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8	Estate of Denise Lozano, Raquel Lozano	Case No.: 24CU026973C
9	Davis, an Individual and as the Authorized	
10	Personal Representative of the Estate of Denise Lozano, Mary Yolanda Lozano,	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES:
11	and Desmond Lozano	1. Wrongful Death
12	Plaintiffs,	2. Survival Action
	v.	3. Negligence
13		4. Unlicensed Practice of Medicine
14	Christian Lee Allbert, an Individual, All	
15	One God Faith, Inc., dba Dr. Bronner's All-	
	One, a California Corporation; David	
16	Bronner, an Individual, Mia Bronner, an Individual; Terry Lenley, an Individual; and	
17	DOES 1-25	Dept: Dept. 60 CMC:
18	Defendants.	TRC:
19		Trial Date:
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26	Plaintiffs allege as follows:	
27	THE PLAINTIFFS	
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- 1. Denise Lozano ("DENISE") was a vibrant, creative, loyal, trusting and loving healthy fifty-year old woman who died as a result of the reckless and wrongful conduct of Defendants on December 10, 2022 in her home at 1926 San Diego Avenue, San Diego, California.
- 2. Plaintiff ESTATE OF DENISE LOZANO, was at all times relevant, a resident of San Diego County. She was born on December 21, 1971 in Corpus Christi, Texas, and as a result of Defendants' reckless and negligent conduct as alleged below, died unnecessarily and through no cause of her own but instead, as a result of her reliance, trust and faith in those that wrongfully placed her in harm's way.
- 3. Plaintiff RAQUEL LOZANO DAVIS ("RAQUEL") is the sister of DENISE and the authorized Personal Representative of the Estate. RAQUEL will comply with section 15637.3(d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code by filing a Successor-In-Interest declaration pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 377.32. At all relevant times, RAQUEL maintained a residency in San Diego County, California.
- 4. Plaintiff MARIA YOLANDA LOZANO is the mother of DENISE and at all relevant times, a resident of Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 5. Plaintiff DESMOND LOZANO is the son of DENISE and at all relevant times, a resident of San Marcos, Texas.
- 6. The Estate, Raquel, Maria, and Desmond are collectively referred to as "PLAINTIFFS".

THE DEFENDANTS

7. At all relevant times, DEFENDANT CHRISTIAN LEE ALLBERT

("ALLBERT") was a resident of San Diego County, providing services and
products to the residents of San Diego County, the employees of Defendant All

- One God, Inc., and others, and maintains a physical address in Encinitas, California.
- 8. DEFENDANT ALLBERT is a self-proclaimed "Qigong" practioner and claims to have been "assisting people for over forty years who have been suffering from emotional, physical, mental and spiritual imbalances", holds "classes" in the public park of the City of Encinitas plying his trade, provides massage and related services and products approved and/or referred by the other DEFENDANTS to Dr. Bronner's employees, and is a recently convicted drugdealing felon in the matter of The People of State of California v. Christian Lee Allbert, Case No.: CN447907.
- 9. Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that DEFENDANT ALLBERT was introduced via a Dr. Bronner's employee to DENISE's employer, DEFENDANT ALL ONE GOD FAITH, INC., dba Dr. Bronner's ("DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER") and/or DEFENDANTS DAVID BRONNER and MIA BRONNER, h/w, to provide various products and services to its owner(s), DEFENDANTS DAVID and MIA BRONNER, and DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's other employees, managers, and/or supervisors, as a part of its "wellness" program.
- 10.DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's is a California corporation with a primary business address at 1335 Park Center Drive, Vista, Ca. 92081 whose primary business is the manufacture, sale, marketing, and distribution of its "magic soap".
- 11.DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER was at all times relevant, a resident of San Diego County, the CEO of DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER, the leader of the "Foamy Homies", (which at all relevant times, constituted the inner circle "crew" of trusted associates / employees at DR. BRONNER's), and an advisor,

supervisor, and trusted friend and confidant of DENISE, as well as a recipient of DEFENDANT ALLBERT's products and services on multiple occasions.

- 12.DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER was at all times relevant, a resident of San Diego County, and a supervisor, manager, employee, co-leader and/or manager of the "Foamy Homies", an advisor, supervisor, and trusted friend and confidant of DENISE, as well as a recipient of DEFENDANT ALLBERT's products and services on multiple occasions.
- 13.DEFENDANT Terry Lenley aka "T-Love" ("DEFENDANT T-LOVE"), was at all relevant times, a resident of San Diego County, who's address is currently unknown, and an employee, and/or manager, and/or supervisor at DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER and a primary participant / leader of the Foamy Homies.
- 14. The Foamy Homies are a "crew" of DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's comprised of employees and friends whose mission is to "unite communities, uplift spirits, and spread joy with magic foam, free plant-based meals, art, music, dance, disaster relief."
- 15.DEFENDANTS engaged in the acts alleged herein and/or condoned, permitted, authorized, and/or ratified the conduct of its employees, members, officers, and/or directors, and agents and each is vicariously liable for the wrongful conduct of its employees, subcontractors, members, officers, and/or directors, and agents alleged herein.
- 16. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, of DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, are unknown to PLAINTIFFS, who therefore sues these DEFENDANTS by their fictitious names. PLAINTIFFS are informed and believe, and based thereon alleges, that each of the DEFENDANTS designated herein as a fictitiously named DEFENDANT is in some manner responsible for the events and happenings herein referred to, either

contractually or tortuously, and caused the damage to PLAINTIFFS herein alleged. When PLAINTIFFS ascertains the true names and capacities of DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, PLAINTIFFS will seek leave of this Court to amend this Complaint.

