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19	LITIGATION)	
20		CLASS ACTION CURRIEMENTAL DEGLARATION OF
21	This Document Relates To:	SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF SHAWN A. WILLIAMS IN FURTHER
22	ALL ACTIONS.	SUPPORT OF (1) LEAD PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF
		CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND
23		PLAN OF ALLOCATION, AND (2) LEAD COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD
24		OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, AND AWARD TO LEAD PLAINTIFF
25		PURSUANT TO 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4)
26		DATE: September 17, 2024 TIME: 2:00 p.m.
27		JUDGE: Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers CTRM: 1, 4th Floor
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I, SHAWN A. WILLIAMS, declare as follows:

3 California and this Court. I am a member of the law firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ("Robbins Geller"), Lead Counsel for Norfolk County Council as Administering Authority of the 5 6

Norfolk Pension Fund in the above-entitled action. I submit this declaration, together with the attached exhibits, in further support of (1) Lead Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Plan of Allocation, and (2) Lead Counsel's Motion for an Award of

I am an attorney duly licensed to practice before all of the courts of the State of

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Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and Award to Lead Plaintiff Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(4). I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein and, if called upon, I could and would competently testify thereto.

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2. At all relevant times, Timothy Coleman and Amy Francisco were (and continue to be) full-time, salaried, and benefitted staff attorneys employed by Robbins Geller. Mr. Coleman graduated from Fordham University School of Law in 1987, and Ms. Francisco graduated from the same law school in 2006.

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Attached are true and correct copies of the following exhibits: 3.

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Exhibit 1: Declaration of Spencer A. Burkholz Filed on Behalf of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP in Support of Application for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses/Charges, Purple Mountain Trust v. Wells Fargo & Company, No. 3:18-cv-03948-JD (N.D. Cal.), ECF 232-1, Ex. A, filed July 13, 2023.

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Exhibit 2: Declaration of Daniel S. Drosman Filed on Behalf of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP in Support of Application for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, In re Twitter Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 4:16-cv-05314-JST(SK) (N.D. Cal.), ECF 663-1, filed October 13, 2022.

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Exhibit 3: Evanston Police Pension Fund v. McKesson Corp., No. 3:18-cv-06525-CRB, ECF 291 (N.D. Cal. July 14, 2023), Order Awarding Attorneys' Fees and Expenses.

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> I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3rd day of September, 2024, in the State of California.

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s/ Shawn A. Williams SHAWN A. WILLIAMS

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SUPP DECL OF SHAWN WILLIAMS IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF LP'S MOT FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT & PLAN OF ALLOC & LEAD COUNSEL'S MOT FOR AN AWARD OF ATTYS' FEES & EXPENSES, AND AWARD TO LP - 4:19-cv-02033-YGR 4860-8364-5664.v1

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19	PURPLE MOUNTAIN TRUST, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	
20	Plaintiff,)	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
)	DECLARATION OF SPENCER A.
21	vs.	BURKHOLZ FILED ON BEHALF OF ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD
22	WELLS FARGO & COMPANY, et al.,	LLP IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR
23	Defendants.)	AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES/CHARGES
24		DATE: August 17, 2023 TIME: 10:00 a.m.
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I, SPENCER A. BURKHOLZ, declare as follows:

- I am a member of the firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ("Robbins Geller" or the "Firm"). I am submitting this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys' fees, expenses and charges ("expenses") in connection with services rendered in the above-titled action (the "Litigation").
- 2. This Firm is Lead Counsel of record for Lead Plaintiff Construction Laborers Pension Trust for Southern California and the Class herein.
- 3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm's time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the partner who oversaw and/or conducted the dayto-day activities in the Litigation and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries on the printouts as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the Litigation. As a result of this review, reductions were made to both time and expenses in the exercise of billing judgment. Based on this review and the adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought herein are reasonable and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the Litigation.
- 4. After the reductions referred to above, the number of hours spent on the Litigation by the Firm is 43,355.59. A breakdown of the lodestar is provided in the attached Exhibit A. The lodestar amount for attorney/paraprofessional time based on the Firm's current rates is \$29,516,213.00. The hourly rates shown in Exhibit A are the Firm's current rates in contingent cases set by the Firm for each individual. These hourly rates are consistent with hourly rates submitted by the Firm to state and federal courts in other securities class action litigation. The

work both on the plaintiff and defense side. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.

- 5. Attached as Exhibit B is a chart reflecting the time billed by each timekeeper in each of 21 categories, and also reflects each timekeeper's individual hours and lodestar at their current rate.
- 6. The Firm seeks an award of \$1,965,687.14 in expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the Litigation. Those expenses and charges are summarized by category in the attached Exhibit C.
 - 7. The following is additional information regarding certain of these expenses:
- (a) Filing, Witness and Other Fees: \$8,333.97. These expenses have been paid to the Court for filing fees and to attorney service firms or individuals who either: (i) served process of the complaint or subpoenas; (ii) obtained copies of court documents for plaintiffs; or (iii) delivered courtesy copies of documents to Judge's chambers. The vendors who were paid for these services are set forth in the attached Exhibit D.
- (b) Class Action Notices: \$199,646.85. This amount was paid to Gilardi & Co. LLC for the cost of printing and mailing the Notice of Pendency of Class Action to Class Members and publishing a summary notice pursuant to the Court's Order Approving Amended Proposal of Dissemination of Notice to the Class.
- (c) Transportation, Hotels & Meals: \$107,989.58. In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm has paid for travel expenses to, among other things, attend court hearings, meetings with client, meetings with witnesses, and attend depositions. The date, destination, and purpose of each trip is set forth in the attached Exhibit E.

