and not associated with serious adverse effects. Plaintiffs purchased the Products in reliance on Defendant's representations and material omissions to this effect.
- 85. Unknown to Plaintiffs and putative Class Members at the time of purchase, and known to Defendant, Lash Boost contains ingredients that may cause damage to the eyes upon proper application.
- 86. Defendant is aware that Lash Boost may cause such damage due to an undisclosed drug ingredient. Despite notice and knowledge of the injuries caused by Lash Boost via the numerous consumer complaints Defendant has directly received and which are publicly available on the internet, Defendant has failed and/or refused to provide an adequate remedy for the systemic injuries caused by Lash Boost.

⁵³ https://rodan-and-fields.pissedconsumer.com/lash-boost-is-a-bust-201803221216835.html

⁵⁴ https://rodan-and-fields.pissedconsumer.com/rodan-and-fields-lash-boost-201801241175433.html

⁵⁵ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HlbQeZ54Kk

⁵⁶ Stanley J. Berke, *PAP: New Concerns for Prostaglandin Use*, REVIEW OF OPTHAMOLOGY (Oct. 2012), available at https://www.reviewofophthalmology.com/article/pap-new-concerns-for-prostaglandin-use

- 87. Defendant has not recalled, relabeled or reformulated Lash Boost, nor has it warned consumers about the dangers associated with using Lash Boost.
- 88. Plaintiffs and Class Members relied, to their detriment, on Defendant to distribute safe products. Instead, Defendant marketed and sold a product that is known to cause serious adverse effects.
- 89. As a result of Defendant's material omissions, and the false, deceptive, and misleading statements in Lash Boost's marketing materials, including that "Lash Boost is ... safe and non-irritating," "Lash Boost ... contains a complete formula of safe ingredients which moisturize, nourish and protect the appearance of lashes," "[Lash Boost's] ingredients have not been associated with any significant side effects," "Lash Boost is not anticipated to cause permanent discoloration on the eye area," and "the cosmetic ingredients used in ... Lash Boost have never been associated with reports of change in iris pigmentation or any discoloration," Plaintiffs and the putative Class Members purchased Lash Boost with no reason to know or suspect the dangers associated with using it. Not until eye injuries occurred would a putative Class Member have reason to know or suspect the dangers associated with Lash Boost.
- 90. Defendant made the above-described statements and omissions with the knowledge that they were false, deceptive and/or misleading, and with the intent that consumers rely on them. Alternatively, Defendant was reckless in not knowing that the representations and omissions were false, deceptive and/or misleading at the time that they were made.
- 91. Furthermore, as the direct and proximate result of Defendant's false, deceptive and/or misleading statements and omissions, Plaintiffs and putative Class Members have suffered injury-infact and a loss of money or property through the out-of-pocket costs expended to purchase Lash Boost.

V. PLAINTIFFS' FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Plaintiff Caryn Gorzo

92. After viewing advertisements posted by a Rodan & Fields consultant on Facebook, Plaintiff Caryn Gorzo visited the Rodan & Fields website to read more about Lash Boost.

- 93. Plaintiff Gorzo observed that the product was touted as being "safe" and "non-irritating." She also noted that the website did not warn of any serious side effects.
- 94. At the time, she was aware of the existence of the prescription eyelash growth product, Latisse, and its attendant side effects, and believed that, unlike Latisse, Lash Boost was not a drug because it was not advertised as such and did not require a prescription.
- 95. Having been assured by the website of the product's safety and status as purely a cosmetic product, Plaintiff Gorzo placed an order with the Rodan & Fields consultant on or about June 1, 2017.
- 96. Plaintiff Gorzo also signed up for Rodan & Fields' auto-ship option and has since purchased and received two additional tubes of the product through Rodan & Fields' auto-ship program.
- 97. Plaintiff Gorzo reasonably relied upon the deceptive and misleading claims on Rodan & Fields' website in purchasing Lash Boost.
- 98. Plaintiff Gorzo used the product shortly after purchasing it and followed the product directions during application. Part of the way through her second tube, she was forced to discontinue use of the product because of the side effects she was experiencing, including redness, itching, and pain.
- 99. At the time, a third tube had already been auto-shipped to her. Plaintiff Gorzo was unable to use the rest of her second tube, or any of her third tube of Lash Boost.
- 100. Plaintiff Gorzo suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was "safe and non-irritating," and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable and not a drug.
- 101. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Gorzo with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the potential dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Gorzo would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, or contained ingredients known to cause serious adverse effects.

102. Plaintiff Gorzo would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Kasey Poe

- 103. Plaintiff Kasey Poe first heard about Rodan & Fields Lash Boost through a social media "moms" group she was a member of. Another member of the group posted an advertisement for a Rodan & Fields-themed event where people could learn more about the company's products.
- 104. Plaintiff Poe attended this event in the Fall of 2017 and saw Lash Boost displayed there. She was impressed by the results Rodan & Fields advertised, but as a general matter, is cautious about the products she uses, especially when they are to be applied around her eye area. As a result, she delayed purchasing the product.
- 105. Subsequently, she read through the Rodan & Fields product webpage for Lash Boost and noted that it was advertised as being a safe "lash conditioner." She did not see anything indicating that Lash Boost was a drug, and believed it was a purely cosmetic product.
- 106. Several months later, in January of 2018, she saw the product being advertised on a Rodan & Field consultant's Facebook page, and placed an order with the consultant on or about January 10, 2018.
- 107. Plaintiff Poe reasonably relied upon the deceptive and misleading claims on Rodan & Fields' website in purchasing Lash Boost.
- 108. Plaintiff Poe used the product shortly after purchasing it and followed the product directions during application. After her third or fourth nightly application of the product, she awoke to eyes that were itchy, red, and painful.
- 109. After learning that the product might contain drug ingredients, Plaintiff Poe discontinued use of the product.
- 110. Plaintiff Poe suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe" "lash conditioner" and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.

- 111. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Poe with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Poe would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.
- 112. Plaintiff Poe would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Anna Dohnke

- 113. Plaintiff Anna Dohnke first learned about Lash Boost from a Rodan & Fields consultant who contacted her about the product in October 2016, before the product was officially released on or around November 2, 2016.
- 114. Because Plaintiff Dohnke is generally cautious about the products she uses on her skin, she delayed purchasing Lash Boost for several months after it was released. During this period, Plaintiff Dohnke spoke with the consultant numerous times, and the consultant repeatedly assured her that the product was totally safe to use.
- 115. During one of these conversations, on January 9, 2017, Plaintiff Dohnke asked the consultant "Does [Lash Boost] have any reactions with the eyes (I remember a few years ago, something came out to darken or thicken your lashes, and it actually caused light eyes to change color.)"
- 116. The consultant responded: "Yes, that's Latisse, it can cause darkening of the eye lids and iris'!! EEK this is a conditioning serum, it works totally different and does not have the same side effects. It gives you longer, darker, fuller, looking lashes."
- 117. Plaintiff Dohnke was somewhat reassured by this and her other conversations with the consultant, but also visited the Rodan & Fields website and reviewed information on that website about Lash Boost. Specifically, she reviewed website statements indicating that Lash Boost was safe to use and not associated with any serious side effects.