17.Each DEFENDANT and DOES Defendant were in some manner responsible for the harm, losses and damages suffered by PLAINTIFFS; and while participating in such acts and/or omissions, each DEFENDANT was the agent, alter ego, conspirator, and aider and abettor of the other DEFENDANTS and entities and was acting in the course and scope of such agency and/or acted with the permission, consent, authorization or ratification of the other DEFENDANTS.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. This Court has jurisdiction over the causes of action asserted because the acts alleged in the Complaint occurred in the City and County of San Diego.
- 19. Venue is proper in the City and County of San Diego under Ca. Code of Civil Procedure §395(a) based on the facts and that the Defendants reside in San Diego and the events and injuries described occurred in the City limits of San Diego at DENISE's home on San Diego Avenue, San Diego, California.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 20.Prior to her full-time employment with DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's,
 DENISE volunteered her services and expertise as a builder, cook, and organizer
 and physical labor for approximately six (6) years.
- 21. During that time, the DEFENDANTS ingratiated themselves to her, wooed and included her into their spiritual and cultural events, made her a part of the Foamy Homies, and led her to believe DR. BRONNER's pursuits and mission were altruistic, egalitarian, and intended to create a better "spaceship" out of Planet Earth.

- 22. Consistent with her volunteer service to DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's, DENISE had previously engaged actively in charitable work which included hurricane disaster relief in Immokalee, Florida, and other natural disaster relif efforts and political action activities in California, Nevada, Washington, D.C., and Asheville, N.C.
- 23.DEFENDANTS led DENISE to believe that she had become an integral part of their family, that they loved her and would care for her, and at all times held her best interests in highest regard and care and by doing so, created a duty of care and loyalty to DENISE upon which DENISE reasonably relied to her detriment and injury as alleged herein.
- 24.DENISE's vulnerabilities in connection with her dyslexia and back injury were well known to the Bronner-related Defendants and is one of the several reasons for which DENISE reposed great trust and confidence in them in connection with their guidance, advice, and in particular, provision of services for her mental and physical wellbeing.
- 25.DENISE is believed to have suffered a back injury driving a large truck and/or bus with an improperly equipped seat to transport the DR. BRONNER's "Foamy Homies" and other DR. BRONNER's employees and friends and their belongings and equipment to the Burning Man event in Nevada.
- 26.As a result of her disability, the personal, social, and cultural activities sponsored personally by DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's, and the close personal relationship formed by DEFENDANTS DAVID BRONNER and MIA BRONNER with DENISE, DENISE reposed great trust and confidence in these DEFENDANTs such that DAVID and MIA were capable of and in fact did exert undue influence over DENISE.
- 27.As a result of her disability, the personal, social, and cultural activities sponsored by DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's, and the close personal

- relationship he intentionally formed with DENISE, DENISE reposed great trust and confidence in DEFENDANT T-LOVE such that he was capable of and in fact did exert undue influence over DENISE.
- 28.Upon information and belief, DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's provides its employees with a Ketamine-Assisted Therapy as part of its "wellness" program.
- 29. Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that DENISE was told on several occasions that the company's philosophy around injury is that "physical pain is past emotional trauma leaving the body" and the wellness program was intended to facilitate this transformation.
- 30.All DEFENDANTS knew of DENISE's back injury, related workers compensation claim, and her need for medical and physical therapy benefits which were up until the day of her death, primarily being provided by licensed and trained professional medical personnel paid for by an insurance carrier in coordination with the company's employee benefits programs.
- 31.Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that after being introduced to DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER's, DAVID and MIA BRONNER, DEFENDANT ALLBERT became referred throughout the company and in particular, among the Foamy Homies for the alternative products and services he provided to the company employees during and/at company sponsored events.
- 32.Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, the Foamy Homie events are sponsored by DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER and as evidenced by their facebook page and other social media postings, appear to be overseen, organized, and orchestrated by the company's CEO (also known as the "Cosmic Engagement Officer"), DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER. At these events, "magic soap" is provided in a colorful slippery, soapy, and bubbly environment.
- 33.It is common well-known practice amongst the members and participants of this "crew" to use drugs to enhance their mission and experience.

- 34.DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER's and DAVID BRONNER are aware of the formal and informal policies of the company "crews" including their use of medicinal substances to enhance their experience and fun.
- 35.One of the DR. BRONNER Defendants admitted over the phone in response to an inquiry about the cause of DENISE's death the following, or in words to the effect, that: "Damnit, I've been telling the crew not to take so many drugs especially Ketamine because we have enough fun without that shit. I don't take it but they all do."
- 36. With the advice, consent, and knowledge of DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER, DAVID BRONNER, MIA BRONNER, and T-LOVE, DENISE was led to believe that the services and products of DEFENDANT ALLBERT were part of the DR. BRONNER wellness program available to the inner circle of the Foamy Homies and that she should allow DEFENDANT ALLBERT to provide her with Ketamine massage services, that those services would be paid for and/or gifted to her by one or more of the DEFENDANTS, all to treat DENISE's work related back injury in connection with the company's wellness program.
- 37.At all relevant times, these DEFENDANTS encouraged, advised, and referred her to DEFENDANT ALLBERT, and/or gifted DENISE with a Ketamine Massage and related services and products from DEFENDANT ALLBERT to treat her work-related back injury.
- 38.DEFENDANTS knew from personal experience that the services and products provided by DEFENDANT ALLBERT could and would cause serious bodily injury and/or death and were not part of the company's formally approved Ketamine Therapy program.
- 39.DEFENDANTS knew that DENISE did not understand or draw any distinction between the company formally sponsored wellness program and the informally