(d) Court Hearing Transcripts and Deposition Reporting, Transcripts and Videography: \$118,420.99. The vendors who were paid for these services are listed in the attached Exhibit F.

- (e) Experts/Consultants/Investigators: \$1,074,049.23.
- (i) Crowninshield Financial Research, Inc. ("Crowninshield"): \$339,794.00. Lead Plaintiff retained the services of Crowninshield, an economic consulting firm, and its founder, Dr. Steven P. Feinstein ("Dr. Feinstein"), to analyze data and provide a report and testimony concerning materiality, market efficiency, causation, and damages. Dr. Feinstein provided a formal expert report, sat for deposition and his report was relied upon in Lead Plaintiff's opposition to Defendants' motion for summary judgment. Analyses from Crowninshield were instrumental to Lead Plaintiff establishing and quantifying loss causation and damages.
- (ii) Kalorama Partners, LLC ("Kalorama"): \$326,150.00. Through Kalorama, Lead Plaintiff retained the services of the late Harvey L. Pitt, the former chairman of the SEC, to opine regarding the importance of trust to publicly traded banking companies and the preparation and response of corporate entities and witnesses to Congressional inquiries. Mr. Pitt's opinions were based on his distinguished career, which first began at the SEC and continued for over a decade, where he served as the SEC General Counsel for three years before leaving and then returning to serve as the 26th Chairman of the SEC from 2001-2003. Mr. Pitt was also a senior partner and Co-Chairman of Fried, Frank LLP for almost 25 years, and has also served as a fiduciary director to numerous public and non-public companies, for-profit and non-profit organizations and private sector and governmental advisory boards. Mr. Pitt also has extensive teaching experience at a number of law schools. In connection with his report, Mr. Pitt spent a significant amount of time reviewing numerous company documents and testimony relating to matters at issue, and consulted with Lead Counsel throughout the process. Mr. Pitt also sat for a deposition in this matter.
- (iii) Adam Cole: \$206,977.23. Lead Plaintiff retained Adam Cole, former Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel of the California Department of Insurance, as

for a deposition in this matter.

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(iv) Focus Litigation Consulting, LLC ("FLC"): \$83,000.00. Lead Counsel retained FLC to provide research on juries and jury dynamics, consulting services on jury and trial matters, and to conduct focus groups and a mock trial in preparation for the trial that was scheduled to commence in February 2023.

(v) Tasta Group (dba Caliber Advisors, Inc. ("Caliber Advisors")): \$74,437.50. As part of plaintiffs' initial investigation into the claims and economic issues in this Litigation, plaintiffs retained the services of Caliber Advisors, a valuation and economic consulting firm, to assist in the analysis of materiality, and market efficiency in connection with Lead Plaintiff's successful motion for class certification. Caliber Advisors specializes in expert financial analyses and related economic consulting services on issues that typically arise in securities class actions. Bjorn Steinholt of Caliber Advisors provided an expert report and testimony during the class certification phases of the Litigation.

(vi) Gryphon Investigations (dba Gryphon Strategies) ("Gryphon"): \$32,188.00. Gryphon is a private investigative firm retained by Lead Counsel to assist in the factual investigation of the claims alleged in the Consolidated Complaint. Gryphon's investigators reviewed and analyzed materials in preparation for the investigation, assisted in researching, identifying, and confirming the employment status of prospective witnesses, and conducted interviews with targeted witnesses, participated in phone calls with counsel regarding prospective witnesses and case strategy, and prepared witness interview memoranda in connection with the Consolidated Complaint.

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(f) Photocopies: \$612.20. In connection with this case, the Firm made 2,288 black and white copies. Robbins Geller requests \$0.15 per copy for a total of \$343.20. In addition,

consulted with Lead Counsel regarding corporate governance issues that arose during the

ValueEdge Advisors, LLC ("ValueEdge"): \$11,502.50. ValueEdge

Each time an in-house copy machine is used, our billing system requires that a case or administrative billing code be entered and that is how the number of in-house copies were

the Firm made 538 color copies. Robbins Geller requests \$0.50 per copy for a total of \$269.00.

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(g) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$45,819.23. This category includes vendors such as LexisNexis products, PACER, Refinitiv, Thomson Financial, and Westlaw. These resources were used to obtain access to SEC filings, factual databases, legal research, and for proofreading and "blue-booking" court filings (including checking all legal authorities cited and quoted in briefs). This category represents the expenses incurred by Robbins Geller for use of these services in connection with this Litigation. The charges for these vendors vary depending upon the type of services requested. For example, Robbins Geller has flat-rate contracts with some of these providers for use of their services. When Robbins Geller utilizes online services provided by a vendor with a flat-rate contract, access to the service is by a billing code entered for the specific case being litigated. At the end of each billing period in which such service is used, Robbins Geller's costs for such services are allocated to specific cases based on the percentage of use in connection with that specific case in the billing period. As a result of the contracts negotiated by Robbins Geller with certain providers, the Class enjoys substantial savings in comparison with the "market-rate" for a la carte use of such services which some law firms pass on to their clients. For example, the "market-rate" charged to others by LexisNexis for the types of services used by Robbins Geller is more expensive than the rates negotiated by Robbins Geller.