- 118. On or about January 20, 2017, Plaintiff Dohnke ordered her first tube of Lash Boost through the consultant she had spoken to. She subsequently bought two more tubes of Lash Boost through this consultant in May 2017 and January 2018.
- 119. Plaintiff Dohnke reasonably relied upon the deceptive and misleading claims on Rodan & Fields' website, as well as the deceptive and misleading claims made by the Rodan & Fields consultant, in purchasing Lash Boost.
- 120. Plaintiff Dohnke used the product shortly after purchasing it and followed the product directions during application. Sometime after beginning to use the product, Plaintiff Dohnke began to experience gradually worsening symptoms, including redness, irritation, sharp and sudden pain in the area between the tear duct and iris, yellowing of the eye, foreign body sensation ("FBS") in the eyes, dry eyes, and blurry vision.
- 121. On or about June 8, 2017, one of Plaintiff Dohnke's colleagues commented on a thick, yellow area that had developed on the cornea of her right eye. The colleague mentioned that it appeared to be a pterygium a discolored, triangular tissue growth that invades the eye and has the potential to obscure the optical center of the cornea. The colleague noted that she recognized the condition because she had experienced it herself.
- 122. In early July of 2017, Plaintiff Dohnke had a doctor's visit with her general practitioner, who confirmed that her eye growth appeared to be a pterygium.
- 123. Plaintiff Dohnke began to suspect, based on the fact that she had not changed anything else about her routine, that Lash Boost could be the source of her condition. She began to use the product less frequently starting in the fall of 2017, and stopped using it altogether around March 2018, after which some of her side effects subsided and/or became less severe. She was not able to use any of the third tube of Lash Boost she purchased.
- 124. Plaintiff Dohnke suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it is a safe, non-drug product not associated with any significant side effects, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost is legally saleable.

- 125. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Dohnke with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Dohnke would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.
- 126. Plaintiff Dohnke would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Lien Scherr

- 127. Plaintiff Lien Scherr purchased Lash Boost from the Rodan & Fields website on or about September 5, 2017. Because Lash Boost is sold over the counter, Plaintiff Scherr did not need a prescription to purchase the product, and she relied on the information provided in an don the Lash Boost packaging and advertising to be accurate and complete.
- 128. Prior to purchasing Lash Bost, Plaintiff Scherr saw, heard, and relied on advertisements, representations, and statements prepared and approved by Rodan & Fields, disseminated through national advertising media, including the Rodan & Fields website.
- 129. Prior to purchasing the product, Plaintiff Scherr understood use of Lash Boost to cause eyelash growth. Prior to purchasing the product, Plaintiff Scherr was unaware that Lash Boost contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with severe side effects.
- 130. Plaintiff Scherr used the product as directed and experienced ocular irritation, burning sensations in and around her eye, and a red and irritated eyelid.
- 131. Plaintiff Scherr suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe" cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.
- 132. Plaintiff Scherr would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known of the potential dangerous side effects.
- 133. Plaintiff Scherr would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Jolene Lewis Volpe (Barbara Lewis)

- 134. Plaintiff Jolene Lewis Volpe ("Plaintiff Lewis") purchased Lash Boost in February 2018. Plaintiff Lewis used the product once or twice in February 2018, and she used the product for approximately two weeks in March 2018.
- 135. Plaintiff Lewis reasonably relied on Rodan & Fields' deceptive and misleading claims, believing that Lash Boost was a purely cosmetic product containing no drug ingredients.
- 136. Three days after Plaintiff Lewis stopped using Lash Boost, she developed a chalazion on her right eye. A chalazion is a small bump that appears on the eyelid due to blocked oil glands. After developing the chalazion, Plaintiff Lewis stopped using Lash Boost.
- 137. Three days later, Plaintiff Lewis developed a hordeolum (otherwise known as a stye, or a bacterial infection of an old gland in the eyelid) in her left eye.
- 138. Three days after developing the hordeolum, Plaintiff Lewis developed blepharitis (inflammation of the eyelids) and was prescribed antibiotics due to the infection. Plaintiff Lewis visited a doctor three times in connection with the issues she experienced as a result of using Lash Boost.
- 139. Plaintiff Lewis suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe" cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.
- 140. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Lewis with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Lewis would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.

Plaintiff Bobbie Joe Huling

- 141. Plaintiff Bobbie Joe Huling purchased Lash Boost in May 2017.
- 142. Plaintiff Huling reasonably relied on Rodan & Fields' deceptive and misleading claims, believing that Lash Boost was a purely cosmetic product containing no drug ingredients.

- 143. Plaintiff Huling experienced red and itchy eyes following use of the product. In the morning after using the product, Plaintiff Huling's vision was blurry until she washed her face and put cold water on her eyes. Plaintiff Huling noticed that she was blinking more following use of Lash Boost.
- 144. Plaintiff Huling also noticed that her eye color was changing after using Lash Boost.

 After using the product for approximately two weeks and experiencing an adverse reaction, Plaintiff Huling stopped using the product. After ceasing use, Plaintiff Huling's eyes returned to normal.
- 145. Plaintiff Huling suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe" cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.
- 146. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Huling with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Huling would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.
- 147. Plaintiff Huling would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Cynthia Whetsell

- 148. Plaintiff Cynthia Whetsell purchased Lash Boost in May 2017 from a Rodan & Fields consultant.
- 149. Plaintiff Whetsell reasonably relied on Rodan & Fields' deceptive and misleading claims, believing that Lash Boost was a purely cosmetic product containing no drug ingredients.
- 150. Following her use of Lash Boost, Plaintiff Whetsell experienced burning, dryness, and redness in her eyes. She also developed a grey spot in her vision and had serious retinopathy. It took roughly six months for her vision to go back to normal after using Lash Boost.
- 151. Plaintiff Whetsell suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe"

cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.

152. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Whetsell with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Whetsell would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.