- sponsored wellness program DEFENDANT ALLBERT serviced in connection with her work-related injury.
- 40. These DEFENDANTS further knew DEFENDANT ALLBERT's products and services were not approved or legally available through the licensed medical providers identified by DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's in its written and distributed policies and procedures.
- 41.Upon information and belief, the blood tests in her medical records prior to her death establish that DENISE was not a reckless or regular user of illegal substances.
- 42.Indeed, DEFENDANTS were also aware that DENISE was not an active participant in the inner circle, or company at large, alternative medicinal paths to spiritual growth, and for that reason, she was regularly the designated driver for company sponsored events, including Foamy Homie and the Burning Man event during which she suffered her injury.
- 43.As is believed to be known to DEFENDANTS, DENISE had previously received Ketamine therapy from a licensed provider for relief from her back injury.
- 44.DENISE reasonably believed and justifiably relied on DEFENDANTS' assurances and the confidence she reposed in the Bronner Defendants, that she would be in safe hands with DEFENDANT ALLBERT as he was repeatedly used and referred by DR. BRONNER's owner and employees including David Bronner, Mia Bronner T-Love Lenley, Rhythm Turner, Kiyenne Light, and other Dr. Bronner's employees for his services and products.
- 45.On December 10, 2022, DEFENDANT ALLBERT fraudulently, deceptively, by the use of trickery, and/or negligently, in combination with the substantial advice and encouragement of the other DEFENDANTS caused DENISE to unknowingly ingest MDA, MDMA, and Ketamine, and/or a combination of

- those substances as paid for by one or more of the Co-Defendants resulting in her death.
- 46. The substances provided to DENISE were negligently and/or recklessly provided by and/or administered by DEFENDANT ALLBERT in sufficient quantity to cause her death from acute intoxication.
- 47.Upon information and belief, DENISE's death and PLAINTIFFS' injuries were a foreseeable consequence to the DEFENDANTS because DEFENDANTS knew DENISE had family members with whom she was close, and knew, because as alleged, one or more of the DEFENDANTS had previously personally participated, purchased, and received services and products from DEFENDANT ALLBERT and knew that he provided unsafe products and services that could and would cause serious bodily injury and/or death.
- 48.Contrary to the other DEFENDANT'S close personal relationships with DEFENDANT ALLBERT, upon information and belief, DENISE met DEFENDANT ALLBERT shortly before the Massage and would not have received the services and/or products that contributed to her death if she had not been employed by DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's and the services / products were not offered in connection with the designated treatment for her back.
- 49.DEFENDANT ALLBERT had been highly recommended by the DEFENDANTS and his products and services had been paid for by one or more of the DEFENDANTS on her behalf and was intended to provide her medical treatment and relief as part of the company "wellness" program.
- 50.DENISE allowed DEFENDANT ALLBERT into her home the afternoon of December 10, 2022 in reliance on and solely because of the undue influence of the Bronner-related DEFENDANTS and the love and trust she reposed in them.
- 51. Upon information and belief, DEFENDANT ALLBERT falsely, recklessly, and/or negligently represented to DENISE that he was providing a Ketamine

- massage that was safe leading her to justifiably believe that the services and products she would be receiving were as she had previously received and what others in the company had received.
- 52.DEFENDANT ALLBERT did not advise or inform DENISE that he was providing her with MDA or MDMA, or any other controlled substances in combination with MDA or MDMA.
- 53.DEFENDANTS DAVID and MIA BRONNER knew, or should have known, of DEFENDANT ALLBERT's provision and use of MDA and/or MDMA in connection with his services, and the effects of same from their personal experiences with DEFENDANT ALLBERT and in particular, DEFENDANT DAVID's personal involvement, lecturing, writing, and investigations into controlled mind-altering substances and the laws and regulations controlling MDA / MDMA in particular and psychedelic substances.
- 54.DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER has openly shared his personal experience with psychedelics, stating they played a significant role in his own personal growth and understanding of life. One of his specific causes has been the public support of MDMA in clinical settings.
- 55. Under DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER's leadership of DEEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's, the company donated \$5 million to help clinical trials for MDMA-assisted therapy for PTSD.
- 56.DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER has stated: "MDMA in therapy helps people engage with, process, and resolve extremely difficult emotional and traumatic material, such that in most cases after treatment, PTSD sufferers no longer meet the diagnostic criteria for PTSD."
- 57.DENISE died from an overdose of MDA / MDMA in a non-clinical setting created by the DEFENDANTS from services and products provided by the

- Bronner Defendants identified provider, DEFENDANT ALLBERT, as alleged, to treat a work-related injury.
- 58.In that setting, DENISE involuntarily received an undisclosed quantity and type of drug from DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER's, DAVID and MIA's preferred alternative provider, DEFENDANT ALLBERT as part of the company "wellness" program, a program over which the Bronner Defendants retained exclusive control.
- 59.Instead of offering the company publicly posted Ketamine wellness program to DENISE, upon information and belief, the Bronner Defendants identified, referred, gifted, and/or provided DEFENDANT ALLBERT as part of the company extended wellness program to provide the Ketamine Massage.
- 60. The Bronner Defendants knew, or should have known, that DEFENDANT ALLBERT would be integrating and/or administering MDMA along with Ketamine consistent with the company's informal policy and philosophy, that this and other regulated substances should be more freely available and used to treat injuries.
- 61. The allure of being part of the DR. BRONNER's family, the social contributions that the company appeared to give via its non-profit associations, and the "love" and "friendship" practiced by her co-employees with particular regard towards her, led her to believe that the employment and related company informal wellness program and work environment were safe and that she could trust in the supervision, advice, and direction of her superiors, in particular her close personal friends DEFENDANTS DAVID and MIA BRONNER, in accepting the products and services of DEFENDANT ALLBERT to alleviate the pain and suffering from her back injury sustained driving the company vehicle to a Burning Man event.