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eDiscovery Database Hosting: \$316,085.35. Robbins Geller requests \$316,085.35 for hosting eDiscovery related to this Litigation. Robbins Geller has installed top tier database software, infrastructure, and security. The platform implemented, Relativity, is offered by over 100 vendors and is currently being used by 198 of the AmLaw200 firms. Over 50 servers are dedicated to Robbins Geller's Relativity hosting environment with all data stored in a secure SSAE 18 Type II data center with automatic replication to a datacenter located in a different geographic location. By hosting in-house, Robbins Geller is able to charge a reduced, all-in rate that includes many services which are often charged as extra fees when hosted by a third-party Robbins Geller's hosting fee includes user logins, ingestion, processing, OCRing, TIFFing, bates stamping, productions, and archiving – all at no additional per unit cost. Also included is unlimited structured and conceptual analytics (i.e., email threading, inclusive detection, near-dupe detection, concept searching, active learning, clustering, and more). Robbins Geller is able to provide all these services for a cost that is typically much lower than outsourcing to a thirdparty vendor. Utilizing a secure, advanced platform in-house has allowed Robbins Geller to prosecute actions more efficiently, utilize advanced AI technology, and has reduced the expense associated with maintaining and searching electronic discovery databases. Similar to third-party vendors, Robbins Geller uses a tiered rate system to calculate hosting charges. The amount requested reflects charges for the hosting of over 4.3 million pages of documents produced by parties and non-parties in this action.

(i) Mediation Fees (Phillips ADR Enterprises, P.C.): \$91,333.25. These are the fees of the mediator, Layn Phillips, who conducted multiple mediation sessions, telephone conferences and ultimately presented a Mediator's Proposal that was accepted by all the parties and resulted in the settlement of the Litigation.

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8. The expenses pertaining to this case are reflected in the books and records of this Firm. These books and records are prepared from receipts, expense vouchers, check records, and other documents and are an accurate record of the expenses.

9. The identification and background of my Firm and its partners is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 13th day of July, 2023, at San Diego, California.

SPENCER A. BURKHOLZ

EXHIBIT A

Purple Mountain Trust v. Wells Fargo & Company, et al., No. 3:18-cv-03948-JD Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Inception through May 30, 2023

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Bays, Lea M.	(P)	17.60	890	\$ 15,664.00
Burkholz, Spencer A.	(P)	2,643.70	1250	3,304,625.00
Davis, Jason C.	(P)	2,829.00	940	2,659,260.00
Forge, Jason A.	(P)	321.50	1175	377,762.50
Kelly, Ashley M.	(P)	2,128.20	830	1,766,406.00
Love, Andrew S.	(P)	23.00	1175	27,025.00
Oliver, Erika L.	(P)	443.10	735	325,678.50
Olts, Lucas F.	(P)	4,131.25	920	3,800,750.00
Pintar, Theodore J.	(P)	159.60	1125	179,550.00
Robbins, Darren J.	(P)	55.10	1375	75,762.50
Saham, Scott H.	(P)	3,370.00	1050	3,538,500.00
Williams, Shawn A.	(P)	38.54	1175	45,284.50
Bakshi, Debashish	(A)	381.60	475	181,260.00
Brane, Austin P.	(A)	381.00	550	209,550.00
Gephart, Jack A.	(A)	110.30	375	41,362.50
Marenco, Ricardo J	(A)	18.50	540	9,990.00
Mendoza, Alexander M.	(A)	22.00	250	5,500.00
Pfeffer-Gillett, Alexi H.	(A)	262.80	475	124,830.00
Rigby, John R.	(A)	186.70	375	70,012.50
Blasy, Mary K.	(OC)	65.80	960	63,168.00
Herman, Dennis J.	(OC)	121.00	1080	130,680.00
Juda, Nancy M.	(OC)	15.00	1080	16,200.00
Prado, Svenna	(OC)	3,332.80	890	2,966,192.00
Schroder, Stephanie M.	(OC)	92.20	960	88,512.00
Sciarani, Kevin	(OC)	3,132.20	600	1,879,320.00
Walton, David C.	(OC)	10.30	1110	11,433.00
Donovan, Byron A.	(SA)	1,837.50	430	790,125.00
Greenberg, Brett B.	(SA)	3,645.30	440	1,603,932.00
Hines, Nicole Y.	(SA)	3,481.60	450	1,566,720.00
Raedeker, Stella L.	(SA)	3,746.10	410	1,535,901.00
Valdez, Courtney R.	(SA)	1,560.60	300	468,180.00
Zheng, Haoyu	(SA)	2,072.00	420	870,240.00
Koelbl, Terry R.	(FA)	17.50	700	12,250.00

NAME		HOURS	RATE	LODESTAR
Barhoum, Anthony J.	(EA)	13.75	450	6,187.50
Uralets, Boris	(EA)	15.80	415	6,557.00
Villalovas, Frank E.	(EA)	16.80	440	7,392.00
Vue, Chong	(EA)	36.00	355	12,780.00
Roelen, Scott R.	(RA)	98.30	315	30,964.50
Brandon, Kelley T.	(I)	36.70	325	11,927.50
Peitler, Steven J.	(I)	153.00	325	49,725.00
Camozzi, Miranda C.	(LS)	27.50	300	8,250.00
Keita, Omar C.	(LS)	291.30	300	87,390.00
Lewis, Bradley P.	(LS)	247.50	175	43,312.50
Torres, Michael	(LS)	171.20	400	68,480.00
Bacci, Melissa A.	(PL)	64.90	350	22,715.00
Caesar, Sumner E.	(PL)	14.60	350	5,110.00
Engfelt, Benjamin H.	(PL)	19.90	350	6,965.00
Gasca, Laura M.	(PL)	25.50	275	7,012.50
Johnson, Kristi K.	(PL)	135.50	350	47,425.00
Kuwashima, Morgan B.	(PL)	489.50	350	171,325.00
Martis, Annaliese M.	(PL)	19.00	275	5,225.00
Mccormack, Kirsten M.	(PL)	20.80	395	8,216.00
Mitchell, Pamela A.	(PL)	73.20	375	27,450.00
Nielsen, Lee A.	(PL)	17.35	350	6,072.50
Waligurski, Mara D.	(PL)	18.60	350	6,510.00
Williams, Jaclyn N.	(PL)	32.00	395	12,640.00
Eros, Diego A.	(DC)	10.00	150	1,500.00
Hutter, Gabriel	(DC)	23.20	150	3,480.00
Santana, Andres	(DC)	22.40	150	3,360.00
Steinberger, Sofia J.	(DC)	52.50	150	7,875.00
Woods, Kyree D.	(DC)	464.00	150	69,600.00
Cota, Cristina	(SR)	57.70	100	5,770.00
Johnson, Terrance J.	(SR)	33.70	100	3,370.00
TOTAL		43,355.59		\$ 29,516,213.00