Plaintiff Martha Merle

- 153. Plaintiff Martha Merle purchased Lash Boost in January 2018.
- 154. Plaintiff Merle reasonably relied on Rodan & Fields' deceptive and misleading claims, believing that Lash Boost was a purely cosmetic product containing no drug ingredients.
- 155. Plaintiff Merle used Lash Boost as directed from January 2018 through April 2018. After using the product, Plaintiff Merle experienced swelling, irritation, itching, flaking, and eye pain, and the skin around her eyes became droopy.
- 156. Plaintiff Merle suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe" cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.
- 157. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Merle with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Merle would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.
- 158. Plaintiff Merle would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Teresa Gattuso

159. Plaintiff Teresa Gattuso purchased Lash Boost in June 2017 and used the product for approximately eight weeks.

- 160. Plaintiff Gattuso reasonably relied on Rodan & Fields' deceptive and misleading claims, believing that Lash Boost was a purely cosmetic product containing no drug ingredients.
- 161. Following use of Lash Boost, Plaintiff Gattuso experienced eye pain, unusual tearing, lid crusting, and blurry vision. In addition, her eyelids were redder than normal, and some of her eyelashes fell out after she used Lash Boost.
- 162. Although some of her eyelashes have grown back after Plaintiff Gattuso stopped using Lash Boost, her eyelashes have not been restored to what they were like prior to Plaintiff Gattuso's use of Lash Boost.
- 163. Plaintiff Gattuso suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe" cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.
- 164. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Gattuso with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Gattuso would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.
- 165. Plaintiff Gattuso would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Elissa Wagner

- 166. Plaintiff Elissa Wagner purchased Lash Boost in September 2017, and she previously received a tube of Lash Boost as a gift in the late winter or early spring of 2017.
- 167. Plaintiff Wagner reasonably relied on Rodan & Fields' deceptive and misleading claims, believing that Lash Boost was a purely cosmetic product containing no drug ingredients.
- 168. After Plaintiff Wagner used Lash Boost, she experienced burning eyes, irritation, and white discharge from her eyes in the mornings.
- 169. Plaintiff Wagner suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe"

cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.

- 170. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Wagner with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Wagner would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.
- 171. Plaintiff Wagner would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

Plaintiff Dixie Williams

- 172. Plaintiff Dixie Williams purchased Lash Boost in March 2017 from a Rodan & Fields consultant.
- 173. Plaintiff Williams reasonably relied on Rodan & Fields' deceptive and misleading claims, believing that Lash Boost was a purely cosmetic product containing no drug ingredients.
- 174. After Plaintiff Williams used Lash Boost, she experienced burning, itching, and watery eyes. She developed a rash on her eyelid, and her eyelid became discolored and darkened. In addition, Plaintiff Williams developed a bump on her eyelid, and her eyelashes no longer grow where the bump is located.
- 175. Plaintiff Williams suffered injury as a result of her purchase of Lash Boost because she was deceived into purchasing the product based on Defendant's representations that it was a "safe" cosmetic product and not a drug, and its material omissions indicating that Lash Boost was legally saleable.
- 176. At no time did Defendant provide Plaintiff Williams with any warnings concerning the true nature of Lash Boost or the dangers associated with its use. Plaintiff Williams would not have purchased Lash Boost had she known that it was being sold illegally, contained drug ingredients, and/or contained ingredients known to cause adverse effects.
- 177. Plaintiff Williams would purchase Lash Boost in the future if she could be assured that it no longer contained an undisclosed drug ingredient associated with serious undisclosed side effects.

VI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 178. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege the above paragraphs.
- 179. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and the members of the proposed Class, which consists of:

All current and former consumers in the United States or its territories who purchased Lash Boost for personal, family, or household purposes between October 1, 2016 and the date of the entry of an order granting preliminary approval to the Settlement Agreement, (the "Settlement Class Period") excluding (a) any individuals who have pending litigation against R+F; (b) any Settlement Class Members who file a timely request for exclusion; (c) any officers, directors, or employees, or immediate family members of the officers, directors, or employees, of R+F or any entity in which R+F has a controlling interest; (d) any person who has acted as an Independent Consultant of R+F; (e) any legal counsel or employee of legal counsel for R+F; (f) any federal, state, or local government entities; (g) any person who has previously released the claims encompassed herein; (h) any person who returned the Product and received a refund; and (i) any judicial officers presiding over the Actions and the members of their immediate family and judicial staff.

- 180. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder is impractical. The Class consist of thousands of members, the precise number which is within the knowledge of and can be ascertained only by resort to Rodan & Fields' records.
- 181. There are numerous questions of law and fact common to the Class which predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:
 - a. Whether Lash Boost qualifies as a drug product under California laws governing food, drugs, and cosmetics;
 - b. Whether Lash Boost is misbranded under California laws governing food, drugs, and cosmetics;
 - c. Whether the manufacture, marketing, or sale of Lash Boost is unlawful under California laws governing food, drugs, and cosmetics;
 - d. Whether Defendant had a duty to disclose material facts regarding Lash Boost's status as a drug, safety concerns associated with Lash Boost, or the illegality of Lash Boost sales;
 - e. Whether Defendant had a duty to not misrepresent material facts regarding Lash Boost's status as a drug, safety concerns associated with Lash Boost, or the illegality of Lash Boost sales;
 - f. Whether Defendant failed to disclose material facts regarding safety concerns associated with Lash Boost;
 - g. Whether Defendant failed to disclose material facts regarding Lash Boost's status as a drug or the illegality of Lash Boost sales;
 - h. Whether Defendant misrepresented material facts regarding safety concerns associated with Lash Boost;

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- i. Whether Defendant misrepresented material facts regarding Lash Boost's status as a drug or the illegality of Lash Boost sales;
- j. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations would be material to a reasonable consumer;
- k. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations constitute an unlawful business practice in violation of the UCL;
- l. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations constitute an unfair business practice in violation of the UCL;
- m. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations were likely to deceive a reasonable consumer in violation of the UCL, CLRA, or FAL;
- n. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations were likely to deceive a reasonable consumer in violation of 815 ILL. COMP. STAT. 505/1, et seq. and 720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 295/1A;
- o. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations were likely to deceive a reasonable consumer in violation of Wash Rev. Code §§ 19.86.010 et seq.;
- p. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations were likely to deceive a reasonable consumer in violation of Fla. Stat. §§ 501.21 et seq.;
- q. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations were likely to deceive a reasonable consumer in violation of NY Gen. Bus. Law §§ 349-350 et seq.;
- r. Whether Defendant's nondisclosures and misrepresentations were likely to deceive a reasonable consumer in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws CH. 3A, §§ 1, et seq.
- s. Whether Defendant knowingly or willfully misrepresented or failed to disclose Lash Boost's status as a drug, significant safety concerns associated with Lash Boost, or the illegality of Lash Boost sales;
- t. Whether Defendant's conduct constituted fraudulent misrepresentation;
- u. Whether Defendant's conduct constituted fraudulent concealment;
- v. Whether Defendant's conduct constituted negligent misrepresentation;
- w. Whether Defendant's conduct constituted common law fraud;
- x. Whether Defendant was unjustly enriched by receiving moneys in exchange for Lash Boost;
- y. Whether the challenged practices harmed Plaintiffs and members of the Class; and
- z. Whether Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to damages, restitution, equitable relief, and/or injunctive relief.
- 182. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class because Plaintiffs, like all members of the Class, purchased Lash Boost when its marketing materials contained serious omissions and misrepresentations regarding its safety and its status as a purely cosmetic product, as opposed to a drug product. Furthermore, like all members of the class, Plaintiffs sustained damages from Rodan & Fields' wrongful conduct. Accordingly, Plaintiffs have no interests antagonistic to the interests of any other member of the Class.
- 183. Plaintiffs are representatives who will fully and adequately assert and protect the interests of the Class and have retained counsel who is experienced in prosecuting class actions.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs are adequate representative and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class.