62	2. Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that DEFENDANT DR.
	BRONNER's informal wellness program and related company policy as alleged
	herein, its purpose and experiment to create a better "spaceship" Earth, created
	instead a hazardous and unsafe workplace environment, all constituting a breach
	of the duties DEFFENDANTS BRONNER's, DAVID and MIA owed DENISE
	as her employer in the State of California.

- 63.As a result of DEFENDANTS' wrongful conduct as alleged, and the trust and confidence she placed in DEFENDANTS, DENISE was wrongfully deprived and/or denied proper medical care for her back injury and instead was provided with the services and controlled substances administered by DEFENDANT ALLBERT as an extended component of the company's wellness program.
- 64.As a result of DEFENDANTS' undue influence over her and their negligent and/or reckless suggestion, referral, advice, and the delivery and provision to her of unlicensed medical services and unlicensed treatment without the required notices for the lawful provision of alternative treatments, each DEFENDANT substantially contributed to DENISE's death.
- 65.As a result of DEFENDANTS' joint and several marketing, provision, distribution, sale, and/or gifting of controlled substances as part of the treatment for her back injury, and failure to warn her of the danger they created, DEFENDANTS deprived DENISE of her informed consent and each substantially contributed to her death.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION WRONGFUL DEATH

- 66.PLAINTIFFS incorporate all prior allegations at this point in full.
- 67. This lawsuit was made necessary by DEFENDANTS' failure to voluntarily step up and take legal responsibility for the harm they caused DENISE whom all but

DEFENDANT ALLBERT publicly professed and proclaimed to love, appreciate, and be her closest friends.

- 68.As a proximate, and substantial effect of each DEENDANTS' acts and omissions as alleged, DENISE's life was cut short unnecessarily, unjustifiably, and without the dignity that she had earned from the people she trusted and that proclaimed to love her the most, the Dr Bronner's family inner identifying as the Foamy Homies.
- 69.But for DEFENDANTS joint and several acts and omissions as alleged,
 DENISE would not have allowed DEFENDANT ALLBERT into her home, she
 would not have received, ingested, or been given drugs that were not disclosed
 or identified to her, none of which she consented to receive, and she would not
 have died on December 10, 2022. Instead, DENISE would have kept her
 promise to her finacee's and been on time to her fiancee's art show and opening
 in San Diego, California as they had planned just before DEFENDANT
 ALLBERT arrived at their home.
- 70. Prior to the arrival of DEFENDANT ALLBERT at DENISE's home, company employees and Foamy Homies Dave Anderson and Amanda Frizz stopped by her home on the way to the airport to drop off some items they did not want to take on the plane back to Asheville, NC at in the early afternoon on December 10, 2022.
- 71.DENISE was clearly not intoxicated, and no controlled substances were in the home. DENISE was on the phone discussing her evening plans to attend her fiancee's art opening, and then attend the birthday party of another company employee, Tim Clark where many of the DR. BRONNER's team would be present.

- 72.DEFENDANT ALLBERT arrived at DENISE's home, upon information and belief, at approximately 2:00 p.m. to treat her back and related physical symptoms by providing a "K-Massage".
- 73.Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that at approximately 4:20 p.m., DEFENDANT ALLBERT sent a text to DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER to report in and told DEFENDANT MIA that things were "going well".
- 74.DEFENDANT ALLBERT did not call 911 to report DENISE's death until nearly two (2) hours after the Massage should have ended, and approximately two hours after his text to DFEENDANT MIA BRONNER to update her on the progress of DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's employee, or about 6:37 p.m.
- 75. Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that when the police arrived it was obvious that the "scene" was not consistent with the statements made by DEFENDANT ALLBERT and appeared to have been altered and/or arranged and/or cleaned by him to avoid criminal prosecution.
- 76.After DENISE did not appear at the art show, Stacy went home to find their home full of police, and DEFENDANT ALLBERT giving the police his statement.
- 77. Upon information and belief, DEFENDANT ALLBERT was arrested months later charged with being in possession of cocaine, Ketamine, MDMA / MDA, metal knuckles, and a leaded cane at the time of his arrest leading to the guilty plea and related felony conviction for, it is believed, cocaine, a Class I controlled substance like MDA and MDMA.
- 78.Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that the other DEFENDANTS knew of some or all of DEFENDANT ALLBERT's illicit activities as a provider and dealer of Ketamine, massages, chemical "formulas", drugs, and related services, prior to DEFENDANT ALLBERT's felony conviction and knew or would have known but for their reckless indifference to

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obvious facts, that the drugs he provided as part of his massage and services to them and/or other employees of DR. BRONNER's could kill his customers such as happened to DENISE.