(P) Partner

(I) Investigator

(A) Associate

(LS) Litigation Support

(OC) Of Counsel

(LC) Law Clerk

(SA) Staff Attorney

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I, DANIEL S. DROSMAN, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner of the law firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP ("Robbins Geller" or the "Firm"). I submit this declaration in support of the application for an award of attorneys' fees in connection with services rendered in the above-captioned class action (the "Litigation"), as well as for payment of litigation expenses/charges ("expenses") to the Firm in connection with the Litigation. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called upon, could and would testify thereto.¹

Introduction

- 2. This Firm, along with Motely Rice LLC, has served as Class Counsel for National Elevator Industry Pension Fund and KBC Asset Management NV and the Class of Twitter investors throughout the Litigation. In these capacities, the Firm performed the following tasks, among others: conducted an extensive factual and legal investigation of the claims asserted; researched and drafted the Consolidated Amended Complaint for Violations of the Federal Securities Laws ("Complaint"); defeated defendants' motion to dismiss the Complaint; conducted extensive party and third-party fact discovery; achieved certification of the Class; engaged in multiple lengthy and contentious discovery-related disputes; conducted complex expert discovery; briefed and defeated defendants' motion for summary judgment; litigated numerous pretrial evidentiary issues, including *Daubert* motions and motions *in limine*; and prepared for a six-week jury trial. I personally participated in each of these tasks.
- 3. The information in this declaration regarding the Firm's time and expenses is taken from time and expense reports and supporting documentation prepared and/or maintained by the Firm in the ordinary course of business. I am the partner who oversaw and/or conducted the day-to-day activities in the Litigation, and I reviewed these reports (and backup documentation where necessary or appropriate) in connection with the preparation of this declaration. The purpose of this review was to confirm both the accuracy of the entries on the printouts as well as the necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the Litigation. As a result of this review,

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation of Settlement dated January 5, 2022 (ECF 653-4).

I made reductions to both time and expenses in the exercise of billing judgment. In addition, (a) all time expended in preparing this application for fees and expenses and (b) all time spent on travel (unless the attorney was actively working on the case during the travel, for example, reviewing documents while on a plane) has been excluded. Further, all time billed by any timekeeper who spent fewer than 10 hours working on this Litigation has been excluded.

- 4. As a result of this review and the adjustments made, I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the expenses for which payment is sought as set forth in this declaration are reasonable in amount and were necessary for the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the Litigation. In addition, I believe that the expenses are all of a type that would normally be charged to a fee-paying client in the private legal marketplace.
- 5. The hourly rates for the attorneys and professional support staff of the Firm included in the exhibits to this declaration are the usual and customary rates set by the Firm for each individual. These hourly rates are the same as, or comparable to, the rates accepted by courts in other securities class action litigation or shareholder litigation, including courts in this Circuit. The Firm's rates are set based on periodic analysis of rates charged by firms performing comparable work and that have been approved by courts. Different timekeepers within the same employment category (*e.g.*, partners, associates, paralegals, etc.) may have different rates based on a variety of factors, including years of practice, years at the Firm, years in the current position (*e.g.*, years as a partner), relevant experience, relative expertise, and the rates of similarly experienced peers at this Firm or other firms. For personnel who are no longer employed by the Firm, the "current rate" used for the lodestar calculation is based upon the rate for that person in his or her final year of employment with the Firm.
- 6. None of the timekeepers listed in the exhibits to this declaration and included in the Firm's lodestar for the Litigation were "contract attorneys" or "contract paralegals." All of the timekeepers listed were either partners of the Firm or employees of the Firm.

Hours and Lodestar Information

7. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a summary lodestar chart which lists (a) the name of each timekeeper in the Firm who devoted more than 10 hours to the Litigation; (b) their title or position

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(e.g., partner, associate, paralegal); (c) the total number of hours they worked on the Litigation from its inception through and including January 7, 2022; (d) their hourly rate (at 2021 rates); and (e) their lodestar (at both 2021 and historical rates).

