Case 2	14-cv-06009-ODW-AGR Document 1 File	d 07/31/14 Page 1 of 30 Page ID #:1
1 2 3 4 5 6	MICHAEL FLANNERY (SBN 196266) mflannery@cuneolaw.com CUNEO GILBERT & LADUCA, LLP 11620 Wilshire Blvd Suite 900 Los Angeles, CA 90025 Telephone: (202) 789-3960 Fax: (202) 789-1813 Attorneys for Plaintiff	
7	[Additional Counsel on Signature Page]	
8		DISTRICT COURT
9	CENTRAL DISTRIC	CT OF CALIFORNIA
10 11		Case No.:
11 12	AMY FRIEDMAN, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR:
13	Plaintiff,	1. BREACH OF WARRANTY
14	V.	2. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW, Business & Professions Code
15	GUTHY-RENKER LLC,	Business & Professions Code §17200 et seq. 3. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA
16	Defendant.	3. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA FALSE ADVERTISING LAW, Business & Professions Code
17		§17500 et seq. 4. VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA
18		UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRACE PRACTICES ACT;
19		5. COMMON COUNTS/ASSÚMPSIT 6. NEGLIGENCE—FAILURE TO
20 21		WARN; 7. NEGLIGENCE—FAILURE TO
21		TEST; and 8. STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY.
22		DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
24		
25		
26		
27		
28		

#### NATURE OF THE ACTION

Plaintiff Amy Friedman ("Plaintiff" or "Friedman"), on behalf of herself and
all others similarly situated, by her undersigned attorneys, alleges as follows:

This is a class action brought by Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and
 other similarly situated persons, against Guthy-Renker LLC ("Guthy-Renker" or
 "Defendant"). Plaintiff seeks damages and equitable remedies for herself and the
 Class (defined in ¶ 31, below), which includes consumers who have purchased
 WEN Cleansing Conditioner haircare products, in the following variations: Sweet
 Almond Mint, Lavender, Pomegranate and Summer Honey Peach ("WEN
 Cleansing Conditioner" or the "Products").

2. As described below, an inherent design and/or manufacturing defect 11 in Defendant's WEN Cleansing Conditioner causes significant hair loss. 12 13 Defendant provides no warning about this consequence and, in fact, makes numerous assertions about the gentle nature of the product. For example, on its 14 website, Defendant makes statements such as, "WEN® is gentle enough to use 15 every day" and "WEN® isn't like an ordinary shampoo so you want to use more of 16 it, not less. You can never use too much! The more you use, the better the results." 17 These statements and others were and are false and have harmed Plaintiff and the 18 Class. As a result of the defective nature of the Products, they were and are unfit 19 for their intended use and purpose. 20

3. Once the hair loss caused by WEN Cleansing Conditioner begins it
 can often continue for weeks before abating, even if the consumer immediately
 discontinues use of the product. The hair loss is not *de minimus*—consumers who
 suffer hair loss often lose one quarter to one third of their hair, or more. As a
 result, beyond the cost of the Products, consumers are forced to undertake a variety
 of costly efforts to regain their hair and mask the ill effects of the Products.

1

27

1

Plaintiff has suffered injury in fact and loss of money or property as the result of 1 her use of WEN Cleansing Conditioner. 2

3

7

This action arises from Defendant's failure, despite its longstanding 4. knowledge of a material design defect, to disclose and/or warn Plaintiff and other 4 consumers that WEN Cleansing Conditioner can and does cause substantial hair 5 loss. Indeed, not only did Defendant fail to warn consumers, it actively concealed 6 customers' comments concerning hair loss, by blocking and/or erasing such comments from the WEN Facebook page. 8

5. Further, based on inherent defects in the formula and/or manufacture 9 of the WEN Cleansing Conditioner, Defendant knew or should have known that its 10 warranties were being breached by the hair loss caused by the Products. Defendant 11 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and Class members would suffer 12 damages as the result of the hair loss caused by WEN Cleansing Conditioner. 13 Defendant concealed these facts from Class members, including Plaintiff. 14 Defendant's failure to disclose this defect about which it knew or should have 15 known constitutes both an actionable misrepresentation and an unfair, unlawful, 16 fraudulent, and deceptive business practice. 17

