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 11 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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 AND HOUSING, an agency of the State of )  
 14 California, )

15 Plaintiff, )

16 vs. )

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 a Delaware tax exempt corporation )

18 Defendant. )

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Case No. C 12-01830

PLAINTIFF DFEH'S NOTICE OF  
 MOTION AND UNOPPOSED MOTION  
 FOR LEAVE TO FILE THIRD  
 AMENDED COMPLAINT; POINTS AND  
 AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF

Date: October 31, 2013  
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(Hon. Edward M. Chen)



**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION**

**FOR LEAVE TO FILE THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 31, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, Plaintiff Department of Fair Employment and Housing (“DFEH”) will, and hereby does, move for an order granting DFEH leave to file its Third Amended Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief.

**POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO AMEND**

**INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court’s Case Management and Pre-Trial Order for Jury Trial (“Case Management Order”), DFEH seeks leave to file a Third Amended Complaint which (1) adds a timely cause of action for violation of California Education Code section 99161.5, and (2) revises language in the Complaint consistent with the Court’s April 22, 2013 Order Granting Plaintiff DFEH’s Motion to Proceed for Group or Class Relief, Dkt. 136. A true and correct copy of the proposed Third Amended Complaint is attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Mari Mayeda in Support of DFEH’s Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint. DFEH’s Third Amended Complaint is timely, made in good faith, and does not prejudice Defendant Law School Admission Council, Inc. (“LSAC”). Moreover, the Court should grant DFEH’s Motion because:

- (1) LSAC does not oppose this Motion;
- (2) The Court largely disposed of all arguments against amendment when it granted Legal Aid Society–Employment Law Center’s (“LAS-ELC”) request to add a cause of action under section 99161.5 of the California Education Code, Order re LAS-ELC’s Mot. Am. 4:26-9:28, April 19, 2013, Dkt. 135; and
- (3) The additional language regarding the interests of DFEH in this case and its authority to proceed for group or class relief is fully discussed in this Court’s April 22, 2013 Order and the amendment simply seeks to add language consistent with that ruling. Order Granting DFEH Mot. Group/Class Relief 13:3-15:12, Dkt. 136. DFEH has additionally changed



1 the phrase “reasonable accommodation” or “accommodation” to the more accurate phrase  
2 “testing accommodation” throughout.

### 3 STATEMENT OF FACTS

4 DFEH filed its Complaint against LSAC on March 15, 2012 in Alameda County Superior  
5 Court, alleging that LSAC engages in a pattern or practice of discrimination against disabled test  
6 takers of the Law School Admissions Test. LSAC removed the case to federal court under both  
7 federal question and diversity grounds. Notice of Removal, Dkt. 1. The Complaint, brought on  
8 behalf of 16—originally 17—real parties in interest and other similarly situated test takers, alleges  
9 that LSAC discriminated against these test takers by imposing upon them onerous application and  
10 documentation requirements, denying them reasonable accommodation, “flagging” or annotating the  
11 test scores of disabled test takers who received an accommodation of extra time, providing those test  
12 takers with different and less desirable score reports, and failing to explain the reasons for denial in  
13 writing.

14 On February 6, 2013, the Court granted DFEH leave to file its First Amended Complaint to  
15 extend the time period defining covered victims of discrimination, replacing “February 6, 2012” with  
16 the phrase “to the present” to reflect the continuing nature of the defendant’s illegal conduct. Order  
17 Granting DFEH’s Mot. to File First Am. Compl., Dkt. 103. On March 27, 2013, the Court granted  
18 DFEH’s Unopposed Motion for Leave to File a Second Amended Complaint, which deleted  
19 Plaintiff’s Doe allegations and added to the prayer for relief a request for attorneys’ fees and costs.  
20 Order Granting DFEH’s Mot. to File Second Am. Compl., Dkt. 125.

#### 21 **A. Section 99161.5 of the California Education Code Became Effective and this Court** 22 **Previously Allowed Plaintiff-Intervenors to Add It to Their Complaint**

23 On January 1, 2013, section 99161.5 of the California Education Code became effective. It  
24 outlaws, *inter alia*, the practices of “flagging” test scores, failing to grant reasonable  
25 accommodations, and failing to report percentile rankings or score bands for disabled accommodated  
26 test takers. On January 7, 2013, LSAC filed an action in state court against the State of California,  
27 seeking to declare section 99161.5 unconstitutional. Complaint, *Law School Admissions Council,*



1 *Inc. ("LSAC") v. California*, No. 34-2013-00135574 (Cal. Super. Ct. Jan. 10, 2013). Although the  
 2 Sacramento County Superior Court preliminarily enjoined enforcement of section 99161.5, Order  
 3 Granting Mot. Prelim. Inj., *LSAC v. California*, No. 34-2013-00135574 (Feb. 13, 2013), the court of  
 4 appeals stayed the injunction and ordered LSAC to comply with the Education Code, directing that  
 5 "[LSAC] shall not take any action inconsistent with Education Code section 99161.5, subdivision (c)  
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 12 Code and Unruh, but denying any claim seeking to give retroactive binding effect to section 99161.5.  
 13 *Id.* at 12:25-27.

14 Discovery in this case has been limited. This Court set an expedited schedule for settlement  
 15 related discovery and referred the case for settlement purposes to Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero.  
 16 Order Referring Case to J. Spero, Dkt. 113; Case Mgmt. Order, Dkt. 129. Thus, discovery has been  
 17 limited to that which is "tailored and focused to those topics and those sources necessary for  
 18 meaningful participation in ADR . . ." Jt. Pre-ADR Discovery Plan and Order ¶ B, Dkt. 114. The  
 19 parties met with Judge Spero on July 9 and August 12, 2013 and are scheduled for a further  
 20 settlement conference on October 10, 2013. The Court's April 5, 2013 Case Management Order also  
 21 set October 31, 2013 as the deadline for filing a motion to amend the pleadings. Case Mgmt. Order ¶  
 22 10, Dkt. 129.

23 **B. The Court Recognized DFEH's Authority to Bring Enforcement Actions Without**  
 24 **Complying with Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**

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 26 enforcement action without filing a motion under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.  
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1 Fair Employment and Housing Act (“FEHA”) authorizes DFEH to bring “enforcement actions . . .  
 2 act[ing] ‘not merely [as] a proxy for the victims of discrimination,’ but also ‘to vindicate the public  
 3 interest in preventing [certain forms of] discrimination. [Citation.]” *Id.* at 13:9-14. Given its  
 4 authority to obtain broad relief for discriminatory conduct, this Court concluded that DFEH’s  
 5 enforcement suit is not a representative action subject to Rule 23. *Id.* at 13:21-24. Moreover, the  
 6 Court held that DFEH’s use of the phrase “class action” in its Complaint is of no moment, *id.* at  
 7 16:17, and that “it is clear from [DFEH’s] pleadings that . . . [Rule 23] pleadings were made in the  
 8 alternative,” *id.* at 16:14-17:3. Thus, the proposed Third Amended Complaint simply seeks to  
 9 incorporate the Court’s own holdings and language, from its April 22, 2013 Order, regarding the  
 10 interests of the State of California and the group or class relief nature of the case.

11 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15, DFEH counsel contacted LSAC’s counsel to  
 12 obtain LSAC’s written consent to the amendments. Mayeda Decl. ¶ 4. On September 25, 2013,  
 13 LSAC gave its consent to the amendments, while reserving its rights to raise any defenses to DFEH’s  
 14 claims, as amended, and authorized DFEH to represent to the Court that it will not be opposing this  
 15 Motion. *Id.* Accordingly, DFEH requests this Court to grant its Motion..

#### 16 ARGUMENT

17 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) provides that “[t]he court should freely give leave  
 18 [to amend] when justice so requires.” *See DCD Programs, Ltd. v. Leighton*, 833 F.2d 183, 186 (9th  
 19 Cir. 1987) (providing that leave to amend should be granted with “extreme liberality”). Indeed, a  
 20 court should only consider denying such a motion when the defendant firmly establishes undue delay,  
 21 bad faith, dilatory motive, repeated failure to cure deficiencies with previously allowed amendments,  
 22 undue prejudice, and futility. *See Foman v. Davis*, 371 U.S. 178, 182 (1962); *DCD Programs*, 833  
 23 F.2d at 186; *Eminence Capital, LLC v. Aspeon, Inc.*, 316 F.3d 1048, 1052 (9th Cir. 2003); *Cooper*  
 24 *Development Co. v. Employers Insurance of Wausau*, 765 F.Supp. 1429, 1432 (N.D. Cal. 1991)  
 25 (“Courts have been quite liberal in granting leave to amend . . .”).

26 Absent prejudice, or a strong showing of any of the other *Foman* factors, a presumption exists  
 27 under Rule 15(a) in favor of granting leave to amend. *See Eminence Capital*, 316 F.3d at 1052; *see*



1 *also Roberts v. Arizona Bd. of Regents*, 661 F.2d 796, 798 (9th Cir. 1981) (“Ordinarily, leave to  
 2 amend pleadings should be granted regardless of the length of time or delay by the moving party  
 3 absent a showing of bad faith by the moving party or prejudice to the opposing party.”). The interests  
 4 of justice and judicial economy warrant leave to amend in this case, and none of the factors weighing  
 5 against it is present.

6 **A. There Is No Undue Delay**

7 This Motion is timely filed and made without delay. In the proposed Joint Case Management  
 8 Statement, the parties agreed to a deadline of December 13, 2013 for parties to seek leave to file  
 9 amended pleadings. Second Jt. Case Mgmt. Stmt. 2:21–23, Dkt. 127. The Court amended this  
 10 deadline on its own motion to October 31, 2013. Case Mgmt. Order ¶ 10, Dkt. 129. DFEH files this  
 11 motion in advance of the Court’s deadline, therefore, there is no undue delay. *See Hofstetter v. Chase*  
 12 *Home Finance, LLC*, 751 F.Supp.2d 1116, 1122 (N.D. Cal. 2010) (no undue delay where the motion  
 13 to amend was filed “before the [established] deadline for pleading amendments”).

14 DFEH cannot be faulted for not adding its Education Code claim earlier. Section 99161.5 of  
 15 the Education Code was not effective until January of this year. On January 7, 2013 LSAC filed its  
 16 state court challenge of the Education Code, and the State of California was enjoined from enforcing  
 17 the provision by the Superior Court’s preliminary injunction. Order Staying Prelim. Inj. Order, No.  
 18 C073187 (Cal. Ct. App. March 5, 2013). Although not a party to that litigation, and arguably not  
 19 bound by that ruling, DFEH could not risk running afoul of the superior court’s preliminary  
 20 injunction barring enforcement of the Education Code by the State of California. In the months since  
 21 the state court injunction was stayed, DFEH participated in good faith in the ADR discovery and  
 22 settlement conferences ordered by this Court. DFEH did not want to jeopardize, or risk running afoul  
 23 of the Court’s directions to focus on, ADR discovery and settlement by also litigating a motion to  
 24 amend the complaint early in the settlement process. Mayeda Decl. ¶ 3.

25 As to the amended language regarding the interest of the state and the clarification of the  
 26 allegations regarding the class nature of the relief sought: DFEH makes these changes consistent  
 27 with the Court’s April 22, 2013 Order Granting DFEH’s Motion to Proceed for Group or Class



1 Relief. As this is DFEH's first amendment to the complaint since that motion was granted, there is  
2 no undue delay.

3 **B. LSAC Will Not Be Prejudiced by the Amendments**

4 LSAC suffers no prejudice should the Court allow DFEH's amendments. Prejudice to the  
5 opposing party is the factor "that carries the greatest weight." *Eminence Capital*, 316 F.3d at 1052.  
6 Prejudice can be established when a motion to amend is made after the cut of date, or when discovery  
7 has closed or is about to close. *See, e.g., Zivkovic v. Southern Cal. Edison Co.*, 302 F.3d 1080, 1087  
8 (9th Cir. 2002). DFEH's Motion is within the deadline set by the court for filing a motion to amend,  
9 and the parties are just emerging from limited ADR discovery. Full discovery has not commenced.  
10 The non-expert discovery cut off is April 25, 2014, several months away, and the dispositive motion  
11 deadline is approximately one year away, on October 30, 2014. Case Mgmt. Order ¶ 5, Dkt. 129.  
12 LSAC will have ample time to propound discovery and investigate the Education Code claim, which  
13 overlap with the existing claims in any event.

14 In this case, this Court has already ruled on a similar motion to amend made by Plaintiff-  
15 Intervenor LAS-ELC et al. In granting permission for Plaintiff-Intervenor to amend their complaint  
16 to add causes of action for violations of section 99161.5 of the Education Code, the Court relied on  
17 the fact that the Unruh/ADA claims in the existing complaint and the added section 99161.5 claims  
18 cover the same facts and essentially the same allegations. Order re LAS-ELC's Mot. Am. Compl.  
19 7:4-11, Dkt. 135. The same is true as to DFEH's proposed Third Amended Complaint.

20 As LSAC is already being sued in this litigation for violating the Education Code, the issue is  
21 already raised in this case. *Id.* Pursuant to the Court's order, Plaintiff Intervenor filed their First  
22 Amended Complaint, adding causes of action for violations of section 99161.5 via section 17200 of  
23 the California Business and Professions Code and Unruh Act. LAS-ELC First Am. Compl., Dkt.  
24 137. The same reasoning that supported granting Plaintiff-Intervenor permission to add the  
25 Education Code claim applies with equal force to Plaintiff DFEH's Motion to add the Education  
26 Code claim, therefore, the Motion to Amend should be granted.





1 LSAC has been on notice from the beginning as to the scope of the litigation, and that DFEH  
 2 was challenging the systemic nature of LSAC's discriminatory conduct. Section 99161.5 of the  
 3 Education Code addresses the same issues already challenged in the existing Complaint: "flagging"  
 4 of test scores, failure to grant reasonable accommodations to disabled students, failure to provide  
 5 accommodated test takers with score reports which contain score bands and percentile rankings, and  
 6 failure of LSAC to sufficiently explain the reasons for its denials of accommodation in writing. As a  
 7 further demonstration of the lack of prejudice to LSAC, the California legislature itself stated that  
 8 section 99161.5 "does not constitute a change in, but is declaratory of existing law" and that the  
 9 statute does "not provide greater protections to persons with disabilities than those provided by  
 10 Section 51 of the Civil Code." Cal. Educ. Code § 99161.5. As this Court correctly observed when  
 11 permitting Plaintiff-Intervenors to add claims under the Education Code, section "99161.5 supplies  
 12 the legislature's interpretation and clarification of rights under the provision of the Fair Employment  
 13 and Housing Act which are incorporated into the Unruh Act . . . ." Order re LAS-ELC's Mot. Am.  
 14 Compl. 9:14-16, Dkt. 135.