- 8. As reflected in Exhibit 1, the total number of hours expended on this Litigation by the Firm through January 7, 2022 is 40,878.81. The total lodestar for the Firm for that period is \$26,619,255.50 based on 2021 rates and \$25,275,903.50 based on historical rates.
- 9. Attached as Exhibit 2 are summary descriptions describing the principal tasks in which each attorney and the principal support staff at the Firm were involved in this Litigation.
- 10. Exhibit 3 sets forth biographical summaries for each timekeeper listed in Exhibit 1, including information about their position, education, and relevant experience.
- 11. Exhibit 4 is an Excel spreadsheet which lists (a) the name and position of each timekeeper; (b) the hours incurred by that timekeeper in each month in each of the 19 different categories; (c) the hourly rate charged for each timekeeper during that month; (d) his or her lodestar at that historic rate; (e) the 2021 rate for each timekeeper (or the most recent rate for former employees); and (f) his or her lodestar at the 2021 rate (or the most recent rate for former employees). The time reflected includes time spent through January 7, 2022.
- 12. Exhibit 5 summarizes certain of the information contained in Exhibit 4. Specifically, Exhibit 5 ("Summary of Categories by Month") is an Excel spreadsheet which lists the total hours spent by all of the Firm's timekeepers in each of the 19 categories during each month. Exhibit 5 also shows the total lodestar for all timekeepers for each month at historical and 2021 rates (or the most recent rate for former employees).
- 13. Exhibit 6 summarizes certain of the information contained in Exhibit 4. Specifically, Exhibit 6 ("Summary of Categories by Timekeeper") reflects the hours spent during the entire case by each timekeeper in each of the 19 categories, and also reflects each timekeeper's individual hours and lodestar at historical and 2021 rates (or the most recent rate for former employees).

Expense Information

- 14. The Firm's lodestar figures are based upon the Firm's hourly rates, which do not include charges for expense items. Expense items are billed separately and such charges are not duplicated in the Firm's hourly rates.
- 15. The Firm seeks an award of \$1,857,248.15 for expenses and charges in connection with the prosecution of the Litigation from its inception through January 7, 2022. Exhibit 7 is a chart summarizing these expenses and charges by category. Exhibit 8 is a detailed listing of all of the Firm's individual expenses and charges through January 7, 2022, organized by category.
- 16. Consistent with this Court's order in *Rodman v. Safeway Inc.*, No. 11-cv-03003-JST (N.D. Cal. Mar. 21, 2018), we have attached copies of invoices and receipts for: (a) all expenses of the investigator and consultant; (b) all travel and lodging expenses; and (c) all other expenses or charges that exceed \$500.²
- 17. **Investigator and Consultant**: The Firm paid a total of \$54,798.60 to an outside consultant and investigator.
- L.R. Hodges & Associates, Ltd. ("LRH&A"): \$35,086.10. Over a nine-month period (September through December 2015, January through March, September, and December 2016) in which LRH&A provided investigative services to Robbins Geller, LRH&A expended 156.2 hours for combined fees of \$29,950.00, and incurred related expenses of \$5,136.10 for a total of \$35,086.10. LRH&A's research staff expended 52.4 hours to research, identify, and confirm the employment status of prospective witnesses, locating key targets, as well as maintaining and updating an evolving witness list to support other investigative individuals. This also involved research, retrieval, and analysis of relevant documents, including SEC filings, media articles, court filings, as well as other materials related to the case issues. The case manager and interviewing investigators expended a combined 103.8 hours to research, review, and analyze materials in

All costs associated with airline transportation are drawn from final credit card billing to account for, *inter alia*, changes to flights, changes to fares, and expenses associated with seat selection and baggage. Accordingly, plaintiffs have not submitted original receipts from airlines for these transportation costs. To the extent the Court would like back-up material in the form of credit card statement entries for these transportation costs, plaintiffs are prepared to provide those.

preparation for the investigation; contacting and conducting interviews with targeted third-party witnesses; and thereafter, preparing comprehensive interview summaries and other case reports. In addition, these individuals were involved in analyzing key case issues, as well as establishing and executing the joint litigation-investigation plan, and participating in numerous strategy sessions and investigation briefings with Robbins Geller. Copies of the LRH&A invoices paid (containing redactions to protect work product and other confidential information from disclosure) are attached to Exhibit 9.

(b) Tasta Group dba Caliber Advisors, Inc. ("Caliber Advisors"): \$19,712.50. As part of plaintiffs' initial investigation into the claims and economic issues in this Litigation, plaintiffs retained the services of Caliber Advisors, a valuation and economic consulting firm, to assist in the analysis of materiality, loss causation, market efficiency, and damages. Caliber Advisors specializes in expert financial analyses and related economic consulting services on issues that typically arise in securities class actions. Caliber Advisors provided plaintiffs with substantial assistance in the factual and economic analysis during the discovery and class certification phases of the Litigation. A copy of the Caliber Advisors' invoice paid (containing redactions to protect confidential information from disclosure) is attached to Exhibit 9.

Exhibit 9 includes copies of all invoices paid by the Firm to the investigator and consultant, organized alphabetically by entity and then chronologically.

18. **Travel and Lodging Expenses**: In connection with the prosecution of this case, the Firm expended a total of \$215,948.55 on out-of-town travel, including travel costs such as airfare and lodging costs while traveling. Attached as Exhibit 10 is a travel report detailing the date, destination, and purpose of each trip. Exhibit 11 includes copies of all underlying invoices or receipts relating to travel and lodging, in chronological order and segregated by month.³ These expenses have been reviewed for reasonableness and accuracy. In addition, the expenses for which payment is sought reflect the lesser of the actual expenses or the following "caps": (a) airfare is capped at coach rates; (b) hotel charges for East Coast (Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York,

³ See fn.2, supra.

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hotels are capped at \$350 per night and all other locations are capped at \$250 per night; and (c) meals while traveling are capped at \$25 per person for breakfast, \$50 per person for lunch, and \$75 per person for dinner. The receipts for meals billed on hotel portfolios are located in Exhibit 11 "Hotel Accommodations" section.