- 79.DEFENDANT ALLBERT's acts and the result were foreseeable to each of the other DEFENDANT'S because of their past personal experiences and company related and sponsored events with this DEFENDANT.
- 80.DEFENDANT ALLBERT's acts and omissions as alleged were a substantial factor in the cause of DENISE's death.
- 81.All DEFENDANTS were each integral parts of the marketing enterprise that resulted in the presence of DEFENDANT ALLBERT in DENISE's home to treat her work-related injury which sadly included the unsafe, and/or undisclosed and/or tainted dangerous and lethal products he provided and/or administered to DENISE.
- 82.Each DEFENDANT substantially contributed to placing the drugs and/or combination of drugs that killed DENISE into the stream of commerce and within the Foamy Homie / DR. BRONNER's community in particular in which DENISE was an innocent victim of the hazardous work environment the DEFENDANTS created.
- 83.DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER, DAVID and MIA BRONNER, wrongfully and knowingly, exposed DENISE to toxic chemicals in connection with her employment.
- 84.DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER knew that he exerted undue influence over DENISE and that she trusted in him, that because of her disability and his superior position as her employer, she was especially vulnerable and would and did substantially rely on his advice and assurances, and because of his failure to advise her to avoid DEFENDANT ALLBERT or warn of the possible serious consequences of the treatment he knew DEENDANT ALLBERT would

provide, DENISE reasonably believed it was safe for her to receive the treatment to alleviate her work related injury.

- 85.DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER knew that she exerted undue influence over DENISE and that she trusted in him, that because of her disability and his superior position as her employer, she was especially vulnerable and would and did substantially rely on her advice and assurances, and because of her failure to advise her to avoid DEFENDANT ALLBERT or warn of the possible serious consequences of the treatment she knew DEENDANT ALLBERT would provide, DENISE reasonably believed it was safe for her to receive the treatment to alleviate her work related injury.
- 86.DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER owed DENISE a duty not to place her in harm's way and because of the trust and confidence she reposed in him and the undue influence he knew he yielded over her, he knew that he could and did lead DENISE to believe that the Massage she was receiving from DEFENDANT ALLBERT was appropriate and safe when in fact, DEFENDANT DAVID knew it was not.
- 87.DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER owed DENISE a duty not to place her in harm's way and because of the trust and confidence she reposed in her and the undue influence she knew she yielded over her, she knew that she could and did lead DENISE to believe that the Massage she was receiving from DEFENDANT ALLBERT was appropriate and safe when in fact, DEFENDANT MIA knew it was not.
- 88.DEFENDANTS DAVID and MIA BRONNER knew that DEFENDANT ALLBERT participated in the activities as alleged herein, and that the products he provided to his clients and DR. BRONNER's employees had a substantial likelihood of causing serious bodily injury and/or death.

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- 89.Upon information and belief, DEFENDANTS DAVID and MIA BRONNER knew that the Massage DENISE would receive could in fact cause her death and that she would not have consented to the Massage in the first instance but for the prominent positions they held in the company and the trust and confidence DENISIE reposed in them.
- 90.DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER knew that if she had warned DENISE and/or advised against the Massage, DENISE would not have received it.
- 91.As alleged above upon information and belief, DEFENDANT TERRY LENLEY, alone, and/or in combination with DR. BRONNER's, and/or DEFENDANTS DAVID and MIA BRONNER, paid for and/or provided a gift certificate for the Massage and related services and products provided to DENISE by DEFEDANT ALLBERT.
- 92.DEFENDANT TERRY LENLEY knew that DEFENDANT ALLBERT participated in the activities as alleged herein, and that the products he provided to his clients had a substantial likelihood of causing serious bodily injury and/or death.
- 93.Upon information and belief, DEFENDANT TERRY LENLEY knew that the Massage DENISE would receive could in fact cause her death and that she would not have consented to the Massage in the first instance but for his, and/or DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER's and/or DAVID and MIA BRONNER advice, providing her with a gift certificate, and/or paid for services and related products of DEFENDANT ALLBERT along with assurance that the Massage would help her back pain.
- 94.DEFENDANT TERRY LENLEY knew that he exerted undue influence over DENISE and that she trusted in him, and that but for his advices and/or failure to advise her to avoid DEFENDANT ALLBERT, that she trusted in him to believe that the services and products if any that DEFENDANT ALLBERT was

- providing were safe for her to receive and consistent with what she had previously received from licensed therapists.
- 95.DEFENDANT TERRY LENLEY owed DENISE a duty not to place her in harm's way and because of the trust and confidence she reposed in him and the undue influence he knew he yielded over her, he knew that he could and did lead DENISE to believe that the Massage she was receiving from DEFENDANT ALLBERT was appropriate and safe.
- 96.Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that DEFENDANTS DAVID and MIA BRONNER, knew of and had in fact received Ketamine massages and/or other drugs (as part of the massage) from DEFENDANT ALLBERT sufficient to cause a state of mind that compelled DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER to state that the results were undesirable.
- 97.In the early morning hours of December 11, 2022 shortly after DENISE's death, DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER, shocked and surprised by the death, asked a witness if DEFENDANT ALLBERT "got a new batch?" after relaying that she was unhappy with the amount of drugs and process provided by DEFENDANT ALLBERT during the massage he previously had recently provided to DEFENDANT MIA.
- 98.On December 11, 2022, two of DR. BRONNER's employees informed a witness that the company executives had met with the legal team to discuss the DENISE situation and were told to disseminate the message verbally to all of the company employees that they were to avoid discussing the situation with anyone.
- 99.A few days later, DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER admitted to a witness that she and DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER had received massages and drugs from DEFENDANT ALLBERT, that they had been "too strong", that DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER "had went first", that "Christian got high and the same time

 that he was giving a K massage" at their home for a couple of hours, and then he left "while David was still really high".

- DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER explained to the witness that DEFENDANT ALLBERT gave her a "K massage" that she "snorted" and he told her to take more and she did but then was "freaked out" by the amount DEFENDANT ALLBERT dosed and it was not a pleasant experience.
- DAVID BRONNER admitted culpability to a witness when apologizing within the first or second days of the shock of DENISE's death, stated that the family should do what it needed to do to, that he and "his wife loved Denise" and "regardless of any future entanglement or ramifications that everyone would miss Denise" and that "she was a good person and trusted friend."
- 102. As his several social media postings and affiliations with psychedelic associations describe, DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER is well versed in the effects of excessive drug use and the need for intervention and assistance in the circumstances of drug use and abuse.
- 103. Each of the individual DEFENDANTS had sufficient personal experience with DEFENDANT ALLBERT and his services and products, and sufficient personal knowledge about their undue influence over DENISE and her trust in them to know, that by introducing her to ALLBERT, advising and/or paying for her to receive his services for her back injury under her misconception she would be receiving the same type of Ketamine massage she had previously received for her back injury, placed her in harm's way and at the risk of serious bodily injury, and in this case, death.
- 104. Each of the DEFENDANTS, as alleged, substantially participated in the process of causing DENISE to ingest the substances that she did not know or request to receive which resulted in her death.

- 105. Knowing the great trust and confidence DENISE had reposed in them and her justified reliance on their advice, the use of the company's wellness program for employee injuries, and the approved referral of DEFENDANT ALLBERT to various employees, DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER, DAVID BRONNER, TERRY LENLEY, and MIA BRONNER owed DENISE a duty to warn her about their experiences with DEFENDANT ALLBERT and to avoid advising her or directing her to receive the Massage or any other services or products from DEFENDANT ALLBERT to treat her work related injury.
- 106. The above DEFENDANTS owed DENISE a duty not to pay for or gift the treatment, services, and/or related products and drugs that DEFENDANT ALLBERT delivered, provided, and/or administered to DENISE as part of the medical treatment she needed for her injury.
- 107. The Bronner Defendants knew DENISE placed great trust and confidence in them and reasonably relied on their advice, direction, and their offering of the massage services to treat her injuries in allowing DEFENDANT ALLBERT into her home and to treat her.
- 108. DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER's and DAVID BRONNER received a direct financial benefit from DEFENDANT ALLBERT's providing the Massage, the continued employment of DENISE and the special talents she brought to the company as an employee.
- 109. DEEENDANTS actions and omissions as alleged were integral to the business enterprise operated by DEFENDANT ALLBERT and necessary to offer and sell his products and services to the company and in particular DENISE because without these DEFENDANTS approval and/or acquiescence in DEFENDANT ALLBERT's well-known participation and intimate relationship in the employer's community and culture, DEFENDANT ALLBERT could not have continued to offer, provide, and sell his services and

products to the DR. BRONNER's community or offer it as part of the company "wellness" program.

- 110. As such, the Bronner DEFENDANTS had a substantial ability to influence the distribution process and use of DEFENDANT ALLBERT and his products and services within the DR. BRONNER'S employment community and so owed a duty to DENISE to refrain from creating a hazardous work environment and related wellness program.
- 111. DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER and DAVID BRONNER as DENISE's employer owed DENISE and similarly situated employees of the company, a legal duty to provide a safe working environment and to take reasonable steps to protect DENISE and other employees similarly situated from foreseeable risks of harm. Ca. Labor Code Sec. 6400 et seq., and other applicable law.
- DEFENDANTS LINLEY, DR. BRONNER's, DAVID and MIA owed DENISE a duty under California law not to place her in harms' way and after having done so, owed her a duty to at least warn her of the danger they created.
- 113. DEFENDANTS LINLEY, DR. BRONNER's, DAVID and MIA breached that duty by making the services and unsafe products of DEFENDANT ALLBERT available to DENISE, which, along with their acts as omissions as alleged, substantially caused and/or contributed to her involuntary ingestion of unknown substances in sufficient amounts to cause her death.
- 114. As a direct and proximate cause of each of DEFENDANTS' acts and omissions as alleged DENISE tragically died on December 10, 2022.
- 115. DEFENDANT ALLBERT's acts and omissions as alleged were outrageous, and intended to and did cause serious bodily injury and death, and sufficient to warrant an award of punitive damages.
- 116. DEFENDANT ALLBERT's refusal and failure to timely call 911, to attempt to administer life-saving assistance, to promptly seek medical assistance

on behalf of DENISE once it immediately became obvious to him that he had placed her at death's door, was despicable, unconscionable, inhumane, and malicious warranting an award of punitive damages.

- 117. DEFENDANT ALLBERT was the last person to see DENISE alive and with DENISE when she died. He waited over two hours between the time the Massage would have normally ended until he called 911.
- 118. In light of the position, location, and condition of DENISE's body at the time the paramedics arrived, it cannot be disputed that DEFENDANT ALLBERT let an unreasonable and unjustifiable amount of time go by between the time he administered the drugs that injured and killed her and the time he alerted the authorities.
- 119. As a result of each DEFENDANT's substantial participation in the marketing, distribution, provision, administration, advice, and oversight of the services and products provided by DEFENDANT ALLBERT to DENISE, each DEFENDANT is jointly and severally liable for the resultant injuries and damages proximately caused by their reckless conduct and omissions in amounts to be proven at trial.
- 120. As a direct and proximate result of her death, PLAINTIFFS have lost the most important treasure in their lives.
- 121. As a direct and proximate result of DEFENDANT's joint and several wrongful acts and omissions, DENISE suffered pain and injuries at the time of her death as may be proven at trial.
- 122. As a direct and proximate result of DEFENDANT's joint and several wrongful acts and omissions, PLAINTIFFS have each suffered substantial emotional pain and mental anguish, the loss of comfort and companionship of DENISE, and the financial and familial support she provided to them, all in amounts and kind as may be proven at trial.