15 Given that this litigation is in its relatively early stages and LSAC has consented to the  
 16 amendments, allowing DFHE to file its Third Amended Complaint does not cause any prejudice to  
 17 LSAC. Therefore, DFEH requests the Court grant its Motion.

18 **C. The Motion Is Made in Good Faith and Amendment Would Not Be Futile**

19 DFEH's Motion to Amend is made in good faith. DFEH seeks to amend the Complaint to  
 20 add a cause of action for violation of the section 99161.5 of the California Education Code, which  
 21 was not in effect until January 2013. Shortly after section 99161.5 became effective, LSAC  
 22 challenged the law in state court and the superior court issued a preliminary injunction. Order  
 23 Granting Mot. Prelim. Inj., *LSAC v. California*, No. 34-2013-00135574 (Cal. Super. Ct. Feb. 13,  
 24 2013). Once that injunction was dissolved by the court of appeals, Order Staying Prelim. Inj. Order,  
 25 No. C073187 (Cal. Ct. App. March 5, 2013), the parties had been ordered into expedited ADR  
 26 discovery and settlement with Magistrate Judge Spero. DFEH now seeks to add the Education Code



1 claim after the court of appeal sanctioned the enforcement of the provision and the parties have  
2 engaged in good faith settlement discussions and ADR discovery. Mayeda Decl. ¶ 3.

3 This Court previously dispatched previous arguments regarding each of the *Foman* factors in  
4 granting Plaintiff-Intevenors motion to amend their complaint. In opposing that motion to add the  
5 Education Code cause of action, LSAC argued that there is no private right of action under section  
6 99161.5. LSAC's Opp. to LAS-ELC's Mot. Am. 3:22-5:21, Dkt 96. Here, however, DFEH brings  
7 this claim, as "an exercise of the police power of the state," Cal. Gov't Code § 12920, in its capacity  
8 as "a public prosecutor testing a public right." Order re DFEH Mot. Group/Class Relief, Dkt. 136.  
9 We invoke the power given to the "head of a department" of the State of California under section  
10 11180 of the California Government Code to "prosecute actions . . . [a]s to all matters relating to . . .  
11 subjects under the jurisdiction of the department." *See also id.* at 11:9-11 (noting that Government  
12 Code section 11180 authorizes DFEH's director to bring suit); *People ex. rel. Dep't of Conservation*  
13 *v. El Dorado Cnty.*, 36 Cal.4th 971, 988 (2005).

14 Thus, DFEH has the authority to enforce section 99161.5 of the Education Code through  
15 Government Code section 11180. As acknowledged by the Court in this case, DFEH was elevated to  
16 the status of a Department in 1980 so that the "consolidated DFEH 'would have the organizational  
17 structure necessary to conduct its activities effectively.'" Order re DFEH Mot. Group/Class Relief  
18 11:26-12:4, Dkt. 136 (quoting with approval from the legislative history to the 1980 amendments to  
19 FEHA). In 1980, FEHA was amended to specify that DFEH had the powers of a department, such as  
20 the power to prosecute actions under Government Code section 11180. *Id.* Government Code  
21 section 12902 (which is part of FEHA) specifically states, "[t]he provisions of Chapter 2  
22 (commencing with Section 11150) of Part 2 apply to the director and the director is the head of a  
23 department within the meaning of such chapter."

24 Education Code section 99161.5 is enforceable by DFEH under Government Code section  
25 11180 because that section of the Education Code concerns a subject within or "relating to" a subject  
26 matter over which the Department has jurisdiction. We seek to enforce the Education Code's  
27 provisions that outlaw: discrimination in "flagging" test scores, discrimination in denial of





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1 I, MARI MAYEDA, declare:

2 1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice before all the courts of the State of  
3 California, and employed as an Associate Chief Counsel by Plaintiff Department of Fair Employment  
4 and Housing (“DFEH”). In my official capacity, I am assigned to the case captioned above. I have  
5 personal knowledge of the above-captioned case, and if called upon to testify, I could do so  
6 competently.

7 2. A true and correct copy of the proposed Third Amended Group and Class Action  
8 Complaint for Damages and Injunctive Relief (“Third Amended Complaint”) is attached to this  
9 Declaration as Exhibit 1.

10 3. DFEH did not delay in adding its Education Code claims to this lawsuit. After the  
11 section 99161.5’s effective date, LSAC was granted a preliminary injunction enjoining enforcement  
12 of the provision, which was subsequently stayed by the court of appeal. Following the reviewing  
13 court’s order, the parties were directed by this Court to focus on ADR discovery and settlement  
14 negotiations, and DFEH did not want to contravene this directive or jeopardize early settlement  
15 discussions by also litigating a motion to amend simultaneously.

16 4. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 15, DFEH counsel contacted LSAC’s  
17 counsel to obtain LSAC’s written consent to DFEH’s amendments to its Complaint. On September  
18 25, 2013, LSAC consented to the filing of the Third Amended Complaint, reserving its right to raise  
19 any and all claims and defenses to the pleading, as amended, and authorized DFEH to represent to  
20 this Court that it will not be opposing this Motion. A stipulation consenting to the filing of the Third  
21 Amended Complaint, signed by all parties, is filed concurrently herewith.

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23 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this  
24 declaration was signed in Berkeley, California, on September 26, 2013.

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JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, PETER ROE,  
RAYMOND BANKS, KEVIN COLLINS,  
RODNEY DECOMO-SCHMITT, ELIZABETH  
HENNESSEY-SEVERSON, OTILIA IOAN,  
ALEX JOHNSON, NICHOLAS JONES,  
CAROLINE LEE, ANDREW QUAN, STEPHEN  
SEMOS, GAZELLE TALESHPOUR, KEVIN  
VIELBAUM, AUSTIN WHITNEY, and all other  
similarly situated individuals,  
  
Real Parties in Interest.

Jury Trial Demanded



1 Plaintiff DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING (Department or  
2 DFEH) alleges the following against defendant LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL, INC.  
3 (LSAC), a Delaware tax exempt corporation:

4 **PARTIES**

5 1. DFEH is the state agency charged with enforcing the right of all Californians under  
6 the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Unruh Act) (Cal. Civ. Code §§ 51 et seq.) “to the full and equal  
7 accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every  
8 kind whatsoever.” Cal. Civ. Code § 51 (a) (West 2013). Government Code section 12948 makes a  
9 violation of the Unruh Act a violation of the Fair Housing and Employment Act (FEHA) Cal. Gov’t  
10 Code §§ 12900 et seq. (West 2013). The FEHA empowers the DFEH to investigate and prosecute  
11 Unruh Act claims within the state, including those that adversely affect, in a similar manner, a group  
12 or class. Cal. Gov’t Code §§ 12961, 12965. The Government Code authorizes DFEH to prosecute  
13 actions in state and federal court. Cal. Gov’t Code §§ 12930(h), 11180.

14 A. California’s public policy against discrimination on the basis of disability is  
15 “substantial and fundamental.” City of Moorpark v. Super. Ct. of Ventura  
16 Cnty., 18 Cal. 4th 1143, 1161 (1998); see also Cal. Civ. Code § 51 (“All  
17 persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and equal, and no matter  
18 their . . . disability, medical condition . . . are entitled to the full and equal  
19 accommodations . . . or services in all business establishments of every kind  
20 whatsoever”); Cal. Gov’t Code § 12920 (“It is hereby declared as the public  
21 policy of this state that it is necessary to protect and safeguard the right and  
22 opportunity of all persons to seek, obtain, and hold employment without  
23 discrimination or abridgement on account of . . . physical disability [or] mental  
24 disability[.]”); Cal. Gov’t Code §12921 9 (“The opportunity to seek, obtain and  
25 hold employment without discrimination because of . . . physical disability [or]  
26 mental disability . . . is hereby recognized as and declared to be a civil right.”).



1 Similarly, the ADA provides a mandate for “the elimination of bias against  
2 individuals with disabilities.”) 42 U.S.C. § 12101.

3 B. DFEH commenced this suit as an exercise of the police power, based on its  
4 determination that defendant, Law School Admission Council (LSAC)  
5 engaged in discrimination on the basis of disability.

6 C. DFEH acts as a public prosecutor testing a public right. The interest of DFEH  
7 in the law school admissions process was articulately summarized by the  
8 United States Supreme Court:

9 In order to cultivate a set of leaders with legitimacy in the eyes of  
10 the citizenry, it is necessary that the path to leadership be visibly  
11 open to talented and qualified individuals . . . All members of  
12 our heterogeneous society must have confidence in the openness  
13 and integrity of the educational institutions that provide this  
14 training. As we have recognized, law schools “cannot be  
15 effective in isolation from the individuals and institutions with  
16 which the law interacts.” Access to legal education (and thus the  
17 legal profession) must be inclusive of [all] talented and qualified  
18 individuals . . . so that all members of our heterogeneous society  
19 may participate in the educational institutions that provide the  
20 training and education necessary to succeed in America. *Grutter*  
21 *v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 306, 333 (citations omitted).

22 D. The LSAT is required for admission to any ABA accredited law school. The  
23 State of California, through the DFEH, has an interest in ensuring that  
24 gateways to education and employment are open to individuals with  
25 disabilities. The State of California also has an interest in eliminating bias and  
26 enhancing diversity in the legal profession, and in furtherance of this interest,  
27 the testing process for entry into law school should not be an obstacle to the



1 full and equal participation of individuals with disabilities in the legal  
2 profession. Ensuring that law school admissions reflect the diversity of our  
3 society not only affects students with disabilities, but also their would-be  
4 classmates who benefit from the presence of those perspectives in the  
5 classroom. The legal profession as a whole, and the society which it serves,  
6 stands to be negatively affected by practices that result in the unfair exclusion  
7 of individuals with disabilities.

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9 2. Each real party in interest, John Doe, Jane Doe, Peter Roe, Raymond Banks, Kevin  
10 Collins, Rodney Decomo-Schmitt, Elizabeth Hennessey-Severson, Otilia Ioan, Alex Johnson,  
11 Nicholas Jones, Caroline Lee, Andrew Quan, Stephen Semos, Gazelle Taleshpour, Kevin Vielbaum,  
12 and Austin Whitney, applied to LSAC for testing accommodations<sup>1</sup> on the Law School Admissions  
13 Test (LSAT) between January 19, 2009 and the present. Each real party was denied a testing  
14 accommodation, either in whole or in part, within this same time frame. At the time of applying for  
15 testing accommodations, each real party resided in California.

16 3. Real parties in interest John Doe, Jane Doe, and Peter Roe wish to participate in this  
17 litigation anonymously. Each real party seeks to retain their privacy interest in the details of their  
18 disability and need for testing accommodation. Each of these real parties has expressed a legitimate  
19 fear of negative professional ramifications should their true names be associated with this litigation.  
20 A motion requesting the court’s permission to proceed under fictitious names for these two real  
21 parties is filed concurrently with this complaint.

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25 <sup>1</sup> The Third Amended Complaint substitutes the common term ‘testing accommodation’ for the  
26 technical phrase ‘modification, accommodation, or auxiliary aid or service.’ Both terms denote those  
27 modifications, accommodations, or auxiliary aids or services that a testing entity must provide in  
order to make an examination accessible to people with disabilities under the ADA. 42 U.S.C. §  
12189; 28 U.S.C. § 36.309.



1 4. At all times relevant to this complaint, LSAC was a business establishment as defined  
2 by Civil Code section 51, subdivision (b). LSAC offers and administers its LSAT at multiple  
3 locations in the State of California several times a year.

4 **GROUP RELIEF ALLEGATIONS**

5 5. The DFEH brings this case on behalf of a group of 16 named individuals.

6 **CLASS RELIEF AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

7 6. **Class Definition:** The DFEH may bring a government enforcement action for group  
8 or class relief without meeting the requirements for class certification. The DFEH brings this case for  
9 class wide relief and in the alternative as a class action, on behalf of: *all disabled individuals in the*  
10 *State of California who requested a testing accommodation for the Law School Admission Test*  
11 *(LSAT) from January 19, 2009 to the present.* The DFEH alleges that everyone within this class was  
12 subjected to LSAC's unlawful policies, patterns, or practices of discouraging requests for testing  
13 accommodation, requiring excessive documentation, and requesting unlawful information about  
14 mitigation measures. Within this class is a subclass of people who took the LSAT with the condition  
15 of extended time and were thereafter subjected to unlawful policies or practices of discriminatory  
16 treatment and retaliation because of this testing accommodation. These two classes are defined as  
17 follows:

18 a. **Unlawful Discouragement and Consideration of Mitigation Measures:** All  
19 disabled individuals in the State of California who requested a testing accommodation for the LSAT  
20 from January 19, 2009 to the present.

21 b. **Differential Treatment and Retaliation Against Examinees Granted Extended**  
22 **Time:** All disabled individuals in the State of California who took the LSAT with the testing  
23 accommodation of extra time from January 19, 2009 to the present.

24 7. **Class Representative:** The DFEH may bring a government enforcement action  
25 seeking relief for a group or class of persons without being certified as the class representative. In the  
26 alternative, this lawsuit meets the criteria for class certification. The Director of the DFEH, with the  
27 assistance of the 16 named real parties in interest, will fairly and adequately represent the class.



1           8.     **Manageability:** The DFEH may bring a government enforcement action seeking relief  
 2 for a group or class of persons without meeting the requirements for class certification. In the  
 3 alternative, class treatment of this dispute would save time and money by bringing all like claims  
 4 before this court. For LSAC policies that affect a large group of applicants in a similar fashion, such  
 5 as subjecting applicants to unlawful inquiries and flagging certain scores, treatment as a class is a  
 6 superior method of adjudication, as compared to multiple individual suits where each plaintiff would  
 7 allege an identical harm. Class treatment would neatly aggregate these claims, preventing duplicative  
 8 litigation and potential inconsistencies in the ultimate findings.

9           9.     **Numerosity:** The DFEH may bring a government enforcement action without meeting  
 10 the requirements for class certification. In the alternative, the class is estimated to include hundreds of  
 11 LSAT applicants. It would be impracticable to join each of these applicants who requested testing  
 12 accommodation during the three-year time frame and to bring them individually before the court for  
 13 adjudication. The members of this class are fully ascertainable and there exists a probability that the  
 14 individual members will ultimately be available to come forward to prove their separate damage-  
 15 related claims to a portion of the total class recovery, if any.

16           10.    **Commonality:** The DFEH may bring a government enforcement action without  
 17 meeting the requirements for class certification. In the alternative, there exists for the class a well-  
 18 defined community of interest such that common questions of both law and fact predominate over  
 19 individual interests or claims.