- 19. Other Expenses: The following is additional information regarding certain of the other categories of expenses:
 - (a) Filing, Witness, and Other Fees: \$8,998.04.
- Filing Fees: \$710.00. These expenses were paid to the Court for the (i) new complaint filing fee and admission fee for Heather (Schlesier) Geiger.
- (ii) Witness Fees: \$270.24. These expenses were paid to attorney service firms for witness fees regarding attendance at depositions and/or trial.
- (iii) Other Fees: \$8,017.80. These expenses were paid to attorney service firms or individuals (i) for attempting to serve and/or serving subpoenas on various parties or nonparties; (ii) to obtain copies of documents; and (iii) for delivery of courtesy copies of documents to the Judge's chambers.
- (b) PR Newswire: \$650.00. This expense was necessary under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995's ("PSLRA") "early notice" requirements, which provides, among other things, that "[n]ot later than 20 days after the date on which the complaint is filed, the plaintiff or plaintiffs shall cause to be published, in a widely circulated national business-oriented publication or wire service, a notice advising members of the purported plaintiff class – (I) of the pendency of the action, the claims asserted therein, and the purported class period; and (II) that, not later than 60 days after the date on which the notice is published, any member of the purported class may move the court to serve as lead plaintiff of the purported class." See 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(3)(A)(i).
- (c) Trial Expenses: \$102,316.57. These charges are for expenses related to hotel accommodations and office rental space, which were necessary to prepare for the trial of this matter.

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- (i) Hotel Accommodations for Trial Team: \$81,900.00. This amount represents a reduced rate of \$350 per night per room to the contracted amount entered into with The Palace Hotel for the 14-member trial team for the time period September 1, 2021 to September 18, 2021 for eight team members, September 1, 2021 to September 19, 2021 for one team member, September 1, 2021 to September 20, 2021 for four team members, and September 15, 2021 to September 19, 2021 for one team member.
- (ii) Office Rent: \$9,170.77. Robbins Geller entered into a lease agreement with Regus Corporation for the use of office space in Oakland, California.
- (iii) Other Expenses (Quick International Courier): \$11,245.80. These charges were for the cost to ship case documents, exhibits, etc. between San Diego and San Francisco.
- (d) Court Hearing Transcripts, Deposition Transcripts, and Videography: \$58,277.49. *See* Ex. 8.
- (e) Photocopies: \$24,186.36. In connection with this case, the Firm made 117,647 black and white copies. Robbins Geller requests \$0.15 per copy for a total of \$17,647.05. In addition, the Firm made 10,625 color copies. Robbins Geller requests \$0.50 per copy for a total of \$5,312.50. Each time an in-house copy machine is used, our billing system requires that a case or administrative billing code be entered and that is how the number of in-house copies were identified as related to the Litigation. The Firm also paid \$1,226.81 to outside copy vendors. *See* Ex. 8.
- (f) Online Legal and Financial Research: \$52,003.43. This category includes payments to vendors such as LexisNexis, Courtlink, PACER, Refinitiv, Thomson Financial, and Westlaw. These resources were used to obtain access to SEC filings, factual databases, legal research, and for cite-checking of briefs. This expense represents the actual expenses incurred by Robbins Geller for use of these services in connection with this Litigation. The charges for these vendors vary depending upon the type of services requested. For example, Robbins Geller has flatrate contracts with some of these providers for use of their services. When Robbins Geller utilizes online services provided by a vendor with a flat-rate contract, access to the service is by a billing code entered for the specific case being litigated. At the end of each billing period in which such

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service is used, Robbins Geller's costs for such services are allocated to specific cases based on the percentage of use in connection with that specific case in the billing period. As a result of the contracts negotiated by Robbins Geller with certain providers, the Class enjoys substantial savings in comparison with the "market-rate" for *a la carte* use of such services which some law firms pass on to their clients. For example, the "market rate" charged to others by LexisNexis for the types of services used by Robbins Geller is more expensive than the rates negotiated by Robbins Geller.

eDiscovery Database Hosting: \$122,446.40. Robbins Geller requests (g) \$122,446.40 for hosting eDiscovery related to this Litigation. To provide such hosting services, Robbins Geller has installed top-tier database software, infrastructure, and security, all of which are customized and designed to support Relativity, an eDiscovery platform offered by over 100 vendors and currently used by 198 of the AmLaw200 firms. Over 30 servers are dedicated to Robbins Geller's Relativity hosting environment, with all data stored in a secure SSAE 18 Type II data center and replicated to a data center located in a different geographic location. By hosting in-house, Robbins Geller is able to charge a reduced, all-in rate that includes many services which are usually charged as extra fees when hosted by a third-party vendor. For example, while Robbins Geller's per-gigabyte fee is similar to these other vendors, it includes user logins, ingestion, processing, OCRing, TIFFing, bates stamping, productions, and archiving – all at no additional per-unit cost. Also included are services not offered by many vendors, such as linguistic intelligence, cognitive analytics, and sentiment analysis. When compared to typical third-party vendor rates combined with their extra per-unit fees, the requested Robbins Geller charges for this case are approximately 40% less. Implementing a secure, advanced platform in-house has allowed Robbins Geller to prosecute actions more efficiently, utilize advanced AI technology, and has reduced the expense associated with maintaining and searching electronic discovery databases. The amount requested reflects charges for the hosting of over 700,000 pages of documents produced by parties and non-parties in this action. Since this category is an internal charge set by the Firm and not a direct out-of-pocket expense, there are no invoices to provide to the Court.