1	WHERE	FORE, PLAINTIFFS demand judgment against DEFENDANTS as follows:
2	AS TO DEFENDANT CHRISTIAN LEE ALLBERT	
3	1.	For general damages according to proof; and
4	2.	For special damages according to proof; and
5	3.	For punitive damages; and
6	4.	For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.
7	AS T	O DEFENDANT ALL ONE GOD FAITH, Inc., aka DR. BRONNER's:
8	1.	For general damages according to proof; and
9	2.	For special damages according to proof; and
10	3.	For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.
11	AS T	O DEFENDANT TERRY LENLEY:
12	1.	For general damages according to proof; and
13	2.	For special damages according to proof; and
14 15	3.	For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.
16	AS T	O DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER:
17	a.	For general damages according to proof; and
18	b.	For special damages according to proof; and
19	c.	For punitive damages; and
20	d.	For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.
21	AS T	O DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER:
22	1.	For general damages according to proof; and
23	2.	For special damages according to proof; and
24	3.	For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.
25		SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
26		SURVIVAL ACTION
27	123.	PLAINTIFFS incorporate all prior allegations at this point in full.
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12	24. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of
	DEFENDANTS as alleged, DENISE suffered lost wages, workers compensation
	benefits and related licensed and proper medical care and treatment of which she
	was wrongfully deprived, and other damages in amounts to be proven at trial.

125. As a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of DEENDANTS as alleged, all PLAINTIFFS have and continue to endure substantial pain and suffering, humiliation, anxiety, and severe emotional distress, among other damages and injuries, in amounts as may be proven at trial.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS demand judgment against DEFENDANTS as follows:

AS TO DEFENDANT CHRISTIAN LEE ALLBERT

- a. For general damages according to proof; and
- b. For special damages according to proof; and
- c. For punitive damages; and
- d. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

AS TO DEFENDANT ALL ONE GOD FAITH, Inc., aka DR. BRONNER's:

- a. For general damages according to proof; and
- b. For special damages according to proof; and
- c. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

AS TO DEFENDANT TERRY LENLEY:

- a. For general damages according to proof; and
- b. For special damages according to proof; and
- c. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

AS TO DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER:

- e. For general damages according to proof; and
- f. For special damages according to proof; and
- g. For punitive damages; and

h. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

AS TO DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER::

- a. For general damages according to proof; and
- b. For special damages according to proof; and
- c. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE

- 126. PLAINTIFFS incorporate all prior allegations at this point in full.
- 127. Each DEFENDANT owed DENISE a duty of care under California law to abstain from injuring her or placing her in harm's way.
- 128. Each DEFENDANT knew or should have known that their respective acts and omissions as alleged above could and did in fact cause DENISE harm, serious bodily injury, and in this instance, her death.
- 129. DEFENDANT ALLBERT's acts and omissions as alleged were grossly negligent, reckless, and with a malicious indifference to DENISE's health, general welfare, bodily integrity and life resulting in her injury and death.
- 130. DEFENDANT DR. BRONNER negligently promoted an unsafe working environment and the unlawful services and related products of DEFENDANT ALLBERT promotion of an unsafe working environment and employer sponsored services and events that it knew, or should have known, could and did result in DENISE's injury and death.
- 131. DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER negligently promoted an unsafe working environment and the unlawful services and related products of DEFENDANT ALLBERT's promotion of an unsafe working environment and employer sponsored services and events that he knew, or should have known, could and did result in DENISE's injury and death.

- 132. DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER negligently and recklessly promoted the company's informal policies described creating and fostering the unsafe working environment and culture, negligently and recklessly referred and promoted DEFENDANT ALLBERT's unlawful services and products, and is believed to have paid for and/or assisted in paying for the provision the services and products that he knew, or should have known, could and did result in DENISE'S injury and death.
- 133. DEFENDANT MIA BRONNER negligently and recklessly promoted the company's informal policies described creating and fostering the unsafe working environment and culture, negligently and recklessly referred and promoted DEFENDANT ALLBERT's unlawful services and products, and is believed to have paid for and/or assisted in paying for the provision the services and products that he knew, or should have known, could and did result in DENISE'S injury and death.
- DEFENDANT TERRY LINLEY negligently and recklessly promoted DEFENDANT ALLBERT's unlawful services and products, and is believed to have paid for and/or assisted in paying for and/or gifting the provision of services and products that he knew or should have known, could and did result in DENISE'S injury and death.
- 135. DEFENDANT ALLBERT's reckless indifference to DENISE's rights, health and safety, and general welfare was malicious, oppressive, and for reasons already alleged above, require in the circumstances, an award of punitive damages.
- 136. The remaining DEFNDANTS' conduct exhibited a reckless indifference to DENISE's rights, health and safety, and general welfare, sufficient to warrant an award of punitive damages.
- WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS demand judgment against DEFENDANTS as follows:

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- 137. PLAINTIFFS incorporate all prior allegations at this point in full.
- 138. DEFENDANT ALLBERT's actions as alleged herein constitute the unlawful practice of medicine and a violation of Ca. B&P Secs. 725(b), 2052 nor was this fact disclosed in writing by DEFENDANT ALLBERT.
- 139. At all relevant times, DEFENDANT ALLBERT was not licensed or certified to practice medicine in the State of California.
- 140. Upon information and belief, while the Bronner related Defendants manufacture, sell, advertise, and/or market Dr. Bronner's soap and hold the title "doctor" in the brand name, none of the Dr. Bronner related DEFENDANTS are licensed or certified to practice medicine in the State of California.
- 141. Upon information and belief, none of the DEFENDANTS obtained a written acknowledgement from DENISE in which they disclosed that:

 DEFENDANT ALLBERT or any of them were licensed physicians; that the treatment is alternative or complementary to healing arts services licensed by the state (such as was the Ketamine treatment DENISE previously received believed to be); that the services to be provided are not licensed by the state; the nature of the services to be provided; the theory of treatment upon which the services are based, or DEFENDANT ALLBERT's educational, training, experience, and other qualifications regarding the services to be provided.
- 142. Upon information and belief, PLAINTIFFS allege that DEFENDANT ALLBERT was not licensed and/or certified as a masseuse and that this fact was known to all DEEFNDANTS.
- 143. DEFENDANT ALLBERT tried to diagnose and treat DENISE's physical ailments with massage, physical therapy, and medications he had no legal authority to provide or use.