6. Plaintiff and other Class members have been damaged by Defendant's 18 concealment and non-disclosure of the defective nature of the Products, because 19 they were misled into purchasing WEN Cleansing Conditioner of a quality and 20 value different than they were promised. Guthy-Renker has known about this issue 21 for at least four years as the result of public complaints. Guthy-Renker also knew 22 23 or should have known about the hair loss issues caused by WEN Cleansing Conditioner as the result of pre-release formulation and testing. Notwithstanding 24 these complaints, Defendant has failed and/or refused to provide an adequate 25 remedy. 26

- 27
- 28

7. 1 Perhaps most striking about this situation is Defendant's clear and unambiguous knowledge of the hair loss caused by WEN Cleansing Conditioner. 2 After complaining about hair loss caused by WEN Cleansing Conditioner to the 3 United States Food and Drug Administration, Plaintiff received electronic 4 communications from Defendant's consumer affairs department. One of these 5 emails included more than two dozen comprehensive questions concerning 6 Plaintiff's use of WEN Cleansing Conditioner. Discovery in this litigation will 7 undoubtedly demonstrate that Defendant formulated these questions long ago and 8 has repeatedly used them with complaining consumers. Plaintiff subsequently 9 received communications from Defendant's apparent insurer, Chubb. Rather than 10 address this systemic problem, Defendant is apparently attempting to payoff 11 consumers on the cheap, sweep this problem under the rug and continue its 12 lucrative business selling its defective WEN Cleansing Conditioner. 13

8. Despite notice and knowledge of the problems caused by WEN
Cleansing Conditioner from the numerous consumer complaints it has received,
information from third parties (including the United States Food and Drug
Administration), Guthy-Renker has not recalled the WEN Cleansing Conditioner,
or offered its customers proper compensation for their damages.

19 9. Had Plaintiff and other Class members known about the problems
20 caused by WEN Cleansing Conditioner at the time of purchase, they would not
21 have bought them.

10. As a result of Defendant's practices, Plaintiff and the other Class
members have suffered injury in fact, including economic damages.

24 11. Plaintiff therefore brings this action on behalf of herself and a
25 proposed Class of similarly situated purchasers of Guthy-Renker's WEN Cleansing
26 Conditioner.

- 27
- 28

1

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

12. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28
U.S.C. §1332 of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 because: (i) there are 100
or more class members, (ii) there is an aggregate amount in controversy exceeding
\$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and (iii) there is minimal diversity
because at least one plaintiff and defendant are citizens of different states. This
Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
§ 1367.

9 13. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 inasmuch
10 as the unlawful practices are alleged to have been directed from this District.
11 Specifically, Defendant Guthy-Renker has its principal place of business in this
12 District, and Defendant regularly conducts and directs its business in and from this
13 District.

14

#### **PARTIES**

15 14. During all times relevant to this suit, Plaintiff, Amy Friedman
16 ("Friedman" or "Plaintiff"), has been a resident of the State of Florida, and
17 currently resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

18 15. Defendant Guthy-Renker is an American corporation whose principal
19 place of business is located at 3340 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, California.
20 At all times relevant to this complaint Defendant has transacted business in this
21 judicial district and has directed its international operations from this district
22 throughout the United States and the world.

23

#### **COMMON FACTS**

24 16. At all relevant times herein, Defendant has developed, manufactured,
25 marketed, sold and distributed WEN Cleansing Conditioner throughout the United
26 States.