- 184. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this lawsuit because individual litigation of the claims of all members of the Class is economically unfeasible and procedurally impracticable.
- 185. While the aggregate damages sustained by the Class are in the millions of dollars, the individual damages incurred by each member of the Class resulting from Rodan & Fields' wrongful conduct are too small to warrant the expense of individual lawsuits. The likelihood of individual Class members prosecuting their own separate claims is remote, and, even if every member of the Class could afford individual litigation, the court system would be unduly burdened by individual litigation of such cases.
- 186. Rodan & Fields has acted or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.
- 187. The prosecution of separate actions by members of the Class would create a risk of establishing inconsistent rulings and/or incompatible standards of conduct for Rodan & Fields. For example, one court might enjoin Rodan & Fields from performing the challenged acts, whereas another might not. Additionally, individual actions may be dispositive of the interests of the Class, although certain class members are not parties to such actions.
- 188. The conduct of Rodan & Fields is generally applicable to the Class as a whole and Plaintiffs seek, *inter alia*, equitable remedies with respect to the Class as a whole. As such, the systematic policies and practices of Rodan & Fields make declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole appropriate.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF THE "FRAUDULENT" PRONG OF THE UCL (CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17200, et seq.) on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 189. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 190. The UCL defines unfair business competition to include any "unlawful, unfair or fraudulent" act or practice, as well as any "unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading" advertising. Cal. Bus. & Pro. Code § 17200.
- 191. A business act or practice is "fraudulent" under the UCL if it is likely to deceive members of the consuming public.
- 192. Defendant has violated the fraudulent prong of § 17200, because its material misrepresentations and omissions regarding safety concerns associated with Lash Boost and the fact that Lash Boost is illegally marketed and sold as a purely cosmetic product when it is actually a drug, have deceived Plaintiffs and are highly likely to deceive reasonable members of the consuming public.
- 193. Plaintiffs and members of the Class have suffered injury in fact, including the loss of money, as a result of Defendant's unlawful, unfair, and/or deceptive practices. Specifically, Defendant's material misrepresentations and omissions about the safety, legality, and drug ingredients of Lash Boost induced reasonable purchasers, including Plaintiffs, to buy the product, which they otherwise would not have purchased or would have paid less for.
- 194. All of the wrongful conduct alleged herein occurred, and continues to occur, in the conduct of Rodan & Fields' business. Defendant's wrongful conduct is part of a general practice that is still being perpetuated and repeated throughout the State of California.
- 195. Furthermore, as a result of the conduct described above, Defendant has been unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Class. Specifically, Defendant has been unjustly enriched by obtaining revenues and profits that it would not otherwise have obtained absent its false, misleading and deceptive conduct.

- 196. Through its fraudulent acts and practices, Defendant has improperly obtained money from Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 197. Consequently, Plaintiffs request that this court cause Defendant to restore this money to Plaintiff and all Class members, and to enjoin Defendant from continuing to violate the UCL as discussed herein and/or from violating the UCL in the future. Plaintiffs and the Class may be irreparably harmed and/or denied an effective and complete remedy if such an order is not granted.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF THE "UNLAWFUL" PRONG OF THE UCL (CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17200, et seq.) on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 198. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 199. The UCL defines unfair business competition to include any "unlawful, unfair or fraudulent" act or practice, as well as any "unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading" advertising. Cal. Bus. & Pro. Code § 17200.
- 200. A business act or practice is "unlawful" under the UCL if it violates any other law or regulation.
- 201. Defendant has violated the unlawful prong by virtue of its violations of the Sherman Food Drug & Cosmetics Laws, California's Health & Safety Code §§ 109875 et seq., selling new drugs without an approved new drug application, and selling misbranded drug and cosmetic products. In addition, Defendant has violated the unlawful prong by virtue of its violations of the CLRA and the FAL.
- 202. As a result of the conduct described above, Defendant has been unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Class. Specifically, Defendant has been unjustly enriched by obtaining revenues and profits that it would not otherwise have obtained absent its false, misleading and deceptive conduct.
- 203. Through its unlawful acts and practices, Defendant has improperly obtained money from Plaintiffs and the Class.

204. Consequently, Plaintiffs request that this court cause Defendant to restore this money to Plaintiffs and all Class members, and to enjoin Defendant from continuing to violate the UCL as discussed herein and/or from violating the UCL in the future. Plaintiffs and the Class may be irreparably harmed and/or denied an effective and complete remedy if such an order is not granted.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF THE "UNFAIR" PRONG OF THE UCL (CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE § 17200, et seq.) on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 205. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 206. The UCL defines unfair business competition to include any "unlawful, unfair or fraudulent" act or practice, as well as any "unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading" advertising. Cal. Bus. & Pro. Code § 17200.
- 207. A business act or practice is "unfair" under the UCL if the reasons, justifications and motives of the alleged wrongdoer are outweighed by the gravity of the harm to the alleged victims.
- 208. Defendant has violated the unfair prong of § 17200 because the acts and practices set forth in the Complaint—including making misrepresentations and material omissions regarding the drug ingredients contained in Lash Boost and the serious safety concerns associated with them—offend established public policy.
- 209. The challenged conduct substantially injures consumers, and the harm to consumers greatly outweighs any benefits associated with Defendant's actions. Reasonable consumers are not in a position to understand, given Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions, the safety concerns posed by Lash Boost, or the fact that it is actually a drug that is illegally marketed and sold.
- 210. Through its unfair acts and practices, Defendant has improperly obtained money from Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 211. Consequently, Plaintiffs request that this court cause Defendant to restore this money to Plaintiffs and all Class members, and to enjoin Defendant from continuing to violate the UCL as discussed herein and/or from violating the UCL in the future. Otherwise, Plaintiffs and the Classes