20           11.    **Typicality:** The DFEH may bring a government enforcement action without meeting  
 21 the requirements for class certification. In the alternative, class claims raised by the real parties in  
 22 interest are typical of those held by other members of the class. Each applicant for testing  
 23 accommodation was subject to an unlawful inquiry about mitigation measures, and each test-taker,  
 24 who was granted extra time, had his or her test score segregated and flagged.

25           12.    **Adequacy of Representation:** The DFEH may bring a government enforcement  
 26 action without meeting the requirements for class certification. In the alternative, with the assistance  
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1 of the real parties in interest, the DEFH will fairly and adequately represent the interests of all  
2 members of the class in the adjudication of their similar legal claims.

3 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 13. The DFEH realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation  
5 contained in paragraphs 1 through 12, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

6 14. This action arises under the FEHA, specifically Government Code section 12948,  
7 which incorporates the Unruh Act into the enforcement structure of the FEHA, giving the DFEH  
8 jurisdiction over Unruh Act violations occurring within the state. By virtue of its incorporation into  
9 the Unruh Act, a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (42 U.S.C. §§  
10 12101 et seq.) also constitutes a violation of the Unruh Act. Cal. Civ. Code § 51(f).

11 15. At all times relevant to this complaint, LSAC was a business establishment as defined  
12 by Civil Code section 51, subdivision (b). LSAC offers and administers its LSAT at multiple  
13 locations in the State of California several times a year.

14 16. At all times relevant to this complaint, real parties in interest John Doe, Jane Doe,  
15 Peter Roe, Raymond Banks, Kevin Collins, Rodney Decomo-Schmitt, Elizabeth Hennessey-  
16 Severson, Otilia Ioan, Alex Johnson, Nicholas Jones, Caroline Lee, Andrew Quan, Stephen Semos,  
17 Gazelle Taleshpour, Kevin Vielbaum, Austin Whitney, and all other similarly situated individuals,  
18 were "persons" within the meaning of Government Code section 12925, subdivision (d), and Civil  
19 Code section 51, subdivision (b).

20 17. On May 9, 2010, Jane Doe filed a verified complaint of discrimination in writing with  
21 the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC unlawfully denied  
22 her full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation of the FEHA and  
23 Unruh Act. A redacted copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

24 18. On January 12, 2010, Nicholas Jones filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
25 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
26 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation

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1 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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3 19. After receiving the complaints of Jane Doe and Mr. Jones, and beginning an  
4 investigation into their allegations, the Department came to believe that LSAC's policies and  
5 practices toward disabled applicants requesting testing accommodation were affecting a larger group  
6 or class of applicants in a similar manner.

7 20. On July 22, 2010, the Department issued a document entitled "Notice of Class Action  
8 Complaint and Director's Complaint" describing the affected group or class as "all disabled  
9 individuals in the State of California who have or will request a testing accommodation for the Law  
10 School Admission Test (LSAT), administered by the LSAC, and who have or will be unlawfully  
11 denied such request from January 19, 2009 to the conclusion of the Department's investigation of this  
12 complaint." A redacted copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

13 21. During its investigation of the class action and Director's complaint, the DFEH  
14 propounded administrative discovery to determine whether other people had been harmed by LSAC's  
15 discriminatory practices within the state. The DFEH's efforts to obtain this information from  
16 defendant included the filing of a superior court petition to compel LSAC to respond to its discovery  
17 requests. Although Government Code section 12960, subdivision (d), provides that the DFEH has  
18 one year from the date of the filing of its complaint until the filing of its accusation, this time is  
19 extended by the pendency of a court action to enforce administrative discovery. Cal. Gov't Code §  
20 12963.5(f). Therefore, this action is timely filed.

21 22. With the court's assistance, the DFEH was able to discover and notify other persons  
22 who were harmed by defendant's discriminatory practices, to wit:

- 23 A. While applicants with disabilities may seek testing accommodations on the LSAT,  
24 LSAT's policies, practices or procedures impose restrictions that are inconsistent  
25 with the ADA, FEHA and Unruh;



- 1 B. Under LSAC's policies, practices or procedures, applicants with disabilities must  
2 complete and submit an extensive portfolio of current and historical materials  
3 including medical and/or psychological documentation by a stated deadline;
- 4 C. Depending on the applicant's disability, individuals are also required to complete  
5 additional forms and medical reports. Then, even after so doing, LSAC requires  
6 even further additional documentation or medical reports.
- 7 D. LSAC's burdensome documentation requests "may cost [a test taker] over \$3,000,  
8 a cost that bars low-income individuals from access." Assembly Third Reading,  
9 AB 2122 (2011-2012);
- 10 E. LSAC's policies or practices are so burdensome that some applicants have had to  
11 secure legal counsel in pursuit of their testing accommodation request;
- 12 F. When LSAC grants applicants the testing accommodation of extended time, it  
13 specially marks or "flags" the test scores as having been taken under non-standard  
14 conditions and advises law schools to "[c]arefully evaluate LSAT scores earned  
15 under accommodated or nonstandard conditions." See LSAC's Cautionary Policies  
16 Concerning LSAT Scores and Related Services (Rev. 2005). LSAC segregates all  
17 such test scores so that when it submits scores to law schools, it does not report a  
18 percentile ranking for those applicants.

19 Some of the people harmed by LSAC's policies or practices elected to file individual complaints as  
20 follows.

21 23. On August 29, 2011, Alex Johnson filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
22 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
23 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
24 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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26 24. On August 31, 2011, John Doe filed a verified complaint of discrimination in writing  
27 with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC unlawfully





1 denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation of the  
2 FEHA and Unruh Act. A redacted copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

3 25. On September 26, 2011, Elizabeth Hennessey-Severson filed a verified complaint of  
4 discrimination in writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging  
5 that LSAC unlawfully denied her full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in  
6 violation of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as  
7 Exhibit 6.

8 26. On October 3, 2011, Caroline Lee filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
9 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
10 unlawfully denied her full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
11 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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13 27. On October 6, 2011, Raymond Banks filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
14 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
15 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
16 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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18 28. On October 7, 2011, Gazelle Taleshpour filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
19 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
20 unlawfully denied her full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
21 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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23 29. On October 11, 2011, Peter Roe filed a verified complaint of discrimination in writing  
24 with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC unlawfully  
25 denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation of the  
26 FEHA and Unruh Act. A redacted copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.

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1           30.     On October 11, 2011, Stephen Semos filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
2 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
3 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
4 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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6           31.     On October 14, 2011, Rodney DeComo-Schmitt filed a verified complaint of  
7 discrimination in writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging  
8 that LSAC unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year,  
9 in violation of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto  
10 as Exhibit 12.

11           32.     On October 17, 2011, Andrew Grossman filed a verified complaint of discrimination  
12 in writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
13 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
14 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
15 13. Andrew Grossman directly entered into a settlement agreement with LSAC. The DFEH is not a  
16 party to the settlement agreement between Andrew Grossman and LSAC.

17           33.     On October 19, 2011, Kevin Collins filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
18 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
19 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
20 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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22           34.     On October 24, 2011, Otilia Ioan filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
23 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
24 unlawfully denied her full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
25 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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1           35.     On October 28, 2011, Andrew Quan filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
2 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
3 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
4 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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6           36.     On October 28, 2011, Austin Whitney filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
7 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
8 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
9 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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11           37.     On November 7, 2011, Kevin Vielbaum filed a verified complaint of discrimination in  
12 writing with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 12960, alleging that LSAC  
13 unlawfully denied him full and equal access to the LSAT within the preceding one year, in violation  
14 of the FEHA and Unruh Act. A true and correct copy of this complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit  
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16           38.     On February 6, 2012, the DFEH issued a Group and Class Accusation before the  
17 California Fair Employment and Housing Commission (Commission), charging LSAC with  
18 violations of the Unruh Act. The Group and Class Accusation was properly served on LSAC by  
19 certified mail.

20           39.     On February 17, 2012, the DFEH issued a First Amended Group and Class Accusation  
21 before the Commission. This accusation was properly served on the LSAC by certified mail.

22           40.     Pursuant to Government Code section 12965, subdivision (c)(1), LSAC elected to  
23 have this dispute heard in civil court in lieu of a hearing before the Commission, and so notified the  
24 Department in writing, on or about February 22, 2012. A true and correct copy of "Respondent's  
25 Notice of Transfer of Proceedings to Court" is attached hereto as Exhibit 19.

26           41.     The Department has withdrawn its accusation and timely filed a civil complaint in  
27 Alameda County Superior Court pursuant to Government Code section 12965, subdivision (c)(2).



1 A. LSAC removed this case to the United States District Court, Northern District of  
2 California on April 12, 2012 on both federal question and diversity grounds.  
3 Docket No. 1.

4 B. DFEH sought and received leave to amend and file a First Amended Complaint,  
5 deemed filed February 6, 2013. DFEH sought and received leave to amend to file a  
6 Second Amended Complaint, filed March 27, 2013.

7 42. The harm that is the subject of this complaint occurred throughout the State of  
8 California. Three of the real parties in interest lived in the County of Alameda at the time that they  
9 were denied full and equal accommodations in the testing process.

10 43. The amount of damages sought by this complaint exceeds the minimum jurisdictional  
11 limits of this court, and is estimated to exceed \$5 million.

12 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

13 **The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)**

14 44. The LSAT is a half-day, standardized test administered four times each year at  
15 designated testing centers throughout the State of California. It purports to provide a standard  
16 measure of acquired reading and verbal reasoning skills that law schools use to assess applicants.  
17 Applicants to all ABA accredited law schools are required to take the LSAT in order to be eligible for  
18 admission to law school.

19 45. The test consists of five 35-minute sections of multiple-choice questions. A 35-minute  
20 writing sample is administered at the end of the test. Defendant does not score the writing sample, but  
21 sends it on to the law schools with the scores.

22 46. The LSAT is designed to measure reading and comprehension skills, the ability to  
23 organize and manage information, and analytical skills such as evaluation and criticism.

24 47. The three multiple-choice question types in the LSAT are labeled reading  
25 comprehension, analytical reasoning, and logical reasoning. All candidates take one additional  
26 multiple-choice section, which is experimental.

27 **LSAC Business within the State**



1 48. LSAC offers and administers its LSAT at multiple locations in the State of California  
 2 four times a year, typically at law schools and universities. Applicants pay a test registration fee of  
 3 \$139 after creating an online account and filling out the online application form. Additional fees  
 4 charged by LSAC include \$68 for late registration and \$35 to change the test date.

5 49. LSAC pays local proctors to administer the exam on site. LSAC also pays for  
 6 accommodations at the site, such as readers or scribes.

7 50. LSAC offers a Credential Assembly Service to law schools and law school applicants,  
 8 which streamlines the law school admission process by allowing transcripts, recommendations and  
 9 evaluations to be sent one time to LSAC. LSAC, in turn, summarizes and combines a law school  
 10 applicant's LSAT score, writing samples, transcripts, recommendations, and evaluations into a report  
 11 to an applicant's prospective law schools. The Credential Assembly Service also includes access  
 12 through an applicant's LSAC account to electronic applications for all ABA-approved law schools.  
 13 Applicants are charged \$124 to register for the Credential Assembly Service and \$16 for law school  
 14 reports.

15 51. LSAC provides a series of LSAT preparatory guides, manuals and compilations of  
 16 sample LSATs for purchase via its Web site, which materials range in price from \$8 to \$39.96. LSAC  
 17 also sells a guide to ABA-approved law schools for \$26 and a skill readiness inventory for \$29.95.

#### 18 The LSAC Accommodation Request Process

19 52. LSAC requires candidates requesting a testing accommodation to utilize its standard  
 20 forms and procedures. Applicants making a testing accommodation request for a so-called cognitive  
 21 or psychological impairment are required to provide psychoeducational/ neuropsychological testing  
 22 and a full diagnostic report, including comprehensive aptitude and achievement testing.

23 53. LSAC requires each applicant to disclose whether he or she took prescribed  
 24 medication during the evaluation process and to provide an explanation for any failure or refusal to  
 25 take the medication.

26 54. LSAC has a policy whereby examinees who complete the LSAT under a disability-  
 27 related testing accommodation involving additional test time receive a notation on their score report



1 indicating that their exam scores were earned under non-standard time conditions. When reporting  
 2 these LSAT scores to the law schools, defendant advises the schools that these examinees' scores  
 3 "should be interpreted with great sensitivity and flexibility."

4 55. In addition, scores from tests taken under extended time conditions are not averaged  
 5 with other scores to produce a percentile ranking as are other test scores. Instead, extended time  
 6 scores are reported individually.

7 **John Doe**

8 56. John Doe, a resident of Rancho Santa Fe (San Diego County), requested that  
 9 defendant make testing accommodations for the December 2010 LSAT at Saddleback College.

10 57. Mr. Doe was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder (ADD) at age 13. In addition, in  
 11 2010 he became extremely ill with a bacterial infection and was hospitalized for approximately two  
 12 months, spending several weeks in the Intensive Care Unit in a medically-induced coma. During this  
 13 illness he suffered a severe brain edema, which left him with residual neurological impairments.

14 58. Mr. Doe requested time and a half (150 percent) on the multiple choice and writing  
 15 sections for the December 2010 LSAT.

16 59. In support of his request, Mr. Doe submitted medical documentation verifying his  
 17 hospitalization, and a complete psychoeducational assessment, which reported multiple diagnoses:  
 18 ADD, a learning disability (spelling), and a "[r]ecent bacterial infection with sustained induced coma  
 19 and residual impairments."

20 60. LSAC refused to grant Mr. Doe's requested accommodation and instead asked for "a  
 21 detailed explanation regarding the nature, severity, treatment, and extent of [his] disorder at the  
 22 present time and it [*sic*] impact on your ability to take the LSAT."

23 61. Mr. Doe then submitted additional medical documentation indicating that he had  
 24 "suffered a serious illness and developed marked weaknesses and encephalopathy. He continues to  
 25 have fatigability and impaired concentration." His doctor recommended that Mr. Doe be granted  
 26 increased time to complete the LSAT.

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1 87. In support of his request, Collins submitted proof that he had received time and a half  
2 (150 percent) on the GRE and for exams at Claremont Graduate University. He also submitted a full  
3 psychoeducational assessment report as requested by LSAC's guidelines.

4 88. Defendant's first response was to ask for additional information and inform Collins  
5 that the deadline had passed for the February 2011 LSAT. Later, after Collins had submitted the  
6 requested information and requested consideration for the June exam, defendant granted him the  
7 accommodations of time and a half (150 percent) for the multiple choice and writing sample sections,  
8 rather than the double time that he had requested. The rest of his requested testing accommodations  
9 were granted.