(h) Litigation Expense Fund Contributions: \$1,195,000.00. The Firm contributed to the litigation expense fund held by Motley Rice for certain common expenses in connection with

1	the prosecution of this case. A breakdown of the contributions to and payments made from the
2	litigation expense fund (including copies of the invoices paid) are attached to the Declaration of
3	Gregg S. Levin in Support of Class Counsel's Motion for an Award of Attorneys' Fees and
4	Reimbursement of Litigation Expenses Filed on Behalf of Motley Rice LLC.
5	20. Attached as Exhibit 12 are receipts for all of the Firm's other expenses that exceed
6	\$500 individually, organized by category and then chronologically.
7	<u>Conclusion</u>
8	21. Attached as Exhibit 13 is a resume describing the background and experience of the
9	Firm.
10	22. Electronic copies of the three Excel spreadsheets, Exhibits 4, 5 and 6, will be lodged
11	with the courtroom deputy. We will provide the Court with any further documentation or
12	explanation with respect to our lodestar or expenses, including our detailed time records, upon
13	request by the Court.
14	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 13th
15	day of October, 2022, at San Diego, California.
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EXHIBIT 1

In re Twitter Inc. Securities Litigation , Case No. 4:16-cv-05314-JST (SK) Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Summary of Lodestar Inception through January 7, 2022

NAME		HOURS	2021 RATE	2021 LODESTAR	HISTORICAL LODESTAR
Conn, Susannah R.	(P)	2,556.75	920	\$ 2,352,210.00	\$ 2,157,570.00
Drosman, Daniel S.	(P)	4,283.71	1,100	4,712,081.00	4,469,990.50
Gronborg, Tor	(P)	2,624.90	1,100	2,887,390.00	2,839,990.00
Gusikoff Stewart, Ellen A.	(P)	135.30	1,080	146,124.00	146,124.00
Lindell, Nathan R.	(P)	2,475.50	830	2,054,665.00	1,958,528.00
Mueller, Maureen E.	(P)	1,202.30	820	985,886.00	985,886.00
Myers, Danielle S.	(P)	27.10	840	22,764.00	17,225.50
Olts, Lucas F.	(P)	2,052.00	850	1,744,200.00	1,699,672.00
Pintar, Theodore J.	(P)	10.70	1,100	11,770.00	10,749.00
Robbins, Darren J.	(P)	155.40	1,325	205,905.00	189,240.75
Saham, Scott H.	(P)	1,031.60	995	1,026,442.00	942,780.00
Geiger, Heather G.	(A)	3,541.70	425	1,505,222.50	1,377,417.50
Janoski Gray, J. Marco	(A)	880.50	520	457,860.00	457,860.00
Kinnon, Christopher R.	(A)	4,851.95	450	2,183,377.50	1,963,267.75
Bays, Lea M.	(OC)	56.35	775	43,671.25	37,296.00
Juda, Nancy M.	(OC)	35.00	1,025	35,875.00	35,160.00
Walton, David C.	(OC)	73.60	1,080	79,488.00	64,910.00
Hines, Nicole Y.	(SA)	2,749.60	415	1,141,084.00	1,102,172.00
Kerkhoff, Lauren G.	(SA)	422.55	425	179,583.75	159,623.75
Sonney, Megan M.	(SA)	2,427.30	400	970,920.00	950,270.00
Koelbl, Terry R.	(FA)	4,504.90	600	2,702,940.00	2,546,233.75
Barhoum, Anthony J.	(EA)	32.80	430	14,104.00	14,104.00
Cabusao, Reggie F.	(EA)	46.65	335	15,627.75	15,627.75
Roelen, Scott R.	(RA)	67.80	295	20,001.00	20,001.00
Brandon, Kelley T.	(I)	34.00	290	9,860.00	8,600.00
Camozzi, Miranda C.	(LS)	133.10	220	29,282.00	29,282.00
Keita, Omar C.	(LS)	11.40	290	3,306.00	3,306.00
Lewis, Bradley P.	(LS)	398.30	150	59,745.00	59,745.00
Milliron, Christine	(LS)	12.85	375	4,818.75	4,818.75
Torres, Michael	(LS)	515.35	375	193,256.25	193,256.25
Ulloa, Sergio	(LS)	140.30	290	40,687.00	40,687.00
Tull, Joseph J.	(SUA)	143.50	175	25,112.50	24,395.00
Bacci, Melissa A.	(PL)	32.15	350	11,252.50	11,221.25
Barrett, Caroline	(PL)	811.45	275	223,148.75	223,148.75
Horstman, Natalee J.	(PL)	24.00	350	8,400.00	7,520.00
Johnson, Kristi K.	(PL)	25.50	275	7,012.50	7,012.50
Kleinman, Jill V.	(PL)	195.00	325	63,375.00	62,190.00