may be irreparably harmed and/or denied an effective and complete remedy if such an order is not granted.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATIONS OF THE FALSE ADVERTSING LAW (CAL. BUS. & PROF CODE §§ 17500, et seq.) on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 212. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 213. California's Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq. prohibits unfair, deceptive, untrue, or misleading advertising. When the seller has a duty to disclose material facts about a product, the sale of the product to consumers without disclosure of such material facts violates the FAL.
- 214. Defendant markets and sells Lash Boost as if it were a purely cosmetic product free of significant safety concerns, when in fact, the reverse is true. Specifically, Defendant materially misrepresents and misleads consumers about the fact that Lash Boost is a Drug, and the fact that it poses serious health risks, and omits from its marketing materials the fact that Lash Boost is misbranded and sold illegally.
- 215. Through its false advertising scheme, Defendant has improperly obtained money from Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 216. Consequently, Plaintiffs request that this court cause Defendant to restore this money to Plaintiffs and all Class members, and to enjoin Defendant from continuing to violate the FAL as discussed herein and/or from violating the FAL in the future. Plaintiffs and the Class may be irreparably harmed and/or denied an effective and complete remedy if such an order is not granted.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATIONS OF THE CONSUMERS LEGAL REMEDIES ACT (CAL. CIV. CODE § 1750, et seq.) on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

217. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 218. Plaintiffs and each member of the proposed class are "consumers" within the meaning of California Civil Code § 1761(d).
- 219. Defendant's sales of Lash Boost were "transactions" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(e).
- 220. The products purchased by Plaintiffs and the Class are "goods" within the meaning of California Civil Code §1761(a).
- 221. Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(2) prohibits "[m]isrepresenting the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services."
- 222. As described herein, Defendant violated the CLRA by marketing and selling misbranded drug products, which required government approval prior to sale, but which lacked such approval. The sale of each Lash Boost product was a misrepresentation to consumers that the product was recognized as safe by the FDA and/or California Department of Public Health, when it was not.
- 223. Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(5) prohibits "[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have...." Furthermore, Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(7) prohibits "[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another."
- 224. Defendant violated these provisions of the CLRA by marketing and selling misbranded drug and cosmetic products that posed serious health and safety concerns. The sale of each Lash Boost product misrepresented that the product was free of undisclosed safety concerns. In addition, the sale of each Lash Boost Product misrepresented that the product is not a drug, has been determined to be safe, and is otherwise legally offered for sale.
- 225. The CLRA (including §§ 1770(a) (2), (5), (7)) supports claims for omissions of material fact that Defendant was obligated to disclose. In this case, Defendant was obligated, but failed to disclose the known safety concerns associated with the isopropyl cloprostenate contained in its Lash Boost products, the fact that Lash Boost is a drug, and the illegality of Lash Boost sales.

- 226. Plaintiffs relied on Defendant's false and misleading omissions and representations about the safety and legal status of Lash Boost in deciding to the product through Defendant's website and distributors. Plaintiffs would not have purchased the products they bought or would not have been willing to pay the amount they did absent Defendant's unlawful conduct.
- 227. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1780(a), on April 17, 2018, counsel for Plaintiffs provided proper notice of their intent to pursue claims under the CLRA and an opportunity to cure to Defendant via certified mail to Defendant's registered agent at 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 150N, San Francisco, CA 95833. The domestic return receipt indicates the letter was delivered and signed for on April 19, 2018 by Vicki Plough. A copy of the letter was also sent certified to Rodan & Fields' headquarters in San Francisco, California, which was signed for by Randall Vaughn on April 18, 2018. True and correct copies of the April 17, 2018 notice letter and the related return receipts are attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 228. Plaintiffs request this Court enjoin Defendant from continuing to violate the CLRA as discussed herein and/or from violating the UCL in the future. Plaintiffs, the Classes and members of the general public may be irreparably harmed and/or denied effective and complete remedy if such an order is not granted.
- 229. To date, Defendant has not responded to the CLRA letter and has taken no action to remedy its unlawful activities described herein or to otherwise address the CLRA violations and associated harm Plaintiffs outlined in their notice letter. Thus, Plaintiffs hereby amend their complaint pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1782(b) and (d) to seek actual and punitive damages, in addition to restitution, injunctive relief, and any other relief the Court deems proper.
- 230. Plaintiffs' affidavits stating facts showing that venue in this District is proper pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1780(c) are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION COMMON LAW FRAUD on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

231. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.

- 232. Defendant engaged in fraudulent and deceptive conduct. As described above, Defendant's conduct defrauded Plaintiffs and Class members by intentionally leading them to believe, through affirmative misrepresentations and omissions of material fact, that Lash Boost possesses important characteristics that it in fact does not possess—namely that it is not a drug, that it is not associated with any serious side effects, and that it is legally marketed and sold—and inducing their purchases.
- 233. Defendant's intentional and material misrepresentations included, among other things, its advertising, marketing materials and messages, labeling and other standardized statements claiming the Lash Boost is a purely cosmetic product whose ingredients have not been associated with any serious side effects.
 - 234. The foregoing misrepresentations were uniform across all Class members.
- 235. The same extensive and widespread advertising campaign was promoted throughout the State of California, and all of the promotional materials contained the same material representations regarding Lash Boost's safety and status as a non-drug product.
- 236. These representations were false, as detailed herein. Defendant knew the representations were false when it made them and thereby intended to defraud purchasers.
- 237. Defendant's actions constitute "actual fraud" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1572 because Defendant did the following with the intent to deceive Plaintiffs and Class members and to induce them to enter into their contracts:
 - a. Positively asserted that Lash Boost is not a drug product and does not contain any over-thecounter (OTC) or drug ingredients, even though it knew this to be not true;
 - b. Positively asserted that Lash Boost's ingredients have not been associated with any significant side effects, or with reports of change in iris pigmentation or any discoloration, in a manner not warranted by the information available to Defendant;
 - c. Suppressed the true nature of Lash Boost, its ingredients, and its legal status from Plaintiffs and Class members; and
 - d. Promised it would deliver a safe, purely cosmetic product with no intention of so doing.

