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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CENTRAL DISTRICT

MICHAEL GARCIA

Plaintiff,

v.

STARBUCKS CORPORATION,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 20STCV10214

~~[PROPOSED]~~ JUDGMENT ON SPECIAL VERDICT

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This cause came on regularly for Trial on February 27, 2025 in Department 5 of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County before the Honorable Frederick C. Shaller, Judge, presiding. Plaintiff MICHAEL GARCIA appeared by his attorneys Nicholas C. Rowley, John A. Kawai, Grayson Yoder, and Daniel Bidegaray. Defendant STARBUCKS CORPORATION appeared by its attorneys Stephen T. Pelletier and John W. Nielsen.

Trial was bifurcated into Phase 1 on liability, and Phase 2 on damages. A jury of twelve (12) persons was regularly impaneled and sworn/acknowledged and agreed to try the cause. Witnesses were sworn and testified. After hearing the evidence and arguments of counsel, the

Court duly instructed the jury and submitted the cause to the jury with directions to return a special verdict. The jury deliberated and thereafter returned to court with its verdict, which verdict was in words and figures as follows.

With respect to Phase I – Liability:

We, the jury in the above-captioned action, find the following special verdict on the questions submitted to us.

1. **Was STARBUCKS CORPORATION negligent?**

__X__ Yes ____No

2. **Was STARBUCKS CORPORATION's negligence a substantial factor in causing any harm to MICHAEL GARCIA?**

__X__ Yes ____No

3. **Was MICHAEL GARCIA negligent?**

____ Yes __X__No

Signed: [redacted]
Presiding Juror

Print Presiding Juror's Name and Indicate Seat Number: [redacted] #3___

Date: __6 March 2025_____

And with respect to Phase II – Damages:

We, the jury in the above-captioned action, find the following special verdict on the questions submitted to us.

1. **What are MICHAEL GARCIA's damages?**

Past and future noneconomic damages (physical pain / mental suffering / loss of enjoyment of life / humiliation / inconvenience / grief / disfigurement / physical impairment / anxiety / emotional distress):

TOTAL DAMAGES: $___50,000,000_____

Signed: [redacted]
Presiding Juror

Print Presiding Juror's Name and Indicate Seat Number: [redacted] #3___

Date: 03/14/2025

It appearing by reason of said special verdict that Plaintiff MICHAEL GARCIA is entitled to judgment against Defendant STARBUCKS CORPORATION,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that said Plaintiff, MICHAEL GARCIA, shall have and recover from said Defendant, STARBUCKS CORPORATION, damages in the sum of $50,000,000.00 with interest thereon, at the rate of ten percent per annum, from the date of entry of judgment until paid together with costs, and any applicable prejudgment interest and disbursements in the amount of $_____, to be determined by memorandum of costs and, as appropriate, motions.

Dated April 3, , 2025

Hon. Frederick C. Shaller
Superior Court Judge
Frederick C. Shaller / Judge

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Ventura, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 877 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite 201, Ventura CA 93003.

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Executed on March 18, 2025, at Los Angeles, CA.

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