10 89. Collins asked LSAC to reconsider its decision to deny him double time. LSAC stood  
11 by its previous decision that time and a half was appropriate.

12 **Rodney DeComo-Schmitt**

13 90. Rodney DeComo-Schmitt, a resident of Marin County, requested that defendant make  
14 testing accommodations for the October 2010 LSAT offered at Sonoma State University.

15 91. Mr. DeComo-Schmitt suffers from a reading disorder, causing a significant  
16 discrepancy between his verbal abilities and his visual-spatial abilities, especially under timed  
17 conditions.

18 92. Mr. DeComo-Schmitt requested time and a half (150 percent) on the multiple-choice  
19 sections of the exam, extra rest and break time, and permission to use a computer for the writing  
20 sample.

21 93. In support of his request, Mr. DeComo-Schmitt submitted a thorough  
22 psychoeducational assessment and proof that he had received time and a half (150 percent) on his  
23 SAT exam.

24 94. LSAC at first refused to consider Mr. DeComo-Schmitt's request for reconsideration,  
25 asserting that it had been submitted past the deadline for the October 2010 exam. Later, LSAC denied  
26 any testing accommodation to Mr. DeComo-Schmitt for the December 2010 exam, asserting that the

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1 documentation he had submitted did not demonstrate a limitation of a major life activity which  
2 affected his ability to take the LSAT.

3 95. Mr. DeComo-Schmitt requested reconsideration of LSAC's decision, submitting a  
4 letter from his psychologist contending that LSAC had misinterpreted the psychological testing.

5 96. LSAC stood by its denial of testing accommodation, informing Mr. DeComo-Schmitt  
6 that he was registered for the December 2010 LSAT as a standard test taker.

7 **Elizabeth Hennessey-Severson**

8 97. Elizabeth Hennessey-Severson, a resident of San Francisco (San Francisco County),  
9 requested that defendant make testing accommodations for the June 2011 LSAT at University of  
10 California, Hastings College of the Law.

11 98. Ms. Hennessey-Severson has reading, written expression and mathematics disorders,  
12 and ADHD. These conditions impair her working memory and her ability to plan, organize, and  
13 devote sustained attention to language-based tasks, particularly reading.

14 99. Ms. Hennessey-Severson requested that LSAC accommodate her on the LSAT with a  
15 minimum of time and a half (150 percent) extra testing time, and by allowing her short breaks of 10  
16 to 15 minutes between sections of the exam.

17 100. In support of her request, Ms. Hennessey-Severson submitted psychoeducational  
18 assessment reports from 2002 and 2009. She also submitted proof that she had been accommodated  
19 with time and a half (150 percent) on the SAT, and while she was a student at Dartmouth College.

20 101. Defendant denied all of Ms. Hennessey-Severson's requests for accommodation,  
21 contending that she scored in the "very superior" and "high average" range in her psychoeducational  
22 testing, and that her 2002 evaluation noted that she demonstrated a remarkable ability to compensate  
23 for her learning disabilities, such that she was able to take honors courses and play high school sports.

24 102. Ms. Hennessey-Severson and her psychologist requested that LSAC reconsider its  
25 decision to deny testing accommodation. Her psychologist wrote: "It is my professional opinion  
26 based on all available evidence including comprehensive history, diagnostic interview, well  
27 established history of early diagnosis, remediation, and later accommodations throughout high school



1 and college, that Ms. Hennessey has a standard learning disability that has a substantial impact on a  
2 major life function, namely, her ability to read, write, and calculate efficiently, and that extended time  
3 for formal testing is a reasonable accommodation for her disability.”

4 103. After reconsideration, LSAC stood by its prior decision to deny Ms. Hennessey-  
5 Severson any testing accommodation.

6 **Otilia Ioan**

7 104. Otilia Ioan, a resident of San Jose (Santa Clara County), requested testing  
8 accommodation for the December 2010 LSAT offered at Santa Clara University.

9 105. Ms. Ioan is quadriplegic. She is paralyzed in all four limbs and is unable to physically  
10 write without using a brace.

11 106. Ms. Ioan requested that LSAC provide her with double time on all sections of the test,  
12 an alternate answer sheet, the use of a scribe, and an additional break of 30 minutes between sections  
13 3 and 4 of the test.

14 107. In support of her request, Ms. Ioan submitted verification that she had received the  
15 testing accommodation of double time on tests while a student at De Anza College, and double time  
16 when taking the GRE.

17 108. LSAC asked Ms. Ioan to submit additional information from her doctor before it could  
18 consider her request for testing accommodation. LSAC wrote: “Your evaluator needs to provide  
19 detailed information regarding the nature, extent, severity, and treatment of your disorder and its  
20 functional limitation on your ability to take the LSAT.”

21 109. Ms. Ioan’s doctor supplied the additional information that LSAC requested.

22 110. Ms. Ioan wrote to LSAC requesting reconsideration of its decision to deny her double  
23 testing time. LSAC stood by its previous decision.

24 **Alex Johnson**

25 111. Alex Johnson, a resident of Lake San Marcos (San Diego County), requested testing  
26 accommodations for the October 2010 LSAT offered at the University of Southern California.



1 112. Mr. Johnson is quadriplegic. He is unable to write or turn pages because his fingers are  
2 paralyzed. He is unable to draw diagrams, underline text, or use a standard Scantron answer sheet.

3 113. Mr. Johnson requested 15 minutes of extra break time between each section of the  
4 LSAT, and 120 additional minutes (more than triple time) on the multiple choice and writing sample  
5 sections.

6 114. In support of his request, Mr. Johnson submitted medical documentation of his  
7 condition and need for testing accommodation, as well as verification from the University of  
8 Southern California that he had received double time on his exams while a student there.

9 115. At first, LSAC refused to consider Mr. Johnson's accommodation request, because he  
10 was not registered to take the LSAT. Later, it granted Mr. Johnson time and a half (150 percent) on  
11 the multiple choice and writing sample sections, and 10 minutes of break time between each section.  
12 It agreed to provide Mr. Johnson with a scribe, and permitted him to use a computer for the writing  
13 sample.

14 116. Mr. Johnson requested that LSAC reconsider his request for double time. His doctor  
15 wrote, "Double time is the least amount of time I should be allocated. It is also very hard to use a  
16 scribe because of time limitations."

17 117. LSAC responded that it did not offer an untimed test, and that the documentation  
18 submitted did not support Johnson's request.

19 **Nicholas Jones**

20 118. Nicholas Jones, a resident of Palm Desert (Riverside County), requested that  
21 defendant provide him with a testing accommodation for the December 2009 LSAT offered at the  
22 University of Laverne (Ontario).

23 119. Mr. Jones suffers from two distinct eye conditions. First, he has amblyopia or "lazy  
24 eye" in his left eye, which impairs his visual processing. Second, he has posterior vitreous  
25 detachments in his right eye, meaning that he has persistent floaters or spots, which obstruct his field  
26 of vision. These conditions together impair Mr. Jones' reading speed and ability.



1 120. Mr. Jones requested time and a half (150 percent) on the multiple choice and writing  
2 sample sections of the exam and five-minute breaks between each section.

3 121. In support of his request, Mr. Jones submitted medical forms filled out by his doctor,  
4 an eye specialist.

5 122. LSAC refused to provide any accommodation to Mr. Jones, informing him that “[t]he  
6 documentation provided did not reflect an impairment related to taking the Law School Admission  
7 Test.”

8 123. Mr. Jones requested that LSAC reconsider its decision denying him testing  
9 accommodations, and asked it to provide further explanation. Mr. Jones’ doctor wrote a letter  
10 supporting his request for reconsideration, asserting that Jones’ eye condition “substantially limits  
11 him in at least one major life activity, reading.”

12 124. After reconsideration, defendant stood by its prior decision to deny testing  
13 accommodation.

14 **Caroline Lee**

15 125. Caroline Lee, a resident of Oakland (Alameda County), requested that defendant make  
16 testing accommodations for the December 2010 LSAT offered in the City of Oakland.

17 126. Ms. Lee suffers from ADHD and a reading disorder, causing her reading to be labored  
18 and excessively slow, and impairing her short-term memory.

19 127. Ms. Lee requested time and a half (150 percent) on the LSAT multiple choice and  
20 writing sample, as well as extended breaks during the exam, a quiet testing environment, and the use  
21 of a laptop to compose all written work.

22 128. In support of her request, Ms. Lee submitted proof that she had received extended  
23 testing time of 150 percent while a student at City College of San Francisco (CCSF) and that she had  
24 taken the SAT and ACT with testing accommodations. She also submitted a psychoeducational  
25 assessment that had been performed while she was a student at CCSF.

26 129. LSAC replied in writing to Ms. Lee that she needed to submit additional  
27 documentation in order for her request to be considered, asking for: “[t]esting results and a full



1 diagnostic report from a comprehensive up-to-date psychoeducational/neuropsychological assessment  
2 that comply with the Law School Admissions Council, Inc. Guidelines for Documentation of  
3 Cognitive Impairments.”

4 130. Ms. Lee then obtained and submitted a full psychoeducational evaluation in February  
5 2011, which documented her ADHD and reading disorder. Her psychologist recommended that she  
6 receive 150 percent extended time, as well as the other previously requested accommodations.

7 131. LSAC then requested that Ms. Lee submit several additional documents and reports.  
8 Ms. Lee did so.

9 132. In April 2011, defendant denied all of Ms. Lee’s requested testing accommodations,  
10 informing her that: her performance on academic measures was commensurate with her ability,  
11 negating a finding of impairment; her documentation failed to support the diagnosis of an attention  
12 disorder; and her request for additional time on the writing sample was not considered because her  
13 psychologist had not administered the right tests.

14 133. Ms. Lee requested that LSAC reconsider its denial of accommodation. This request  
15 was accompanied by a letter from her psychologist, who contended that LSAC had misinterpreted the  
16 psychoeducational assessment.

17 134. After reconsideration, LSAC stood by its initial decision to deny testing  
18 accommodations.

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20 **Andrew Quan**

21 135. Andrew Quan, a resident of Hayward (Alameda County), requested testing  
22 accommodation for the October 2011 LSAT offered at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

23 136. Mr. Quan has ADHD, a visual-motor integration deficit with slow processing speed,  
24 hypotonia, and dysgraphia.

25 137. Mr. Quan requested that LSAC provide him with the accommodations of double time  
26 on the multiple choice and writing sample portions of the exam, 10-minute breaks between each  
27 section of the test, and the use of a computer for the writing sample.



1 138. In support of his request, Mr. Quan submitted to LSAC proof that he had been  
2 accommodated with the use of a computer on his ACT exams. He also submitted a 2008  
3 psychoeducational assessment from high school, showing that Mr. Quan suffered from “significant  
4 deficits in visual-motor integration and fine motor skills.” Included within that assessment was a  
5 2008 IEP documenting dysgraphia, attention deficit, visual processing, and sensory motor skills  
6 disorders which qualified him for special educational services, the use of a laptop computer, a scribe,  
7 and extra examination time.

8 139. LSAC requested that Mr. Quan provide further documentation to support his request,  
9 including “testing results and a full diagnostic report from a comprehensive up-to-date  
10 psychoeducational/neuropsychological assessment that comply with [LSAC Guidelines].”

11 140. Mr. Quan contested LSAC’s need for additional documentation, asserting that it was  
12 unnecessary, unaffordable, and burdensome.

13 141. LSAC responded that if Mr. Quan wanted any testing accommodation in the future, he  
14 would need to submit “substantive documentation to support your request for your  
15 hypotonia/dysgraphia disorders.”

16 Stephen Semos

17 142. Stephen Semos, a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes (Los Angeles County), requested  
18 that defendant make testing accommodations for the December 2010 LSAT at Whittier Law School  
19 (Costa Mesa).

20 143. Mr. Semos has ADHD and dsygraphia, which significantly impair his reading, writing,  
21 organization, and general academic performance.

22 144. Mr. Semos requested time and a half (150 percent) on both the multiple-choice and  
23 writing sample portions of the exam, additional break time of five to eight minutes.

24 145. In support of his request, Mr. Semos submitted proof that he had received: testing  
25 accommodations on the SAT; an IEP from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District  
26 identifying Mr. Semos as learning disabled; a letter verifying that he had received accommodations

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1 while a student at the University of California, Irvine, of time and a half (150 percent) on tests; and a  
2 complete psychoeducational assessment by his doctor, a neuropsychologist.

3 146. LSAC's first response was to ask Mr. Semos to provide additional documentation in  
4 order to consider his testing accommodation request, including a full report of two particular tests for  
5 cognitive disabilities, the Nelson-Denny Reading Test (NDRT) and the Conner's Continuous  
6 Performance Test-II. LSAC also informed Mr. Semos that the deadline for the December 2010 LSAT  
7 had passed, but that he could request accommodation for future exams.

8 147. Mr. Semos then submitted his documentation for the February 2011 LSAT.

9 148. In response, LSAC denied all of Mr. Semos' requests for testing accommodation on  
10 the basis that his test scores were generally commensurate with his abilities and thus did not  
11 demonstrate a learning disability.

12 149. Mr. Semos' neuropsychologist requested that LSAC reconsider its denial. Mr. Semos'  
13 doctor wrote: "Your denial letter written to Mr. Semos selectively highlighted the above average  
14 scores and thereby masked the patterns of deficits in processing speed and fine motor speed noted in  
15 my neuropsychological report."

16 150. LSAC responded that the letter from Mr. Semos' neuropsychologist had arrived too  
17 late to be considered for the February 2011 LSAT. LSAC wrote: "You remain registered to test as a  
18 standard test taker. No accommodations have been granted."

19 **Gazelle Taleshpour**

20 151. Gazelle Taleshpour, a resident of San Diego (San Diego County), requested that  
21 defendant make testing accommodations for the October 2010 LSAT offered at the University of San  
22 Diego.

23 152. Ms. Taleshpour has ADHD. She also suffers from osteopenia (bone loss) and chronic  
24 pain in her neck and back as a result of treatment she had received for leukemia, a bone marrow  
25 transplant, radiation, and chemotherapy.



1 153. Ms. Taleshpour requested that LSAC accommodate her with 30 extra minutes on the  
2 multiple choice and writing sample portions of the exam, breaks of two to five minutes every half  
3 hour so that she could stretch and alleviate pain, a high table, and a comfortable chair.

4 154. In support of her request, Ms. Taleshpour submitted documentation from her treating  
5 medical doctor, her chiropractor, and her psychologist. She also provided LSAC with verification that  
6 she had received time and a half (150 percent) on all tests and exams while a student at the University  
7 of San Diego.

8 155. LSAC requested that Ms. Taleshpour provide additional documentation in support of  
9 her testing accommodation request, including “[t]esting results and a full diagnostic report from a  
10 psychoeducational/neuropsychological assessment that comply with Guidelines for Documentation of  
11 Cognitive Impairments.”