- 238. Defendant's actions, listed above, also constituted "deceit" as defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1710 because Defendant willfully deceived Plaintiffs and Class members with intent to induce them to alter their positions to their detriment by purchasing Lash Boost.
- 239. Defendant's fraud and concealment was also uniform across all Class members; Defendant concealed from everyone the true nature of Lash Boost and its ingredients.
- 240. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions were material in that they would affect a reasonable consumer's decision to purchase Lash Boost. A reasonable consumer would not purchase an eyelash enhancement serum advertised as being a safe, purely cosmetic product if they knew it contained drug ingredients associated with serious adverse effects and had not gone through the proper regulatory approval process.
- 241. Defendant's intentionally deceptive conduct induced Plaintiffs and Class members to purchase Lash Boost and resulted in harm and damage to them.
- 242. Plaintiffs believed and relied upon Defendant's misrepresentations and concealment of the true facts. Class members are presumed to have believed and relied upon Defendant's misrepresentations and concealment of the true facts because those facts are material to a reasonable consumer's decision to purchase Lash Boost.
- 243. As a result of Defendant's inducements, Plaintiffs and Class members sustained actual damages including but not limited to receiving a product that does not possess the promised qualities, and not receiving the benefit of the bargain of their Lash Boost purchases. If Plaintiffs and Class members had known about the true nature of Lash Boost and its ingredients, they would not have purchased Lash Boost or would have paid significantly less for them. Defendant is therefore liable to Plaintiffs and Class members in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 244. Defendant's conduct was systematic, repetitious, knowing, intentional, and malicious, and demonstrated a lack of care and reckless disregard for Plaintiffs' and Class members' rights and interests. Defendant's conduct thus warrants an assessment of punitive damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 3294, consistent with the actual harm it has caused, the reprehensibility of its conduct, and the need to punish and deter such conduct.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION UNJUST ENRICHMENT on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 245. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.
- 246. Plaintiffs and members of the class conferred a benefit upon Defendant. Namely, Plaintiffs and members of the class paid money to Defendant for Lash Boost.
- 247. Defendant, however, retained that benefit under circumstances that make it unjust and inequitable for Defendant to retain it without paying Plaintiffs and members of the class the value thereof. Specifically, Defendant retained that benefit despite the fact that Lash Boost is a drug product, contains ingredients associated with serious adverse effects, and is illegally marketed and sold.
- 248. When purchasing Lash Boost, Plaintiffs and Class members reasonably believed that it was a purely cosmetic product whose ingredients were not associated with serious adverse effects, as advertised and as warranted, and that it was legally saleable.
- 249. Plaintiffs and Class members received less than what they paid for in that Lash Boost did not possess any of these qualities.
- 250. Plaintiffs and Class members conferred a benefit on Defendant by purchasing the Lash Boost. Had Plaintiffs and Class members known the true facts about Lash Boost, they would not have purchased it or would have paid significantly less for it.
- 251. Defendant should therefore be required to disgorge all profits, benefits, and other such compensation it obtained through its wrongful conduct.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

252. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.

- 253. Plaintiffs bring their claims for negligent misrepresentation based on the laws of the States of California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Washington.
- 254. Defendant failed to disclose and omitted the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost on its product packaging and labeling. The material information omitted from the product packaging and labeling that accompanied the product was also not to be found in Defendant's advertising, on its website, or in its marketing materials.
- 255. Defendant had no reasonable grounds to believe that its warnings were not deceptive about material facts, particularly when the side effects associated with prostaglandin analogs, such as isopropyl cloprostenate, are well established within the medical and scientific community; when Defendant claims that Lash Boost was ophthalmologist-tested; when Latisse, a primary competitor of Defendant, which also contains a prostaglandin analog, discloses side effects associated with Latisse; and when Defendant's consumers publicly disclosed significant side effects associated with using Lash Bost that were consistent with the side effects identified in medical research and by the producers of Latisse.
- 256. Defendant intended to induce Plaintiffs and consumers to rely on its partial warnings that omitted material information.
- 257. Plaintiffs relied upon the nondisclosures when purchasing Lash Boost, and were justified in relying upon the sufficiency of Defendant's warning and product labeling when purchasing Lash Boost.
- 258. Defendant knew that an ingredient in Lash Bost was associated with adverse side effects and failed to disclose them to consumers. Defendant perpetrated this misrepresentation by providing some inadequate warnings, while failing to disclose the more serious side effects on the product itself.
- 259. Defendant's omissions were intended to induce reliance. By providing some warnings on its product, while failing to disclose adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost translated into higher profits for Defendant than would have been possible if Defendant had fully disclosed the nature and extent of the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost.

- 260. Defendant's omissions were material. Plaintiffs would not have purchased Lash Boost or would have paid less for the product if Plaintiffs knew of the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost that were not disclosed.
- 261. Defendant intended to induce consumers to rely on its omissions. Defendant knew that by not disclosing all of the adverse side effects it would sell more Lash Bost products. Defendant had reason to expect that Plaintiffs and members of the Class would rely on their product safety disclosures.
- 262. Given that the harmful side effects associated with Lash Boost were not fully disclosed by Defendant before consumers purchased and used the product, Plaintiffs were justified in their failure to discover the fraud until after they purchased the product.
- 263. Plaintiffs were harmed by Defendant's fraudulent conduct because it sold Lash Boost to Plaintiffs without disclosing harmful side effects.
 - 264. Wherefore, Plaintiffs' prayers for relief are set forth below.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT

In the alternative, on behalf of Plaintiffs Huling, Whetsell, Merle, and Williams and those Class members residing in Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, or Washington at the time of the relevant transactions

- 265. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.
- 266. Plaintiffs bring their claims for fraudulent concealment based on the laws of the States of Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Washington.
- 267. Defendant concealed and suppressed material facts including the nature, extent, and duration of adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost.
- 268. Defendant was under a duty to disclose the suppressed facts. This duty to disclose arose from Defendant's relationship as a manufacturer and seller of consumer goods, and because it provided a partial warning on its product that did not fully disclose the possible adverse side effects. The material information omitted from the product packaging and labeling that accompanied Lash

Boost was also not found on Defendant's advertising, on its website, or in its product marketing materials.

- 269. Because Defendant was selling products to consumers, it had a duty to disclose facts material to the transaction—namely, the adverse side effects associated with using Lash Boost.
- 270. Defendant knew that an ingredient in Lash Boost was associated with adverse side effects and failed to disclose them to consumers. Defendant perpetrated this fraud and misrepresentation by providing some inadequate warnings, while failing to disclose the more serious side effects on the product itself.
- 271. Defendant intentionally concealed and suppressed facts regarding the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost, with the intent to defraud Plaintiffs and other consumers.
- 272. When Plaintiffs purchased Lash Boost, they were unaware of the adverse side effects associated with the product. Plaintiffs would not have purchased Lash Boost if they had known of the concealed and suppressed facts regarding its adverse side effects.
- 273. As a result of the concealment and suppression of the material facts relating to the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost, Plaintiffs were injured in that they experienced side effects associated with prostaglandin analogs that were not disclosed by Defendant in its product packaging, on the product label, or in its advertising.
- 274. As a proximate cause of the concealment, suppressions of fact, and nondisclosures, Defendant caused Plaintiffs to purchase Lash Boost, and after the transaction occurred, Plaintiffs suffered damages.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT

(FLA. STAT. § 501.21, et seq.)

In the alternative, on behalf of Plaintiff Huling and the members of the Class residing in Florida at the time of the relevant transactions

275. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.