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Kuwashima, Morgan B.	(PL)	226.70	275	62,342.50	62,342.50
McCormack, Kirsten M.	(PL)	78.40	350	27,440.00	27,220.00
Mix, Lisa	(PL)	80.10	350	28,035.00	26,867.50
Nielsen, Lee A.	(PL)	20.75	350	7,262.50	6,281.25
Reis, Cassandra L.	(PL)	278.80	275	76,670.00	76,670.00
Waligurski, Mara D.	(PL)	24.70	275	6,792.50	7,542.50
Wallbrett, Michele M.	(PL)	20.10	350	7,035.00	6,532.50
Williams, Jaclyn N.	(PL)	52.90	350	18,515.00	18,995.00
Williams, Susan	(PL)	13.80	350	4,830.00	4,547.50
Woods, Kathryn	(PL)	19.50	275	5,362.50	5,362.50
Angotti, Madison S.	(DC)	14.00	150	2,100.00	2,100.00
Brody, Dane C.	(DC)	14.00	150	2,100.00	2,100.00
Brown, A. Sebastian	(DC)	26.30	150	3,945.00	3,945.00
Chang, Christine S.	(DC)	17.40	100	1,740.00	1,740.00
Daniels, Jeremy W.	(DC)	135.25	150	20,287.50	20,425.50
Duran Garcia, Kenia	(DC)	28.00	150	4,200.00	4,200.00
Eros, Diego A.	(DC)	42.00	150	6,300.00	6,300.00
France, Benjamin M.	(DC)	36.70	150	5,505.00	5,505.00
Hunsaker, Riley J.	(DC)	10.00	150	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hutter, Gabriel	(DC)	695.75	150	104,362.50	104,362.50
Pulido, Brianna K.	(DC)	22.00	150	3,300.00	3,300.00
Rogers, Brittany C.	(DC)	161.00	150	24,150.00	24,150.00
Santana, Andres	(DC)	33.25	150	4,987.50	4,987.50
Skikos, Ilana S.	(DC)	31.80	150	4,770.00	4,770.00
Walton, Christa	(DC)	10.40	100	1,040.00	1,040.00
Cota, Cristina	(SR)	20.90	100	2,090.00	2,090.00
Wood, Greg A.	(SR)	41.45	100	4,145.00	4,145.00
TOTAL		40,878.81		\$ 26,619,255.50	\$ 25,275,903.50

- (P) Partner
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- (OC) Of Counsel
- (SA) Staff Attorney
- (FA) Forensic Accountant
- (EA) Economic Analyst
- (RA) Research Analyst
- (I) Investigator
- (LS) Litigation Support
- (SUA) Summer Associate
- (PL) Paralegal
- (DC) Document Clerk
- (SR) Shareholder Relations

EXHIBIT 3

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14	EVANSTON POLICE PENSION FUND,) Case No. 3:18-cv-06525-CRB
15	Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,)) <u>CLASS ACTION</u>
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17	Plaintiff,) [PROPOSED] ORDER AWARDING) ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES
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This matter having come before the Court on July 14, 2023, on Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses (ECF 283) in the above-captioned action; the Court having considered all papers filed and proceedings conducted herein and otherwise being fully informed of the matters hereto and good cause appearing therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

- 1. For purposes of this Order, the terms used herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated November 30, 2022 (the "Stipulation"). ECF 277.
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action and all matters relating hereto, including all members of the Class who have not timely and validly requested exclusion.
- 3. Notice of Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and payment of expenses was given to all Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Class of the motion for attorneys' fees and expenses met the requirements of Rules 23 and 54 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Section 21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(7), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, due process, and any other applicable law, constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.
- 4. The Court hereby awards Lead Counsel attorneys' fees of 25% of the net Settlement Amount (i.e., the Settlement Amount less expenses), plus expenses in the amount of \$1,027,452.95, together with the interest earned thereon for the same time period and at the same rate as that earned on the Settlement Fund until paid. The Court finds that the amount of fees awarded is appropriate, fair, and reasonable under the "percentage-of-recovery" method given the substantial risks of non-recovery, the contingent nature of the representation, awards in similar cases, the time and effort involved, and the result obtained for the Class. *See Vizcaino v. Microsoft Corp.*, 290 F.3d 1043, 1049-50 (9th Cir. 2002).

- 5. Ninety percent of the awarded attorneys' fees and expenses and interest earned thereon shall be paid to Lead Counsel from the Settlement Fund immediately upon entry of this Order, subject to the terms, conditions, and obligations of the Stipulation, the terms, conditions, and obligations of which are incorporated herein. The remaining ten percent shall be paid to Lead Counsel after post-distribution accounting has been filed.
- 6. In making this award of fees and expenses to Lead Counsel, the Court has considered and found that:
- (a) the Settlement has created a fund of \$141,000,000 in cash that is already on deposit, and numerous Class Members who submit, or have submitted, valid Proof of Claim forms will benefit from the Settlement created by Lead Counsel;
- (b) over 510,500 copies of the Postcard Notice were disseminated to potential Class Members indicating that Lead Counsel would move for attorneys' fees not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Amount and for expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, plus interest thereon, and no objections to the fees or expenses were filed by Class Members;
- (c) Lead Counsel has pursued the Action and achieved the Settlement with skill, perseverance, and diligent advocacy;
- (d) Lead Counsel has expended substantial time and effort pursuing the Action on behalf of the Class;
- (e) Lead Counsel pursued the Action on a contingent basis, having received no compensation during the Action, and any fee amount has been contingent on the result achieved;
 - (f) the Action involves complex factual and legal issues and, in the absence of settlement, would involve lengthy proceedings whose resolution would be uncertain;
 - (g) had Lead Counsel not achieved the Settlement, there would remain a significant risk that the Class may have recovered less or nothing from Defendants;

1	(h) Lead Counsel has devoted over 44,160 hours, with a lodestar value of
2	\$27,519,601.50 to achieve the Settlement;
3	(i) Lead Plaintiff approved the amount of attorneys' fees awarded as fair and
4	reasonable; and
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6	(j) the attorneys' fees and expenses awarded are fair and reasonable and
7	consistent with awards in similar cases within the Ninth Circuit.
8	IT IS SO ORDERED.
9	DATED: July 14, 2023
10	THE HONORABLE CHARLES R. BREYER SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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