12 156. Ms. Taleshpour obtained and submitted the additional documentation that LSAC  
13 requested. Her psychiatrist performed a full psychoeducational assessment, which diagnosed her with  
14 ADHD, a reading disorder, and a learning disability (dyslexia). Her psychiatrist supported Ms.  
15 Taleshpour’s request for double time and other testing accommodations.

16 157. LSAC only partially granted Ms. Taleshpour’s request for testing accommodation,  
17 allowing her to sit or stand at a podium while taking the exam, and to bring a seat cushion or an  
18 adjustable chair.

19 158. Ms. Taleshpour then resubmitted a request for accommodation for the December 2010  
20 LSAT: double time on multiple choice and writing sample; an alternate, non-Scantron answer sheet;  
21 use of a reader; an additional 15 minutes of rest time; and 15-minute breaks between sections.

22 159. LSAC denied the request for additional accommodations beyond the two it had  
23 already granted, explaining to Ms. Taleshpour that her intelligence test scores were average and  
24 commensurate with her ability, meaning that no cognitive disability was apparent.

25 160. Ms. Taleshpour requested that LSAC reconsider its denial of testing accommodation  
26 for extra time. Her psychologist supported the reconsideration request, contending that LSAC failed  
27 to recognize significant discrepancies in her reading speed and comprehension. “These significant



1 difficulties provide psychometric evidence of the presence of a Learning Disability as described by  
2 the ADA,” he wrote.

3 161. LSAC stood by its prior decision to limit the testing accommodations made for Ms.  
4 Taleshpour: permission to sit or stand with a podium and to bring a seat cushion or an adjustable  
5 chair.

6 **Kevin Vielbaum**

7 162. Kevin Vielbaum, a resident of San Mateo (San Mateo County), requested that  
8 defendant make testing accommodations for him in taking the June 2011 LSAT at the University of  
9 California, Hastings College of the Law.

10 163. Mr. Vielbaum has a reading disorder (dyslexia), characterized by a significant  
11 difficulties with perceptual reasoning, working memory, and cognitive processing speed.

12 164. Mr. Vielbaum requested that defendant accommodate him with time and a half (150  
13 percent) on the multiple choice section of the LSAT, double time on the writing sample, and  
14 permission to use a computer for the writing sample.

15 165. In support of his request, Mr. Vielbaum submitted extensive records from his primary  
16 education at a special school for students with dyslexia, where he was granted accommodations of  
17 extended time and the use of a laptop and calculator.

18 166. LSAC granted Mr. Vielbaum only the accommodation of using a computer, printer  
19 and spell check for the writing sample. LSAC denied the accommodation of extra time, noting that  
20 Mr. Vielbaum had not requested accommodation on the SAT, and that he had scored well on the tests  
21 involved in his psychoeducational assessment. Defendant went on to explain that: “[y]our evaluator  
22 notes you have difficulties with logical reasoning. Inasmuch as the Law School Admission Test is  
23 designed to measure these skills, the testing accommodations requested (extended time on all  
24 examinations that involve the solving of logic problems), would not be appropriate.”

25 **Austin Whitney**

26 167. Austin Whitney, a resident of Contra Costa County, first requested testing  
27 accommodations for the September 2009 LSAT offered at San Diego State University.



1 168. Mr. Whitney is paraplegic due to a spinal cord injury in 2007.

2 169. Mr. Whitney requested that defendant accommodate his disability with time and a half  
3 (150 percent) on the multiple choice and writing sample sections of the LSAT, and a wheelchair  
4 accessible testing location.

5 170. In support of his request, Mr. Whitney submitted medical records pertaining to his  
6 2007 injury, verification from the University of California at Berkeley that he had received time and a  
7 half (150 percent) for all exams and quizzes during his undergraduate studies, and a form filled out  
8 by his doctor indicating that, because of his injury and surgeries, he suffered from "severe chronic  
9 pain and radiating radicular nerve pain" for which Whitney took prescription medication that caused  
10 drowsiness.

11 171. LSAC responded that Mr. Whitney's request for testing accommodation had been  
12 submitted too late for the September 2009 test, and therefore he was registered as a standard test  
13 taker.

14 172. Mr. Whitney next requested testing accommodations for the June 2010 LSAT offered  
15 in Berkeley at the California Ballroom. This time he requested that LSAC accommodate him with  
16 five- minute breaks between sections, in addition to providing time and a half (150 percent) on the  
17 multiple choice and writing sample sections and a wheelchair accessible testing site.

18 173. In support of this request, Mr. Whitney submitted medical forms from four different  
19 doctors, each of whom supported his need for extra testing time. Dr. Larry Snyder explained:  
20 "Patient has significant fatigue due to medications taken for previous spinal injury - this will affect  
21 his performance in TIMED conditions." Dr. Carol Jessop wrote that, due to Mr. Whitney's spinal  
22 cord injury with chronic, neuropathic pain, he needed extra time to compensate for the effects of the  
23 pain medication which cause fatigue. Dr. Jessop explained: "This is a significant problem for Austin  
24 Whitney as he is taking medications . . . that cause him to be sleepy and fatigued. This drowsiness  
25 makes him slower in his response to test questions. If an exam has a time limit, he will definitely  
26 need extra time to complete it."

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1           174. LSAC then granted Mr. Whitney the extra break time that he requested, and agreed to  
2 provide a wheelchair accessible testing site, but denied his request for extra testing time. “If you  
3 choose to have your cognitive disorder (alluded to by Carol Jessop, MD) considered,” defendant  
4 wrote, “you must provide a current psychoeducational/neuropsychological assessment or  
5 neuropsychological evaluation as per our Guidelines for Documentation of Cognitive Impairments.”

6           175. Mr. Whitney asked defendant to reconsider its decision to deny additional testing time,  
7 and three of his doctors wrote to LSAC in support of his request.

8           a. Dr. Snyder wrote, “His pain and spacticity are a constant distraction and put  
9 him at a significant disadvantage as a test taker. In addition, the medication he is taking causes  
10 significant fatigue and makes it difficult to concentrate. The medication side effects do not impair  
11 cognition but can slow processing speed. For these reasons, he should be afforded extra time when  
12 taking this standardized test.”

13           b. Dr. Jessop wrote, “I would like to emphasize that the nature of Mr. Whitney’s  
14 condition is physiological (pain issues) and NOT cognitive or due to a learning disorder. Our request  
15 for extra time on the exam is based solely on physiological effects of chronic, severe neuropathic  
16 pain, and the fatiguing side effects of pharmaceutical pain killers. Thus, because he doesn’t have a  
17 learning disability, I feel strongly that neuropsychological or psychoeducational testing would be  
18 irrelevant in his case.”

19           c. Dr. Hedelman wrote, “Patient’s significant impacts on concentration, reading,  
20 writing, ability to attend class is secondary to his unpredictable, severe neuropathic pain and the  
21 associated pain management medications. Patient does not have an underlying cognitive impairment  
22 requiring neuropsych[ological] testing.”

23           176. LSAC refused to reconsider its decision, responding: “We have no objective evidence  
24 to support Dr. Carol Jessop, MD’s conclusion that your thought processes are not as fast as they  
25 could be without medication.”



1 177. In 2011, at LSAC's behest, Mr. Whitney was evaluated by a psychologist, who  
 2 determined that he required double time on examinations due to the effect that his pain medication  
 3 was having on his cognitive abilities.

4 178. In response to a second accommodation request by Mr. Whitney with the  
 5 psychologist's report as supporting documentation, LSAC awarded him 10 additional minutes on  
 6 each section of the exam. LSAC provided no rationale for denying his request for double time.

7 **FIRST CLASS CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **Unlawful Consideration of Mitigation Measures**

9 **(42 U.S.C. § 12102(4)(E)(1)(i)(I))**

10 179. The DFEH realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation  
 11 contained in paragraphs 1 through 178, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

12 180. The ADA, 42 U.S.C. § 12102(4)(E)(1)(i)(I), requires that "any determination of  
 13 whether an impairment substantially limits a major life activity shall be made without regard to the  
 14 ameliorative effects of mitigating measures such as medication." The ADA is incorporated into the  
 15 Unruh Act by Civil Code section 51, subdivision (f).

16 181. By requiring applicants to take the medication prescribed for their disabilities while  
 17 being evaluated for testing accommodations or explain their failure or refusal to do so, LSAC violates  
 18 the rights of class members under the FEHA, Unruh Act, and ADA,

19 182. As a direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein, class  
 20 members have incurred out of pocket losses, including test registration fees and medical bills, in an  
 21 amount to be proven at trial.

22 183. As a further and direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein,  
 23 class members have suffered emotional distress, anxiety, lost opportunity, frustration, humiliation,  
 24 and loss of dignity and self-esteem, in an amount to be proven at trial.

25 184. Defendants have engaged in, and by their refusal to comply with the law, have  
 26 demonstrated that they will continue to engage in, the pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination  
 27 described herein unless and until they are enjoined, pursuant to the police power granted by



1 Government Code sections 12920 and 12920.5, and pursuant to section 12974, from failing or  
 2 refusing to comply with the mandates of the FEHA, Unruh Act, and the ADA. Unless and until  
 3 defendants are enjoined from failing or refusing to comply with the mandates of these laws, class  
 4 members' right to full and equal access to places of public accommodation will continue to be  
 5 violated. Plaintiff lacks any plain, speedy, adequate remedy at law to prevent such harm, injury and  
 6 loss, which will continue until the court enjoins the complained of unlawful conduct and grants other  
 7 affirmative relief as prayed for herein.

8 **SECOND CLASS CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **Failure to Ensure that Exam Measures Ability Rather than Disability**

10 **(42 U.S.C. § 12189 and 28 C.F.R. § 36.309)**

11 185. The DFEH realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation  
 12 contained in paragraphs 1 through 178, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

13 186. The ADA requires that any person offering examinations related to post-secondary  
 14 education or profession "shall offer such examinations or courses in a place and manner accessible to  
 15 persons with disabilities." 42 U.S.C. § 12189. Regulations interpreting this section impose an  
 16 obligation on the entity offering such an examination that "[t]he examination is selected and  
 17 administered so as to best ensure that, when the examination is administered to an individual with a  
 18 disability that impairs sensory, manual, or speaking skills, the examination results accurately reflect  
 19 the individual's aptitude or achievement level or whatever other factor the examination purports to  
 20 measure, rather than reflecting the individual's impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills." 28  
 21 C.F.R. § 36.309.

22 187. By adhering to a blanket policy of annotating scores taken under extended time  
 23 conditions, defendant is communicating to law schools that it does not know whether or not the  
 24 applicants' exam results accurately reflect aptitude or achievement. Therefore, LSAC is breaching its  
 25 duty under the FEHA, Unruh Act, and ADA to ensure that the examination results accurately reflect  
 26 the individual's aptitude or achievement level. 28 C.F.R. § 36.309(b)(1)(i).



1 188. As a direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein, class  
 2 members have incurred out of pocket losses, including test registration fees and medical bills, in an  
 3 amount to be proven at trial.

4 189. As a further and direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein,  
 5 class members have suffered emotional distress, anxiety, lost opportunity, frustration, humiliation,  
 6 and loss of dignity and self-esteem, in an amount to be proven at trial.

7 190. Defendants have engaged in, and by their refusal to comply with the law, have  
 8 demonstrated that they will continue to engage in, the pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination  
 9 described herein unless and until they are enjoined, pursuant to the police power granted by  
 10 Government Code sections 12920 and 12920.5, and pursuant to section 12974, from failing or  
 11 refusing to comply with the mandates of the FEHA, Unruh Act, and the ADA. Unless and until  
 12 defendants are enjoined from failing or refusing to comply with the mandates of these laws, class  
 13 members' right to full and equal access to places of public accommodation will continue to be  
 14 violated. Plaintiff lacks any plain, speedy, adequate remedy at law to prevent such harm, injury and  
 15 loss, which will continue until the court enjoins the complained of unlawful conduct and grants other  
 16 affirmative relief as prayed for herein.

17 **THIRD CLASS CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **Coercion, Intimidation, Threats, or Interference with ADA Rights - Flagging**

19 **(42 U.S.C. § 12203)**

20 191. The DFEH realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation  
 21 contained in paragraphs 1 through 178, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

22 192. The ADA makes it unlawful to "coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any  
 23 individual in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his or her having exercised or enjoyed,  
 24 any right granted or protected by this Act." 42 U.S.C. § 12203.

25 193. LSAC's policy of annotating tests scores administered under extended time conditions  
 26 discourages applicants from seeking such a testing accommodation, and punishes those who receive  
 27 it, in violation of the FEHA, Unruh Act, and ADA.





1 194. As a direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein, class  
 2 members have incurred out of pocket losses, including test registration fees and medical bills, in an  
 3 amount to be proven at trial.

4 195. As a further and direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein,  
 5 class members have suffered emotional distress, anxiety, lost opportunity, frustration, humiliation,  
 6 and loss of dignity and self-esteem, in an amount to be proven at trial.

7 196. Defendants have engaged in, and by their refusal to comply with the law, have  
 8 demonstrated that they will continue to engage in, the pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination  
 9 described herein unless and until they are enjoined, pursuant to the police power granted by  
 10 Government Code sections 12920 and 12920.5, and pursuant to section 12974, from failing or  
 11 refusing to comply with the mandates of the FEHA, Unruh Act, and the ADA. Unless and until  
 12 defendants are enjoined from failing or refusing to comply with the mandates of these laws, class  
 13 members' right to full and equal access to places of public accommodation will continue to be  
 14 violated. Plaintiff lacks any plain, speedy, adequate remedy at law to prevent such harm, injury and  
 15 loss, which will continue until the court enjoins the complained of unlawful conduct and grants other  
 16 affirmative relief as prayed for herein.

17 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION – REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST ONLY**

18 **Denial of Reasonable Accommodation**

19 **(42 U.S.C. § 12189 and 28 C.F.R. § 36.309(b)(1)(iv))**

20 197. The DFEH realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation  
 21 contained in paragraphs 1 through 178, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

22 198. The ADA requires that any person offering examinations related to post-secondary  
 23 education or profession “shall offer such examinations or courses in a place and manner accessible to  
 24 persons with disabilities.” 42 U.S.C. § 12189. As part of this duty to make an examination accessible,  
 25 the regulations require that any documentation requested be “reasonable and limited to the need for  
 26 the modification, accommodation, or auxiliary aid or service requested.” 28 C.F.R. §  
 27 36.309(b)(1)(iv).