- 276. The Florida Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act ("FDUPTA") prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Fla. Stat. § 501.204(1).
- 277. Plaintiff Huling and members of the Class residing in Florida at the time of the relevant transactions are "consumers" within the meaning of Fla. Stat. § 501.203(7).
- 278. Defendant engaged in "trade or commerce" within the meaning of Fla. Stat. § 501.203(8).
- 279. As alleged above, Defendant engaged in unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts, and unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of Fla. Stat. § 501.204(1) by deceptively failing to disclose serious side effects of Lash Boost to the Class. Defendant sold and marketed Lash Boost while concealing, omitting, and misrepresenting by partial disclosure in its inadequate warnings, the adverse side effects, severity, and duration of side effects associated with the use of Lash Boost and its synthetic prostaglandin analog ingredient.
- 280. Defendant concealed and suppressed material facts including the nature, extent, and duration of adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost, including by failing to disclose the harmful and potentially permanent side effects associated with Lash Boost.
- 281. By concealing and suppressing material facts regarding the side effects of Lash Boost, Defendant intended to induce Plaintiffs' reliance on the deception. By not disclosing side effects, Defendant intended consumers to believe that Lash Boost did not have the same side effects as other drug products on the market which disclose the side effects associated with prostaglandin analogs. Rather, Defendant distinguished itself in marketing materials from other products on the market with known side effects, thus inducing Plaintiffs to believe that Lash Boost did not have the same side effects.
- 282. This deception occurred in the course of conduct involving commerce: the sale of Lash Boost.
 - 283. The consumer fraud proximately caused Plaintiffs' injuries.

284. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff Huling and members of the Class residing in Florida at the time of the relevant transactions for damages under Fla. Stat. § 501.211(2) and attorneys' fees under Fla. Stat. § 501.2105(1), as well as any other just and proper relief available under FDUPTA.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF THE ILLINOIS CONSUMER FRAUD AND DECEPTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICESS ACT

(815 ILL. COMP. STAT. 505/1, et seq. and 720 ILL. COMP. STAT. 295/1A)
In the alternative, on behalf of Plaintiff Whetsell and the members of the Class residing in Illinois at the time of the relevant transactions

- 285. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.
- 286. The Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Practices Act prohibits "unfair or deceptive acts or practices, including, but not limited to, the use of employment or any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or the concealment, suppression or omission of any material fact, with intent that others rely upon the concealment, suppression or omission of such material fact...in the conduct of trade or commerce...whether any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged thereby." 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. 505/2.
 - 287. Defendant is a "person" as that term is defined in 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. 505/1(c).
- 288. Plaintiff Whetsell and the members of the Class residing in Illinois at the time of the relevant transactions are "consumers" as that term is defined in 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. 505/1(e).
- 289. Defendant concealed and suppressed material facts including the nature, extent, and duration of adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost, including by failing to disclose the harmful and potentially permanent side effects associated with the product.
- 290. By concealing and suppressing material facts regarding the side effects of Lash Boost, Defendant intended to induce Plaintiffs' reliance on the deception. By not disclosing side effects and providing partial disclosures in its warning labels, Defendant intended consumers to believe—incorrectly—that Lash Boost did not cause serious side effects.
- 291. This deception occurred in the course of conduct involving commerce—the sale of Lash Boost.

- 292. The consumer fraud proximately caused Plaintiffs' injuries.
- 293. Pursuant to 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. 505/10a(a), Plaintiff Whetsell and the members of the Class residing in Illinois at the time of the relevant transactions seek monetary relief against Defendant in the amount of actual damages, as well as punitive damages, because Defendant acted with fraud and/or malice, and/or was grossly negligent.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 93(A) (MASS. GEN. LAWS CH. 3A, § 1, et seq.)

In the alternative, on behalf of Plaintiff Merle and the Class members residing in Massachusetts at the time of the relevant transactions

- 294. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.
- 295. Massachusetts law prohibits "unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, § 2.
- 296. Defendant, Plaintiff Merle, and the Class members residing in Massachusetts at the time of the relevant transactions are "persons" within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, § 1(a).
- 297. Defendant engaged in "trade" or "commerce" within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, § 1(b).
- 298. As alleged above, Defendant engaged in unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts, and unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A by deceptively failing to disclose serious side effects of Lash Boost to the Class, the disclosure of which may have influenced Plaintiffs and other Class members not to enter into the transaction.
- 299. Defendant sold and marketed Lash Boost while concealing the adverse side effects, severity, and duration of side effects associated with the use of Lash Boost and the synthetic prostaglandin analog ingredient included in it.
- 300. Defendant concealed and suppressed material facts including the nature, extent, and duration of adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost, including by failing to disclose the harmful and potentially permanent side effects associated with the product.

- 301. By concealing and suppressing material facts regarding the side effects of Lash Boost, Defendant intended to induce Plaintiffs' reliance on the deception. By not disclosing side effects, Defendant intended consumers to believe that Lash Bost did not have serious side effects.
- 302. Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A, § 9, Plaintiff Merle and the Class members residing in Massachusetts at the time of the relevant transactions seek monetary relief measured as the greater of (a) actual damages in the amount to be determined at trial, and (b) statutory damages in the amount of \$25 per plaintiff. Because Defendant's conduct was committed willfully and knowingly, Plaintiff Merle and the Class members residing in Massachusetts at the time of the relevant transactions are entitled to recover up to three times actual damages, but no less than two times actual damages.
- 303. Plaintiff Merle and the Class members residing in Massachusetts at the time of the relevant transactions also seek punitive damages, attorneys' fees and costs, and any other just and proper relief available under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A.

THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION

In the alternative, on behalf of Plaintiffs Huling, Merle, Gattuso, Wagner, and Williams, and the members of the Class residing in Florida, Massachusetts, New York, or Washington at the time of the relevant transactions

- 304. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.
- 305. Plaintiffs bring their claims for fraudulent misrepresentation based on the laws of the States of Florida, Massachusetts, New York, and Washington.
- 306. Defendant engaged in fraudulent misrepresentation when it failed to disclose the serious side effects associated with Lash Boost in its product packaging and product labeling. The material information omitted from the product packaging and labeling was also not to be found in Defendant's advertising, on its website, or in its product marketing materials.
- 307. Defendant knew that an ingredient in Lash Boost was associated with adverse side effects and failed to disclose that fact to consumers.

