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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

MATIN SHALIKAR and ALEXANDER  
PANVINI, individually and on behalf of all  
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ASAHI BEER U.S.A., INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. BC702360

**DECLARATION OF MATIN SHALIKAR IN  
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR FINAL  
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION  
SETTLEMENT AND MOTION FOR  
ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND  
COSTS**

Date: July 16, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Judge: Hon. Amy Hogue  
Dept.: 007

1 I, Matin Shalika, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury, and the laws of the State of  
2 California, as follows:

3 I am a court-appointed class representative in the above-captioned matter. I have been  
4 involved in this matter for more than two years and have worked diligently and closely with my  
5 attorneys on this matter during that time.

6 During the last two years, I have received, reviewed and approved of many pleadings in this  
7 matter that have resulted in the settlement for consumers. Specifically, I helped my attorneys draft  
8 the initial complaint filed on my behalf and reviewed and approved of its filing. I also reviewed and  
9 approved of an amended complaint that included information from a consumer survey that showed  
10 that a majority of consumers were misled by Asahi’s marketing and labeling of its beers. I also  
11 discussed with my attorneys the motion to dismiss that was filed by the defendant Asahi and the  
12 resulting denial of that motion to dismiss.

13 I also spoke with my attorney periodically throughout this lawsuit, and on at least ten  
14 occasions, to stay up to date with any developments.

15 I have also reviewed defendant’s discovery requests with my attorneys. During these efforts,  
16 I looked for various documents and provided responses to defendant’s questions to my attorneys.

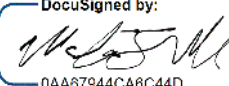
17 I was also involved in the protracted settlement negotiations that ultimately resulted in the  
18 settlement and preliminary approval of the settlement. I participated telephonically in both the  
19 settlement conference with John Bates, a mediator with JAMs, and in the settlement conference with  
20 Judge Dunn. I have reviewed and approved of the settlement papers submitted to this Court and  
21 believe the settlement to be a good one for consumers.

22 I have spent over fifteen hours working on this case with my attorneys. I have not been  
23 compensated anything for my time. I also understand that if me and my co-class representative did  
24 not come forward and serve as class representatives, facing the possibility of both countersuit and  
25 other risks, there would be no recovery for the class, as not case would have been brought.

26 Based on my work and dedication to the case, I hereby request that this Court grant the  
27 incentive award of \$2,750.

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Dated: June 30, 2019

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