1 199. LSAC breached its duty to make the LSAT accessible to people with disabilities by  
 2 requiring excessive amounts of documentation and denying a testing accommodation to each real  
 3 party in interest, in violation of the FEHA, Unruh Act, and ADA.

4 200. As a direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein, real parties  
 5 have incurred out of pocket losses, including test registration fees and medical bills, in an amount to  
 6 be proven at trial.

7 201. As a further and direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein,  
 8 real parties have suffered emotional distress, anxiety, lost opportunity, frustration, humiliation, and  
 9 loss of dignity and self-esteem, in an amount to be proven at trial.

10 202. Defendants have engaged in, and by their refusal to comply with the law, have  
 11 demonstrated that they will continue to engage in, the pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination  
 12 described herein unless and until they are enjoined, pursuant to the police power granted by sections  
 13 12920 and 12920.5, and pursuant to section 12974, from failing or refusing to comply with the  
 14 mandates of the FEHA, Unruh Act, and the ADA. Unless and until defendants are enjoined from  
 15 failing or refusing to comply with the mandates of these laws, class members' right to full and equal  
 16 access to places of public accommodation will continue to be violated. Plaintiff lacks any plain,  
 17 speedy, adequate remedy at law to prevent such harm, injury and loss, which will continue until the  
 18 court enjoins the complained of unlawful conduct and grants other affirmative relief as prayed for  
 19 herein.

20 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION – REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST ONLY**

21 **Coercion, Intimidation, Threats, or Interference with ADA Rights**

22 **(42 U.S.C. § 12203)**

23 203. The DFEH realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation  
 24 contained in paragraphs 1 through 178, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

25 204. The ADA makes it unlawful to “coerce, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any  
 26 individual in the exercise or enjoyment of, or on account of his or her having exercised or enjoyed,  
 27 any right granted or protected by this Act.” 42 U.S.C. § 12203.



1 205. LSAC's policies and patterns of requiring unreasonable types and excessive amounts  
2 of documentation to support each testing accommodation request violate the FEHA, Unruh Act, and  
3 the ADA, by unlawfully coercing, intimidating, threatening, or interfering with real parties' exercise  
4 or enjoyment of their right to reasonable accommodation on the LSAT.

5 206. As a direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein, real parties  
6 have incurred out of pocket losses, including test registration fees and medical bills, in an amount to  
7 be proven at trial.

8 207. As a further and direct result of the unlawful practices of defendants as alleged herein,  
9 real parties have suffered emotional distress, anxiety, lost opportunity, frustration, humiliation, and  
10 loss of dignity and self-esteem, in an amount to be proven at trial.

11 208. Defendants have engaged in, and by their refusal to comply with the law, have  
12 demonstrated that they will continue to engage in, the pattern or practice of unlawful discrimination  
13 described herein unless and until they are enjoined, pursuant to the police power granted by  
14 Government Code sections 12920 and 12920.5, and pursuant to section 12974, from failing or  
15 refusing to comply with the mandates of the FEHA, Unruh Act, and the ADA. Unless and until  
16 defendants are enjoined from failing or refusing to comply with the mandates of these laws, class  
17 members' right to full and equal access to places of public accommodation will continue to be  
18 violated. Plaintiff lacks any plain, speedy, adequate remedy at law to prevent such harm, injury and  
19 loss, which will continue until the court enjoins the complained of unlawful conduct and grants other  
20 affirmative relief as prayed for herein.

21 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION – GROUP AND CLASS RELIEF**

22 Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Violation of California Education Code

23 (Cal. Educ. Code § 99161.5)

24  
25 209. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 178, as though fully set forth  
26 herein.

1           210. Government Code, section 12902 expressly makes Government Code, 11150 et seq.  
2 applicable to the DFEH. Under Government Code, section 11180, the DFEH is authorized to  
3 investigate and prosecute actions “relating to ... subjects under the jurisdiction of the department.”  
4 The activities prohibited by the Education Code, section 99161.5 relate to subjects under the  
5 jurisdiction of the DFEH.

6           211. California’s Education Code, section 99161.5(a)(1), states: “The test sponsor of the  
7 Law School Admission Test shall provide testing accommodations to a test subject with a disability  
8 who makes a timely request to ensure that the Law School Admission Test accurately reflects the  
9 aptitude, achievement levels, or other factors that the test purports to measure and does not reflect the  
10 test subject’s disability. This paragraph does not constitute a change in, but is declaratory of, existing  
11 law.”

12           212. California’s Education Code, section 99161.5, further states that, when determining  
13 whether to grant a testing accommodation to the test subject, “the test sponsor of the Law School  
14 Admission Test shall, consistent with existing law, give considerable weight to the documentation of  
15 past modifications, accommodations, or auxiliary aids or services received by the test subject in  
16 similar testing situations[.]” Cal. Educ. Code § 99161.5(b).

17           213. California’s Education Code, section 99161.5, further states that the decision of  
18 whether or not to approve a request for a testing accommodation on the LSAT shall be conveyed to  
19 the requester within a reasonable amount of time. When a testing accommodation is denied, the test  
20 sponsor shall state the reasons for the denial in writing, and shall provide a timely appeals process.  
21 Cal. Educ. Code § 99161.5(a)(2), (3).

22           214. California’s Education Code, section 99161.5, further prohibits the practice of  
23 “flagging” LSAT scores by prohibiting the test sponsor from “notify[ing] a test score recipient that  
24 the score of any test subject was obtained by a subject who received an accommodation pursuant to  
25 this section,” or from “withhold[ing] any information that would lead a test score recipient to deduce  
26 that a score was earned by a subject who received an accommodation[.]” Cal. Educ. Code §  
27 99161.5(c).





1 AS TO REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST

2 218. Provide free and accommodated testing at the next available testing date in each real  
3 party's area, with accommodations as initially requested by that real party;

4 219. Provide a letter to each real party explaining that their LSAT scores used for their law  
5 school applications during the relevant period may not have provided accurate measures of their  
6 acquired reading and verbal reasoning skills, because LSAC did not provide testing accommodations.

7 CLASSWIDE RELIEF,  
8 INCLUDING THE REAL PARTIES IN INTEREST

9 220. Cease and desist from consideration of mitigation measures such as medication when  
10 making a determination as to whether an applicant needs a testing accommodation.

11 221. Cease and desist from specially annotating LSAT scores tests scores administered  
12 under extended time conditions.

13 222. Include all test scores in the percentile ranking process and provide a ranked percentile  
14 to each test taker.

15 223. Immediately undertake a validation study to determine if LSAC scores under  
16 accommodation of extra time for cognitive disabilities are an equal measure of aptitude or  
17 achievement as compared to non-accommodated scores.

18 224. Reduce to a discrete and reasonable amount the documentation required to verify an  
19 applicant's need for a testing accommodation, especially for so-called cognitive disabilities,  
20 consistent with the ADA's requirement that such documentation be "reasonable" and Congress'  
21 mandate that "the question of whether an individual's impairment is a disability under the ADA  
22 should not demand extensive analysis." (28 C.F.R. § 36.309(b)(1)(iv); 42 U.S.C. § 1201 [Pub. L. No.  
23 110-325 § 2(b)(5) (Sept. 25, 2008) 122 Stat. 3553].)

24 225. Create a more streamlined and user-friendly process for considering testing  
25 accommodation requests, that includes notice to applicants, within a reasonable period of time,  
26 whether or not requested testing accommodations have been granted, and provides a fair process for  
27 timely reconsideration of any denial of requested testing accommodations.



1 226. Pay actual damages according to proof for each Unruh Act violation up to a maximum  
2 of three times the actual damages but in no case less than \$4,000 per violation.

3 227. Pay the DFEH's attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to California Government Code  
4 § 12965(b) and California Civil Code § 52(a), in an amount according to proof, plus annual interest,  
5 as required by law.

6 228. Provide written proof to the Department of the nature and extent of LSAC's  
7 compliance with all requirements of the court's order within 100 days of its effective date.

8 229. Award penalties pursuant to California Education code, section 99161; and,

9 230. Provide such other relief as the Court deems to be just and proper.

10 Dated: September 27, 2013

DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT  
AND HOUSING

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12 Jon M. Ichinaga  
Chief Counsel

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Associate Chief Counsel

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Senior Staff Counsel

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**EXHIBIT 1**



\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U200910-0-0003\_00

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

CITY/STATE/ZIP

COUNTY

COUNTY CODE

Alameda

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NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S) LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS COUNCIL

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

P.O. Box 8512

(215) 968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

COUNTY

COUNTY CODE

Newtown, PA 18940

Accommodation #14 000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

- checkbox RACE, checkbox SEX, checkbox DISABILITY, checkbox RELIGION, checkbox NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY, checkbox SEXUAL ORIENTATION, checkbox COLOR, checkbox AGE, checkbox MARITAL STATUS, checkbox OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) April 21, 2010

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THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. On or about April 21, 2010, I was denied my reasonable accommodation request for 50% extra testing time when taking my LSAT exam for the Law School Admissions Council which is located at P.O. Box 8512, Newtown, PA 18940.
II. I believe I was denied my reasonable accommodation request for 50% extra testing time when taking my LSAT exam which is necessary due to my disability (Attention Deficit Disorder) which is a violation Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
A. Corporate Council, Joan Van Tol, was aware of my disability and the granting of my accommodation request for 50% additional testing time for a prior test date. However, after I requested an accommodation for 50% additional testing time for the June 6, 2010 exam, my request was denied.

Typed and mailed for signature on May 4, 2010.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated X May 3, 2010
At X Oakland
City

[Redacted Signature]

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COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM
DEPT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING-OAKLAND HOUSING UNIT

**EXHIBIT 2**

## \* \* \* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 &amp; 54 \* \* \*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE  
 PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT  
 AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL  
 RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # E-200910-G-0012-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

Jones, Nicholas E. (Mr)

ADDRESS

73213 Catalina Way

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

(760) 409-9103

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Palm Desert, ca 92260

COUNTY

Riverside

COUNTY CODE

065

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT  
 DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

Post Office Box 8512

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newton, PA 18940-8512

COUNTY

Out-of-State

COUNTY CODE

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CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

RACE     SEX     DISABILITY     RELIGION     NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY     SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
 COLOR     AGE     MARITAL STATUS     OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) December 5, 2009

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

B

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. On or about December 5, 2009 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT test for the Law School Admissions Council.
- II. On or about October 27, 2009 and November 9, 2009 I received notification my request for reasonable accommodation had been denied.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation because of my disabilities (Amblyopia/Posterior Vitreous Detachment) and because of my membership in a class of people who are disabled. This is a violation of Section 12948 of the Government Code. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. On or about October 20, 2009 I requested a reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT test scheduled for December 5, 2009.
  - B. On or about October 27, 2009 I received notification the documentation I provided did not reflect an impairment related to taking the LSAT and I remained registered to test as a standard test taker.
  - C. On or about November 3, 2009 I requested reconsideration regarding my accommodation request by providing additional information requested by LSAC to justify my need for reasonable accommodation.

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTION 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U-200910-G-0012-00-p

COMPLAINANT

Jones, Nicholas E. (Mr.)

RESPONDENT

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

D. On or about November 9, 2009 I received notification the additional documentation was reviewed and there was no change in their decision and my request for reasonable accommodation was denied.

IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals, who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

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Typed and mailed for signature on January 11, 2010 JAN 21 2010

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated

1/14/2010

NICHOLAS E. JONES

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

At

PALM DESERT, CA  
City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM

**EXHIBIT 3**

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Acting Chief Counsel  
2 ALEXANDRA SELDIN (#239708)  
Staff Counsel  
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AND HOUSING  
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Facsimile: (619) 645-3170  
6 Attorneys for the Department

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8 BEFORE THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING COMMISSION  
9 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 In the Matter of the Complaint of  
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR  
EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING,

Case Nos. U-200910-G-0012-00-p  
U-200910-G-0011-00-p  
U-200910-Q0003-00

13 vs.

14 LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL,  
15 INC.,

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION  
COMPLAINT AND DIRECTOR'S  
COMPLAINT

16 Respondent,

(Gov. Code §§ 12960, 12961 and 12965,  
subd. (a).)

17 HAMID MICHAEL HEJAZI; NICHOLAS E.  
18 JONES; and [REDACTED]

19 Complainants.  
20

21 TO LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL, INC., 662 Penn Street, Box 40, Newton,  
22 Pennsylvania, 18940:

23 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Government Code sections 12960 and 12961, the  
24 Director of the DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING (hereinafter "the  
25 Department") has determined that the cases listed below will be treated and proceed as a group or  
26 class complaint for all purposes, and the Director has issued the following Complaint of  
27 Discrimination on behalf of the group or class described below:



1 Case number U-200910-G-0011-00-p, filed by Complainant HAMID MICHAEL HEJAZI  
2 against Respondent LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL, INC. on January 19, 2010.

3 Case number U-200910-G-0012-00-p, filed by Complainant NICHOLAS E. JONES against  
4 Respondent LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL, INC. on January 21, 2010.

5 Case number U-200910-Q0003-00, filed by Complainant [REDACTED] against  
6 Respondent LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL, INC. on May 9, 2010.

7 The Director's determination and issuance is based on the following:

8 1. Complainants HAMID MICHAEL HEJAZI, NICHOLAS E. JONES and [REDACTED]  
9 [REDACTED] (hereinafter "Complainants") filed individual verified complaints in writing with the  
10 Department on the dates herein indicated alleging that Respondent LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION  
11 COUNCIL, INC. (hereinafter "LSAC") engaged in unlawful practices against them which were  
12 discriminatory on the basis of disability, in violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act  
13 ("FEHA"), Government Code section 12900, *et. seq.* and the Unruh Civil Rights Act, Civil Code  
14 section 51.

15 2. The Department's investigation revealed that LSAC is a proper respondent for all  
16 purposes in this matter.

17 3. The group or class of which the Complainants are members is comprised of all  
18 disabled individuals in the State of California who have or will request a reasonable  
19 accommodation for the Law School Admission Test ("LSAT"), administered by the LSAC, and  
20 who have or will be unlawfully denied such request from January 19, 2009 to the conclusion of the  
21 Department's investigation of this complaint.

22 4. There are common questions of law and fact involved which affect the parties to be  
23 represented and those persons similarly situated in that during the course of the Department's  
24 investigation the Complainants provided and the Department obtained information, which, if  
25 proven, indicates that LSAC unlawfully denied or denies disabled individuals reasonable  
26 accommodations for the LSAT. Respondent disputes some of these allegations. The Department  
27 will continue the investigation to determine the merits of these allegations.



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5. The nature of the group or class is such that proof of a single set of facts will establish the right of each member of the group to recover.

