



United States District Court  
Eastern District of California

Vital Distributions, LLC

Plaintiff(s)

Case Number: 2:22-cv-00319

v.

Pepperidge Farm, Inc.

Defendant(s)

APPLICATION FOR PRO HAC VICE  
AND PROPOSED ORDER

Pursuant to Local Rule 180(b)(2) of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California,  
Thomas Christman Rice hereby applies for permission to appear and participate as  
counsel in the above entitled action on behalf of the following party or parties:  
Pepperidge Farm, Incorporated

On 06/11/2014 (date), I was admitted to practice and presently in good standing in the  
New York Supreme Court (court). A certificate of good standing from that court is  
submitted in conjunction with this application. I have not been disbarred or formally censured by a court of  
record or by a state bar association; and there are not disciplinary proceedings against me.

I have  I have not concurrently or within the year preceding this application made a pro hac vice  
application to this court. (If you have made a pro hac vice application to this court within the last year, list  
the name and case number of each matter in which an application was made, the date of application and  
whether granted or denied.)

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Date: 04/30/2024

Signature of Applicant: /s/ 

**Pro Hac Vice Attorney**

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I hereby designate the following member of the Bar of this Court who is registered for ECF with whom the Court and opposing counsel may readily communicate regarding the conduct of the case and upon whom electronic notice shall also be served via the Court's ECF system:

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**ORDER**

The Pro Hac Vice Application is APPROVED. The Pro Hac Vice Attorney is DIRECTED to request filing access through PACER.

Dated: 05/13/2024

  
MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York  
Second Judicial Department*

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*I, Darrell M. Joseph, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial Department, do hereby certify that*

*Thomas Christman Rice*

*was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on June 11, 2014, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Office of Court Administration, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.*



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in the City of Brooklyn on April 30, 2024.*

*Clerk of the Court*



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To Whom It May Concern

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An attorney's registration status, date of admission and disciplinary history may be viewed through the attorney search feature on [the website of the Unified Court System](#).

New York State does not register attorneys as active or inactive.

An attorney may request a disciplinary history letter from the [Attorney Grievance Committee of the Second Judicial Department](#).

Bar examination history is available from the [New York State Board of Law Examiners](#).

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Darrell M. Joseph  
Clerk of the Court