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- 144. DEFENDANT ALLBERT procured, dispensed, manufactured, administered, delivered, and/or gave DENISE drugs while providing care meant to treat her physical ailments and condition as part of the "Massage".
- 145. Upon information and belief, DEEFENDANTS' DR. BRONNER's, DAVID BRONNER, TERRLY LINLEY, and MIA BRONNER assisted, aided and abetted DEFENDANT ALLBERT in the unauthorized practice of medicine in the manner as alleged herein in violation of Ca B&P Sec. 725(b).
- 146. The Bronner related Defendants each aided and abetted DEFENDANT ALLBERT in the unlawful practice of medicine when:
 - a. DEFENDANT ALLBERT gave DENISE advice to "cure" and provide relief from the discomfort and symptoms of her back pain.
 - b. DEFENDANT ALLBERT claimed to have the proper training and ability to perform the above medical acts.
 - c. Upon information and belief, DEFENDANT ALLBERT provided, delivered, distributed, manufactured, sold, and/or gifted the illegally controlled substances to DENISE without her knowledge or consent.
- 147. As a direct and proximate result of DEFENDANTS' joint and several acts alleged above, PLAINTIFFS suffered serious and substantial injuries and damages in amounts and kind to be proven at trial.
- 148. Each DEFENDANT'S acts as alleged were sufficiently malicious, outrageous, extreme and oppressive to warrant an award of punitive damages.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS demand judgment against DEFENDANTS as follows:

AS TO DEFENDANT CHRISTIAN LEE ALLBERT

- a. For general damages according to proof; and
- b. For special damages according to proof; and
- c. For punitive damages; and
- d. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Upon information and belief, DENISE did not consent to the type and amount of drugs she involuntarily received from DEFENDANT ALLBERT.Upon information and belief, the drug provided by DEFENDANT

ALLBERT was similar in formula and/or design to the drug provided by him to DEFENDANT DAVID BRONNER and MIA BRONNER on pone or more prior occasions and as alleged, considered by them to be too strong and/or unpleasuant.

- 153. The drug(s) provided by DEFENDANT ALLBERT to DENISE were similar to and/or in the same class of drugs, illegal controlled substances within the meaning of Ca H&S Code Sec. 11700, et seq., for which DEFFENDANT ALLBERT plead guilty and/or was convicted.
- 154. Upon information and belief, the conviction was within a year of the filing of this lawsuit.
- 155. As alleged above, Plaintiffs are respectively the parent, child, and sibling of DENISE and so are the class of persons Ca. H&S Code Sec. 11705 is intended to protect.
- 156. At all relevant times, DEFENDANT ALLBERT knowingly participated in the marketing, distribution, and sale of illegal controlled substances.
- 157. Upon information and belief, DEFENDANT ALLBERT's CO-DEFENDANTS were aware of DEFENDANT ALLBERT's marketing, sale and distribution of illegal controlled substances and, as alleged, participated in the marketing of same by encouraging, advising, and/or purchasing the services and related products of DEFENDANT ALLBERT in connection with social and employee related / sponsored events, the company wellness program, and with the intent to provide relief for DENISE's back injury.
- 158. Upon information and belief, DEFENDANTS DR. BRONNER's, DAVID, and LENLEY furnished DENISE with a controlled substance by

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- 161. PLAINTIFFS incorporate all prior allegations at this point in full.
- 162. For all the reasons alleged above, the Bronner Defendants aided and abetted the deceit and fraud by DEFENDANT ALLBERT as alleged below by their support, introduction, referral, failure to warn, and otherwise inducing DENISE to receive treatment from DEFENDANT ALLBERT under the pretense, and/or reckless belief that the therapy was wafe.
- 163. At the time of entering DENISE's home, DEFENDANT ALLBERT mispresented to DENISE that he was there in his capacity as a licensed and/or certified masseuse and had legal authority to provide the services he was there to provide.
- 164. DENISE reasonably relied on DEFENDANT ALLBERT's false representations because he was referred by her trusted friends, (the other individual Defendants, at least one of which appeared to be an expert about Ketamine and related therapies who had written much and been nationally interviewed repeatedly on the same and similar subjects), and the Ketamine massage was part of her employer's wellness program.
- 165. DEFENDANT ALLBERT knew his representations to be false and in fact instead provided DENISE with undisclosed quantities of MDA / MDMA in sufficient to cause her death.
- 166. As a direct and proximate result of DEFENDANT ALLBERT's false representations, DENISE involuntarily received mass quantities of MDA / MDMA causing her serious bodily injury and her death.
- 167. DEFENDANT ALLBERT's actions and omissions were sufficiently outrageous, oppressive, and malicious as to warrant an award of punitive damages.

1	WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS demand judgment against DEFENDANT CHRISTIA		
2	LEE ALLBERT as follows:		
3	a. For general damages according to proof; and		
4	b. For special damages according to proof; and		
5	c. For punitive damages; and		
6	d. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.		
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8	December 9, 2024		
9	Respectfully submitted,		
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