6. The Director will fairly and accurately represent the interests of the group or class.


7. You may, but need not, respond to this notification in writing by submitting your response to:

Alexandra Seldin  
Special Investigations Unit Administrator  
Department of Fair Employment and Housing  
2218 Kausen Drive, Suite 100  
Elk Grove, CA 95758

DATED: July 22, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT  
AND HOUSING

PHYLLIS W. CHENG  
Director

By:   
Phyllis W. Cheng





**EXHIBIT 4**

**\* \* \* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \* \* \***

**COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54**

DFEH # U 201112 H-0007-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

JOHNSON, ALEX (MR.)

ADDRESS

1447 La Linda Drive

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

760-736-0119

CITY/STATE/ZIP

San Marcos, CA 92078

COUNTY

San Diego

COUNTY CODE

073

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LASC)

ADDRESS

862 Penn Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

Out of State

COUNTY CODE

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CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES!)

RACE  SEX  DISABILITY  RELIGION  NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY  SEXUAL ORIENTATION

COLOR  AGE  MARITAL STATUS  OTHER: (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) September 17, 2010

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. On or about 9/17/10 I was denied the reasonable accommodation needed to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
- II. No reason was given for partial denial of my reasonable accommodation and the granting of inadequate/ineffective accommodations.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation, which is necessary due to my disability (Quadriplegia), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. On or about 8/5/10 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for accommodation in the form of using a computer for all sections of the test, 120 extra minutes on each section of the test, alternate to scantron answer sheet, use of amanuensis (to turn pages), additional rest period and breaks, . I also provided supporting medical documentation to confirm the accommodations were medically necessary.
  - B. On or about 9/17/10 I was notified that part of my requested accommodation was being denied. The accommodations that were granted were inadequate and ineffective.
- IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on August 23, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated 8-26-11

Alex V Johnson

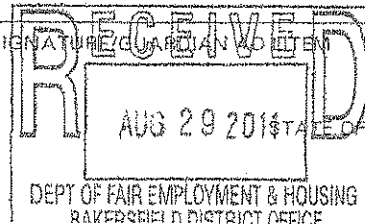
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

At Lake San Marcos  
City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

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DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

DATE FILED:



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DEPT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT & HOUSING  
RIVERSIDE DISTRICT OFFICE

**EXHIBIT 5**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U 201112 H-0008-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

CITY/STATE/ZIP COUNTY COUNTY CODE San Diego 073

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S) Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LASC)

ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) 662 Penn Street 215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP COUNTY COUNTY CODE Newtown, PA 18940 Out of State 000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES)) RACE SEX DISABILITY RELIGION NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY SEXUAL ORIENTATION COLOR AGE MARITAL STATUS OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) October 31, 2010 TYPE OF COMPLAINT Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. On or about 10/31/2010 I was denied the reasonable accommodation of adequate additional time to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) and adequate break periods.
II. No reason was given for partial denial of my reasonable accommodation.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation in the form of additional test taking time and break periods, which is necessary due to my disabilities (ADD [Attention Deficit Disorder], Lemierre's Syndrome with Brain edema resulting in brain processing speed impairment), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948.
A. On or about early 10/2010 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for additional test taking time and break periods.
B. On or about 10/31/10 I was notified that my requested accommodation was being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on August 22, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief.

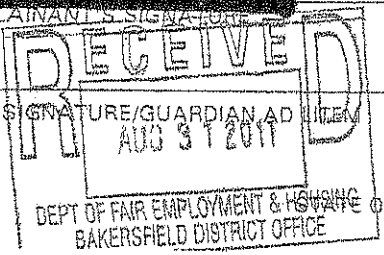
Dated 8/26/2011

At Rancho Santa Fe CA City

[Redacted Signature]

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM

DATE FILED:



**EXHIBIT 6**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U 201112 H-0013-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)
HENNESSEY-SEVERSON, ELIZABETH (MS.)
ADDRESS
1067 Oak Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP
San Francisco, CA 92101
COUNTY
San Francisco
COUNTY CODE
075

1-603-667-5459
TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)
XXX-XXX-XXXX

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S)
Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)
ADDRESS
662 Penn Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP
Newtown, PA 18940
COUNTY
Out of State
COUNTY CODE
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TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)
215-968-1001

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))
[ ] RACE [ ] SEX [ ] DISABILITY [ ] RELIGION [ ] NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY [ ] SEXUAL ORIENTATION
[ ] COLOR [ ] AGE [ ] MARITAL STATUS [ ] OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION
TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) May 10, 2011
TYPE OF COMPLAINT
Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

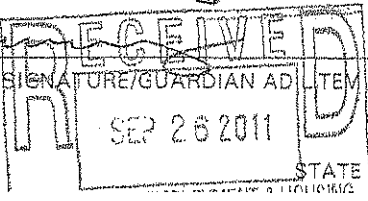
- I. From on or about 4/29/11 I was denied the reasonable accommodation of adequate additional time to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
II. No reason was given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation in the form of additional test taking time, which is necessary due to my disabilities (Anxiety, Processing Disorder, Learning Disorder, Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder [ADHD]), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
A. On or about 4/27/11 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for additional test taking time as well additional breaks in between test sections. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
B. On or about 4/29/11 and again 5/10/11 I was notified that my requested accommodation was being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on September 14, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated 9/22/2011
At San Francisco
City

ES Hennessey-Severson
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE
ES Hennessey-Severson
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM



**EXHIBIT 7**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

DFEH # U 201112 H-0018-00-p

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

LEE, CAROLINE FAVROT (MS.)

ADDRESS

676 Alcatraz Avenue

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

510-655-1758

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Oakland, CA 94609

COUNTY

Alameda

COUNTY CODE

001

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

662 Penn Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

Out of State

COUNTY CODE

000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

- DISABILITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, etc.

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) April 28, 2011

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. From on or about 10/2010 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT...
II. No adequate reason was given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation, which is necessary due to my disabilities...
A. On or about 10/2010 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need...
B. Most recently on or about 4/28/11 I was notified that my requested accommodation was being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals...

Typed and mailed for signature on September 28, 2011.

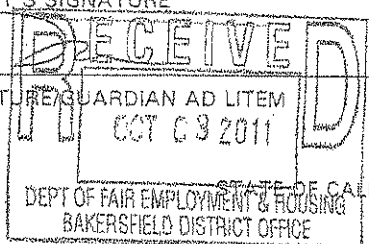
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated Sept 29 2011

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

At Oakland City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE





**EXHIBIT 8**

**\* \* \* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \* \* \***

**COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54**

DFEH # D 201112 H-0021-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

**BANKS, RAYMOND (MR.)**

ADDRESS

**P. O. Box 156661**

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

XXX-XXX-XXXX

CITY/STATE/ZIP

**San Francisco, CA 94115**

COUNTY

**San Francisco**

COUNTY CODE

**075**

**NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:**

NAME(S)

**Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)**

ADDRESS

**662 Penn Street**

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

**215-968-1001**

CITY/STATE/ZIP

**Newtown, PA 18940**

COUNTY

**Out of State**

COUNTY CODE

**000**

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

- RACE
- SEX
- DISABILITY
- RELIGION
- NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY
- SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- COLOR
- AGE
- MARITAL STATUS
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

**TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) January 31, 2011**

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

**Unruh**

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. On or about January 2011 I was denied the reasonable accommodation of adequate additional time to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
- II. No reason was given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation in the form of additional test taking time, which is necessary due to my disabilities (Nerve and Muscle damage in left shoulder/arm), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. On or about January 2011 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for additional test taking time. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
  - B. On or about January 2011 I was notified that my requested accommodation was being denied.
- IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on August 28, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated 10/6/11

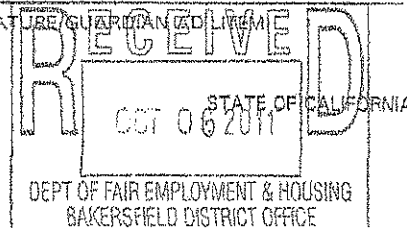
*Raymond Banks*  
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

At SAN FRANCISCO  
City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

DFEH-300-02 (12/99) B:PND  
DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

DATE FILED:



**EXHIBIT 9**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U 201112 H-0023-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

TALESHPOUR, GAZELLE (MS.)

ADDRESS

6756 Bestwood Court

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

XXX-XXX-XXXX

CITY/STATE/ZIP

San Diego, CA 92119

COUNTY

San Diego

COUNTY CODE

073

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

662 Penn Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

Out of State

COUNTY CODE

000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

- checkbox RACE, checkbox SEX, checkbox DISABILITY, checkbox RELIGION, checkbox NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY, checkbox SEXUAL ORIENTATION, checkbox COLOR, checkbox AGE, checkbox MARITAL STATUS, checkbox OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) December 6, 2010

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. Most recently on or about 12/6/10 I was denied the reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
II. No adequate reason was given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation in the form of additional test taking time, which is necessary due to my disabilities (Dyslexia, ADHD, Complications due to bone marrow transplant), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
A. On or about 2008 and again starting in 7/2010 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodations. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
B. Most recently on or about 12/6/10 I was notified that at least part of my requested accommodation was being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on September 30, 2011. Corrected and re-mailed October 7, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated Oct 7th, 2011

Handwritten signature of Gazelle Talespour

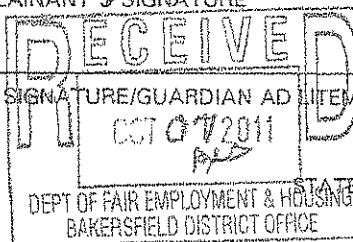
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

At City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM

DFEH-300-02 (12/99) B:PND DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

DATE FILED:



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**EXHIBIT 10**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

CITY/STATE/ZIP COUNTY COUNTY CODE

Out of State 000

NAME(S) THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

662 Penn Street 215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP COUNTY COUNTY CODE

Newtown, PA 18940 Out of State 000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

DISCRIMINATION CHECKBOXES: RACE, SEX, DISABILITY, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, COLOR, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) TYPE OF COMPLAINT

October 21, 2010 Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. On or about 10/21/10 I was denied the reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
II. The reason cited for denying my request for reasonable accommodation was that documentation did not support that my condition limited a major life activity.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation, which is necessary due to my disabilities (Attention Deficit--Hyperactivity Disorder [ADHD] and Learning Disabilities), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948.
A. On or about 8/2010 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodations.
B. Most recently on or about 10/21/10 I was notified that my requested accommodations were being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on September 27, 2011.

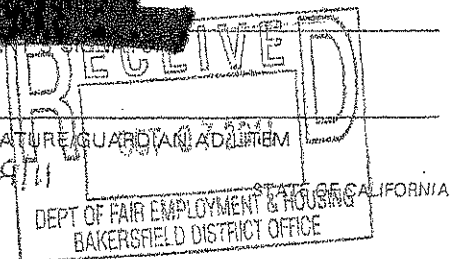
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated 09/27/2011

At Scottsdale, AZ City

DFEH-300-02 (12/99) B:PND DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM DATE FILED: 9/29/11



**EXHIBIT 11**

U 201112 H-0025-00-p

DFEH # \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54**

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

SEMOS, STEPHEN (MR.)

ADDRESS

6512 Monero Drive

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

310-544-2993

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

COUNTY

Los Angeles

COUNTY CODE

037

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

662 Penn Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

Out of State

COUNTY CODE

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CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

- RACE
- SEX
- DISABILITY
- RELIGION
- NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY
- SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- COLOR
- AGE
- MARITAL STATUS
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) February 28, 2011

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. Most recently on or about February 2011 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
- II. No adequate reasons were given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation which is necessary due to my disabilities ((Epilepsy, ADD [Attention Deficit Disorder] and Gertsman Syndrome), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. On or about 2008, 11/2010 and 12/21/10 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for accommodation. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
  - B. Most recently on or about February 2011 I was notified that my requested accommodation was being denied.
- IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on September 30, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated ~~9-5-2011~~ 10-5-2011

*Stephen Semos*

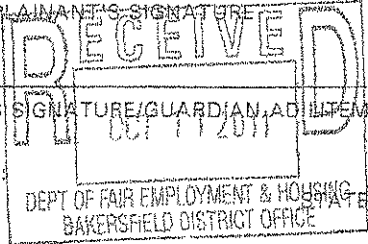
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

At \_\_\_\_\_  
City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM

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DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

DATE FILED:



OF CALIFORNIA



**EXHIBIT 12**

**\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\***

**COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54**

DFEH # U 201112 H-0027-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

DECOMO-SCHMITT, RODNEY ALEXANDER

ADDRESS

4579 Paradise Drive

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

XXX-XXX-XXXX

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Tiburon, CA 94920

COUNTY

Marin

COUNTY CODE

041

**NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:**

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

682 Perin Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

Out of State

COUNTY CODE

000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

RACE  SEX  DISABILITY  RELIGION  NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY  SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
 COLOR  AGE  MARITAL STATUS  OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) October 25, 2010

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. Most recently on or about 10/25/10 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
- II. LSAC stated that the documentation submitted did not support that my condition limited a major life activity.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation in the form of additional test taking time, which is necessary due to my disabilities (Learning Disability—Reading Processing Problem), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. On or about 9/2010 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodation. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
  - B. Most recently on or about 10/25/10 I was notified that my requested accommodation was being denied.
- IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on October 13, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated

10-13-11

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

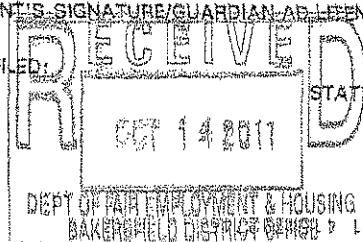
At

Tiburon, California  
City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM

DFEH-300-02 (12/99) B:PND  
DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

DATE FILED



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**EXHIBIT 13**

**\* \* \* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \* \* \***

U 201112 H-0028-00-p

**COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54**

DFEH # \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

GROSSMAN, ANDREW "ANDY" (MR.)

ADDRESS

14780 Farwell Avenue

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

408-741-5869

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Saratoga, CA 95070

COUNTY

Santa Clara

COUNTY CODE

085

**NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:**

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

662 Penn Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

Out of State

COUNTY CODE

000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

RACE  SEX  DISABILITY  RELIGION  NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY  SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
 COLOR  AGE  MARITAL STATUS  OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) November 30, 2010

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. Most recently on or about 11/2010 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
- II. No reason was given for the partial denial of my reasonable accommodation.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation which is necessary due to my disabilities (Traumatic Brain Injury and Depression/Anxiety Disorder), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. On or about 7/2010 or 8/2010 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodation. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
  - B. Most recently on or about 11/2010 I was notified that part of my requested accommodation was being denied.
- IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on October 10, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated

10/13/11

*Andrew Grossman*

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

At

Saratoga

*Andrew Grossman*

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM

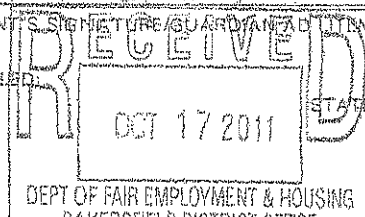
City

DFEH-300-02 (12/99)

B:PND

DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

DATE FILED



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**EXHIBIT 14**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

U 201112 H-0029-00-p

DFEH # \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)  
COLLINS, KEVIN M. (MR.)