- 308. Defendant's deceptive, partial, and inadequate warnings were intended to defraud and induce reliance. Failing to disclose all of the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost translated into higher profits for Defendant than would have been possible if Defendant had fully disclosed the nature and extent of the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost.
- 309. Defendant's omissions were material. Plaintiffs would not have purchased Lash Boost if they had known of the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost that were not disclosed.
- 310. Defendant intended consumers to rely on its product warnings. Defendant knew that by not disclosing all of the adverse side effects, it would sell more product.
- 311. Plaintiffs justifiably relied upon the partial representations and nondisclosures when purchasing Lash Boost.
- 312. Given that the harmful side effects associated with Lash Boost were not fully disclosed by Defendant before consumers purchased and used the product, Plaintiffs were justified in their failure to discover the fraud until they suffered harm.
- 313. Plaintiffs were harmed by Defendant's conduct, because Defendant sold Lash Boost to Plaintiffs without disclosing harmful side effects.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF NEW YORK'S CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM DECEPTIVE ACTS AND PRACTICES LAW (N.Y. GEN. BUS. LAW. §§ 349-350, et seq.) In the alternative, on behalf of Plaintiffs Gattuso and Wagner and those members of the Class residing in New York at the time of the relevant transactions

- 314. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.
- 315. New York's Consumer Protection from Deceptive Acts and Practices Law, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, makes it unlawful to engage in deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade, or commerce.
- 316. Plaintiffs Gattuso and Wagner and those members of the Class residing in New York at the time of the relevant transactions are "persons" within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349(h).

- 317. Defendant is a "person," "corporation," or "association" within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349(b).
- 318. Defendant's act and practices in labeling and packaging Lash Boost were directed at consumers and had a broad impact on consumers. As alleged above, Defendant engaged in deceptive acts and practices by concealing the existence, severity, and duration of symptoms and adverse side effects associated with using Lash Bost. These acts and practices were deceptive because they were likely to mislead a reasonable consumer acting reasonably under the circumstances. For example, Defendant's concealment and misrepresentation regarding the existence, severity, and duration of symptoms and adverse side effects associated with using the product would cause a reasonable consumer to believe that the product was safe and did not cause any permanent side effects.
 - 319. Such acts and practices caused injury to Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 320. In addition, Defendant engaged in false advertising pursuant to N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 350-a, on its labeling, direct-to-consumer advertisements, and various other forms of promotion by misstating and failing to fully disclose the existence, severity, and duration of symptoms and adverse side effects associated with using Lash Boost.
 - 321. Defendant's deceptive acts and practices had an impact on the public at large.
- 322. Plaintiffs did not have a reasonable opportunity to discover facts about the nature and full extent of the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost because they were not disclosed by Defendant.
- 323. Plaintiffs and the Class suffered injury as a result of Defendant's deceptive practices, including lost money from purchasing Lash Boost that was unlawfully advertised and marketed in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §§ 349 and 350.
- 324. As a result of Defendant's violations of New York's Consumer Protection from Deceptive Acts and Practices Law, Plaintiffs Gattuso and Wagner and those members of the Class residing in New York at the time of the relevant transactions seek an order of this Court awarding the Class, *inter alia*, actual damages, full refunds of all moneys spend on Lash Bost, restitution, attorneys' fees and costs, and/or for such other relief as may be set forth below or ordered by the Court.

Plaintiffs Gattuso and Wagner and those members of the Class residing in New York at the time of the relevant transactions reserve the right to seek treble damages and any other just and proper relief available under N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349.

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In the alternative, on behalf of Plaintiff Williams and those Class members residing in Washington at the time of the relevant transactions

- 325. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate each and every allegation set forth above as if fully written herein.
- 326. The Washington Consumer Protection Act broadly prohibits "[u]nfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.020.
- 327. Defendant committed the acts complained of herein in the course of "trade" or "commerce" within the meaning of Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.010.
- 328. Defendant's acts and practices in selling Lash Boost were directed at consumers and have the capacity to deceive a substantial portion of the public. As alleged above, Defendant engaged in deceptive and unlawful acts and practices by concealing the existence, severity, and duration of symptoms and adverse side effects associated with using Lash Boost.
 - 329. Such acts and practices caused injury to Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 330. These acts were committed in the course of Defendant's business, and the acts are a part of a pattern or generalized course of conduct in consumer transactions (i.e., the omissions are uniform throughout Defendant's labeling). Such omissions were committed well before Plaintiffs purchased Lash Boost, and there is a real and substantial potential for repetition of Defendant's conduct. Defendant persists in failing to disclose all of the adverse side effects associated with Lash Boost. Hence, many consumers are likely to be affected by Defendant's acts.
- 331. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff Williams and those Class members residing in Washington at the time of the relevant transactions for damages in amounts to be proven at trial,

1	including attorneys' fees, costs, and treble damages, as well as any other remedies the Court may deem
2	appropriate under Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.090.
3	PRAYER FOR RELIEF
4	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class demand a jury trial on all claims so triable
5	and judgment against Defendant Rodan & Fields as follows:
6	action, that Plaintiffs be appointed Class Representatives and Plaintiffs' counsel be appointed Class Counsel;
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9	restitution and/or other equitable relief, including, without limitation, restitutionary disgorgement of all profits and unjust enrichment that Defendant obtained from
10	Plaintiffs and the Class as a result of its unfair and fraudulent business practices described herein; C. An order enjoining Defendant from continuing to violate the UCL, FAL, and CLRA and, to the claims pleaded in the alternative, enjoining Defendant from continuing to violate the laws of the States of Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Washington, as describe herein;
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15	D. A judgment awarding actual and punitive damages to Plaintiff and the Class in an amount to be determined at trial;
16	E. A judgment awarding Plaintiffs their costs of suit; including reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to California Civil Code § 1780(d), California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and as otherwise permitted by statute; and pre and post judgment interest; and F. Such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary or appropriate.
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1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 2 Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated hereby demand trial by jury on all issues in this 3 complaint that are so triable as a matter of right. 4 Dated: March 14, 2022 Respectfully submitted, 5 6 By: /s/ Annick M. Persinger 7 Annick M. Persinger 8 Annick M. Persinger (CA Bar No. 272996) TYCKO & ZAVAREEI LLP 9 1970 Broadway, Suite 1070 10 Oakland, CA 94612 P: 510-254-6808 11 apersinger@tzlegal.com 12 Juli Farris (CA Bar No. 141716) KELLER ROHRBACK LLP 13 801 Garden Street, Suite 301 14 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 1201 Third Ave., Suite 3200 15 Seattle, WA 98101 Phone: (206) 623-1900, ext. 2217 16 Fax: (206) 623-3384 17 Allison R. Willett, (CA Bar No. 238430) WILLETT & WILLETT LLP 18 9171 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 500 19 Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Phone: (424) 276-0065 20 Fax: (424) 276-0151 allison@willettlaw.com 21 Peter Farnese (CA Bar No. 251204) 22 **BESHADA FARNESE LLP** 23 11601 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 500 Los Angeles, CA 90025 24 Phone: (310) 356-4668 Fax: (310) 388-1232 25 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 26 27 28

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