ADDRESS: 23140 Victory Blvd. TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE): 818-346-4200  
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Woodland Hills, CA 91367 COUNTY: Los Angeles COUNTY CODE: 037

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S): Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)  
ADDRESS: 662 Penn Street TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE): 215-968-1001  
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Newtown, PA 18940 COUNTY: Out of State COUNTY CODE: 000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES):  
 RACE  SEX  DISABILITY  RELIGION  NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY  SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
 COLOR  AGE  MARITAL STATUS  OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year): March 14, 2011 TYPE OF COMPLAINT: Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

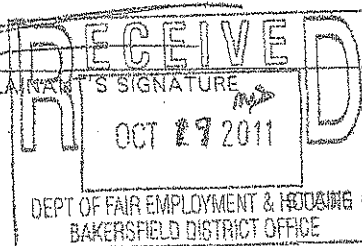
- I. On or about 1/18/11 and most recently on 3/14/11 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
- II. The denial on 1/18/11 was allegedly due to insufficient documentation. No reason was given for the partial denial of my requested reasonable accommodation on 3/14/11.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation which is necessary due to my disabilities (Gifted Learning disability: Reading Disorder and Written Expression Disorder), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. Beginning on or about 12/10/10 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodation. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
  - B. On or about 1/18/11 I was notified that my requested accommodation was not being granted even though I believe that all necessary supporting documentation had been submitted.
  - C. Most recently on 3/14/11 I was notified that part of my requested accommodation was being denied.
- IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on October 19, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated: 10/23/11  
At: Los Angeles City

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE



DFEH-300-02 (12/99) B:PND DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

DATE FILED:

**EXHIBIT 15**

**\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\***

U 201112 H-0031-00-p

DFEH # \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54**

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

IOAN, OTILIA (MS.)

ADDRESS

5305 Harwood Road

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

XXX-XXX-XXXX

CITY/STATE/ZIP

San Jose, CA 95124

COUNTY

Santa Clara

COUNTY CODE

085

**NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:**

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

662 Penn Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

Out of State

COUNTY CODE

000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))

- RACE     SEX     DISABILITY     RELIGION     NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY     SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- COLOR     AGE     MARITAL STATUS     OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) November 17, 2010

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. On or about 11/17/10 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
- II. No reason was given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
- III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation which is necessary due to my disability (Spinal Chord Injury-Quadriplegia), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
  - A. On or about 8/2010 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodation. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
  - B. On or about 11/17/10 I was notified that part of my requested accommodation was being denied.
- IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on September 27, 2011.

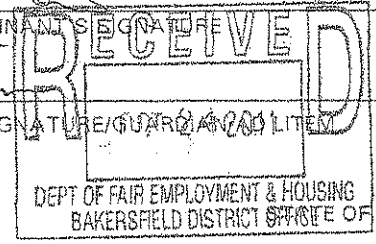
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated 10/20/11

At San Jose  
City

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COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE

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COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM





**EXHIBIT 16**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U 201112 H-0032-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)
QUAN, ANDREW (MR.)

ADDRESS: 4023 Oak Manor Court
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Hayward, CA 94542
COUNTY: Alameda
COUNTY CODE: 0001
TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE): XXX-XXX-XXXX

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S): Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)
ADDRESS: 662 Penn Street
CITY/STATE/ZIP: Newtown, PA 18940
COUNTY: Out of State
COUNTY CODE: 000
TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE): 215-968-1001

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES))
[ ] RACE [ ] SEX [x] DISABILITY [ ] RELIGION [ ] NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY [ ] SEXUAL ORIENTATION
[ ] COLOR [ ] AGE [ ] MARITAL STATUS [ ] OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION: September 13, 2011
TYPE OF COMPLAINT: Unruh

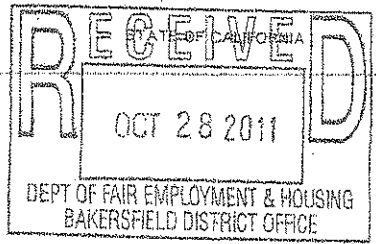
- I. Most recently on or about 9/13/11 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
II. No reason was given for denial of my requested reasonable accommodations.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation in the form of additional test taking time, which is necessary due to my disabilities (Hypotonia, Dysgraphia, ADHD, Visual Processing Disorder, and back injury), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
A. On or about 9/2011 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodations. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
B. Most recently on or about 9/13/11 I was notified that my requested accommodations were being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on October 7, 2011.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated 10-25-2011
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE: Andrew Quan

At City:
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM

DFEH-300-02 (12/99) B:PND DATE FILED:
DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING



**EXHIBIT 17**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U 201112 H-0035-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual) WHITNEY, AUSTIN (MR.)

ADDRESS 1050 Miller Avenue TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) XXX-XXX-XXXX

CITY/STATE/ZIP COUNTY COUNTY CODE Berkeley, CA 94708 Alameda 001

NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S) Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS 662 Penn Street TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) 215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP COUNTY COUNTY CODE Newtown, PA 18940 Out of State 000

CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES)) [ ] RACE [ ] SEX [x] DISABILITY [ ] RELIGION [ ] NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY [ ] SEXUAL ORIENTATION [ ] COLOR [ ] AGE [ ] MARITAL STATUS [ ] OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) September 21, 2011 TYPE OF COMPLAINT Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

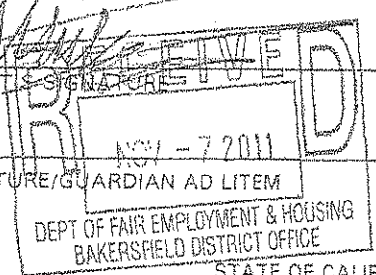
- I. On or about 9/21/11 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
II. No reason was given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation in which is necessary due to my disabilities (Spinal Chord Injury -- paraplegia, chronic/neuropathic pain), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948.
A. On or about 8/28/11 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodation.
B. On or about 9/21/11 I was notified that part of my requested accommodation was being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on October 28, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

Dated 11/8/11 At Berkeley CA City

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE [Signature] COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM [Signature]



**EXHIBIT 18**

\*\*\* PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION/RALPH/CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 & 54 \*\*\*

COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT WHICH INCORPORATES THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51.5 AND 54

DFEH # U 201112 H-0033-00-p

COMPLAINANT'S NAME(S) (Indicate Mr. or Ms., if individual)

VIELBAUM, KEVIN (MR.)

ADDRESS

812 Foothill Drive

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

XXX-XXX-XXXX

CITY/STATE/ZIP

San Mateo, CA 94402

COUNTY

San Mateo

COUNTY CODE

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NAMED IS THE PERSON, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION OR OTHER ENTITY THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ME:

NAME(S)

Law School Admissions Council, Inc. (LSAC)

ADDRESS

662 Penn Street

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

215-968-1001

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Newtown, PA 18940

COUNTY

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CAUSE OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES)

RACE  SEX  DISABILITY  RELIGION  NATIONAL ORIGIN/ANCESTRY  SEXUAL ORIENTATION  COLOR  AGE  MARITAL STATUS  OTHER (SPECIFY)

DATE MOST RECENT OR CONTINUING DISCRIMINATION

TOOK PLACE (month, day, and year) May 12, 2011

TYPE OF COMPLAINT

Unruh

THE PARTICULARS ARE:

- I. Most recently on or about 5/12/11 I was denied reasonable accommodation to take the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test).
II. No adequate reason was given for denial of my reasonable accommodation.
III. I believe I was denied reasonable accommodation which is necessary due to my disabilities (Dyslexia-Learning Disabilities), which is a violation of Government Code, Section 12948. The Government Code incorporates Section 51 of the Civil Code. My belief is based on the following:
A. On or about March 2011 I advised the Accommodated Testing section of my medical need for reasonable accommodation. I also provided supporting medical documentation.
B. On or about 4/28/11 my initial request for accommodation was denied in total. Most recently on or about 5/12/11 I was notified that part of my requested accommodation was being denied.
IV. I am making this complaint on behalf of myself and all other disabled individuals who have been, are now, or will in the future be similarly aggrieved.

Typed and mailed for signature on November 4, 2011.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct of my own knowledge except as to matters stated on my information and belief, and as to those matters I believe it to be true.

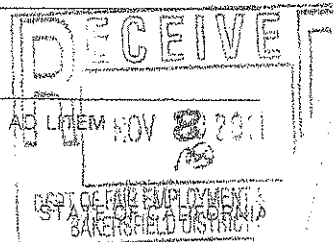
Dated 11/08/11

At San Mateo, CA City

Handwritten signature of Kevin Vielbaum

Handwritten signature of Kevin Vielbaum

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM



**EXHIBIT 19**

1 CASE NAME: DFEH v. Law School Admission Council, Inc.  
2 (Austin Whitney, et al., Complainants)

3 CASE NOS.: U-201112-H-0021-00-p, U-201112-H-0008-00-p, U-201112-H-0029-00-p,  
4 U-201112-H-0027-00-p, U-200910-Q-0003-00-p, U-201112-H-0018-00-p,  
5 U-201112-H-0028-00-p, U-201112-H-0014-00-p,  
6 U-201112-H-0013-00-p, U-201112-H-0031-00-p, U-201112-H-0007-00-p,  
7 U-200910-G-0012-00-p, U-201112-H-0032-00-p, U-201112-H-0025-00-p,  
8 U-201112-H-0023-00-p, U-201112-H-0033-00-p, and U-201112-H-0035-00-p

7 RESPONDENT'S NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF PROCEEDINGS TO COURT

8 I am a Respondent in this matter. I elect to transfer this proceeding to court in lieu of a  
9 hearing before the Fair Employment and Housing Commission, pursuant to Government Code  
10 section 12965, subdivision (c)(1).

11 Dated: 2-22-12

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13 Respondent's/Representative's Signature

14 Respondent(s) [Please print]

15 Julie Capell, Attorney for Law School  
16 Representative [Please print] Admission Council, Inc.

17 Address of Respondent, or if  
18 represented, address of Representative

19 Fulbright & Jaworski L.P.  
20 555 S. Flower Street, 41st Floor  
21 Street

22 Los Angeles, CA 90071

23 City State Zip

24 (603) 892-9800

25 Telephone number of Respondent, or if  
26 represented, telephone number of Representative





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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT )  
AND HOUSING, an agency of the State of )  
California, )

Plaintiff,)

vs. )

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL, INC., )  
a Delaware tax exempt corporation, )

Defendants.)

Case No. C 12-01830 EMC

STIPULATION RE DFEH'S  
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE  
TO FILE THIRD AMENDED  
COMPLAINT

Date: October 31, 2013

Time: 1:30 pm

Dept: Courtroom 5 - 17th Floor

Judge: Hon. Edward M. Chen

JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, PETER ROE, )  
RAYMOND BANKS, KEVIN COLLINS, )  
RODNEY DECOMO-SCHMITT, ANDREW )  
GROSSMAN, ELIZABETH HENNESSEY- )  
SEVERSON, OTILIA IOAN, ALEX JOHNSON, )  
NICHOLAS JONES, CAROLINE LEE, )  
ANDREW QUAN, STEPHANIE SEMOS, )  
GAZELLE TALESHPOUR, KEVIN )  
VIELBAUM, AUSTIN WHITNEY, and all other )  
similarly situated individuals, )

Real Parties in Interest.)



Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-12, the parties hereby stipulate that Defendant Law School Admission Council (“LSAC”) will not oppose Plaintiff Department of Fair Employment and Housing’s (“DFEH”) Unopposed Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint, filed concurrently with DFEH’s Points and Authorities in Support Thereof, the Declaration of Mari Mayeda and supporting exhibits, and the [Proposed] Order Granting DFEH’s Motion for Leave to File Third Amended Complaint. LSAC reserves all defenses that it may have with respect to any claims asserted or relief requested by DFEH in the Third Amended Complaint, as well as its right to oppose any further requests for leave to file an amended complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 26, 2013

DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING

By /s/ Mari Mayeda  
MARI MAYEDA<sup>1</sup>  
Attorneys for Plaintiff Department of Fair Employment and Housing

Dated: September 26, 2013

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.

By /s/ Robert Burgoyne  
ROBERT A. BURGOYNE  
Attorneys for Defendant Law School Admission Council, Inc.

Dated: September 26, 2013

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

By /s/ Nabina Sinha

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to General Order No. 45(X), I, Mari Mayeda, hereby attest that I obtained the concurrence of counsel to the filing of this document.

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NABINA SINHA  
Trial Attorney  
By /s/ Melanie L. Proctor  
MELANIE L. PROCTOR  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Attorneys for the United States

Dated: September 26, 2013

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY - EMPLOYMENT  
LAW CENTER

By /s/ Claudia Center  
CLAUDIA CENTER  
Attorney for Plaintiff-Intervenors ANDREW  
QUAN, NICHOLAS JONES, ELIZABETH  
HENNESSEY-SEVERSON

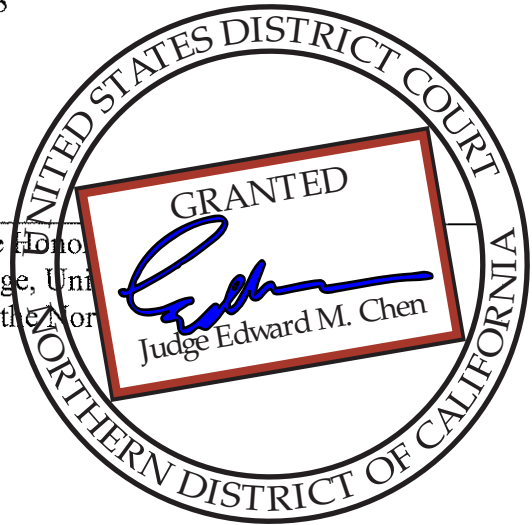
Pursuant to the parties' stipulation, it is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff DFEH's Motion for  
Leave to File Third Amended Complaint is GRANTED and Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint,  
attached as Exhibit 1 to its Motion, is deemed to be filed with the Court. The 11/7/13 motion  
hearing is vacated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED on the 30th day of September, 2013

By:

The Honorable  
Judge, United States District Court  
for the Northern District of California



Judge Edward M. Chen