- 27
- 28

1	17. On its website ( <u>www.guthy-renker.com</u> ) Defendant bills itself as
2	"direct marketing pioneers" and "one of the largest and most respected direct
3	marketing companies in the world, with distribution in 68 countries." Defendant's
4	website also indicates it has been in operation since 1988. Defendant sells its
5	products predominantly through celebrity-driven infomercials. The strong
6	majority of Defendant's sales occur by phone. Guthy-Renker is best known for its
7	promotion and sale of Proactiv Solution, but it sells six other beauty-related
8	products—including WEN haircare products.
9	18. In its marketing materials and on the website for WEN haircare
10	products ( <u>www.wen.com</u> ), Defendant makes a variety of false and/or misleading
11	statements about WEN Cleansing Conditioner, including, but not limited to, the
12	following:
13	
14	It seems like I'm using a lot of product. Can I use too much? WEN® isn't like an ordinary shampoo so you want to use more of it, not less. <b>You can never use too much! The more you use, the better the</b>
15	results.
16	(emphasis added).
17	Should I use the Cleansing Conditioner every day?
18	That's up to you. Some people like to wash their hair daily. Others will go a day or two between washings. Although <u>WEN® is gentle enough to use</u>
19	every day, if you don't, you can combine 4-6 pumps of Cleansing Conditioner with a quarter-size amount of Styling Creme in a spray bottle with water. Shake vigorously to mix completely. Spritz it on 12-18 inches
20	above hair to provide a light mist. Shake out and restyle or fluff up your
21	hair!
22	(emphasis added).
23	Rinse hair thoroughly. Apply WEN® into your palms and rub together. Use 10-16 pumps for short hair, 16-24 for medium length hair and <u>24-32 pumps</u>
24	for long hair. If your hair is longer/thicker you may need to increase the amount of pumps.
25	(emphasis added).
26	Apply to scalp and hair, adding a splash of water to evenly distribute.
27	WEN® has no harsh detergents or sodium lauryl sulfate, so it won't lather. Massage thoroughly into hair and leave on for the remainder of your
28	shower.

1 (emphasis added).

2

3

4

5

#### "WEN® Cleansing Conditioner is a revolutionary new concept in hair care. A 5-in-1 formula, this one product takes the place of your shampoo, conditioner, deep conditioner, detangler and leave-in conditioner. <u>It cleanses</u> <u>hair thoroughly without lathering or harsh ingredients. It's designed not</u> to strip your hair and scalp of natural oils, leaving your hair with more strength, moisture, manageability and better color retention.

(emphasis added).

6 19. The emphasized statements, among others, were and are false and/or 7 Defendant expressly tells consumers to use huge amounts of the misleading. 8 product, reinforcing these statements with assertions that the product is gentle and 9 you cannot possibly use too much. Defendant encourages consumers to leave the 10 product in their hair for long periods and fails to provide direct instructions 11 concerning the duration of application. Indeed, Defendant also encourages 12 consumers to leave small amounts of the product in their hair as a "leave-in 13 conditioner" and not wash it out at all. In reality, use of Defendant's product can 14 and does cause significant hair loss when used in accordance with Defendant's 15 limited instructions.

16 17

18

19

20

20. Due to Defendant's false and misleading statements, Class members purchased WEN Cleansing Conditioner with no reason to suspect or know the dangers occasioned by use of the Products. Not until hair loss began could a Class member have any reason to suspect that WEN Cleansing Conditioner is defective, and even then might not immediately make the connection.

21

25

26

27

28

21. Rather than acknowledging the dangers of using WEN Cleansing
 Conditioner, Defendant further reinforces its false statements with summary of a
 patently misleading "study". Defendant states:

- In a 3-week study of users of WEN® Cleansing Conditioner<sup>†</sup>, up to:
- 100% said hair was more moisturized!
- 97% noticed that WEN® added more shine!
- 95% reported that hair became more manageable

Defendant goes on to state below (in smaller print) that these results are not
 typical. If the results are not typical, what purpose does this information serve,
 other than to mislead potential consumers into purchasing Defendant's defective
 product?

22. As the direct and proximate result of Defendant's false and misleading
statements, Plaintiff and Class members have suffered injury in fact and a loss of
money or property through the out-of-pocket costs expended to purchase the WEN
Cleansing Conditioner, as well as the costs of mitigating the hair loss occasioned
by Defendant's products.

10 23. By marketing, selling and distributing WEN Cleansing Conditioner 11 from California to purchasers throughout the United States, Defendant made 12 actionable statements that WEN Cleansing Conditioner was free of defects in 13 design and/or manufacture, and that it was safe and fit for its ordinary intended use 14 and purpose.

15 24. By marketing, advertising, selling and distributing WEN Cleansing
16 Conditioner from California to purchasers throughout the United States, Defendant
17 made actionable statements that the ordinary use of the WEN Cleansing
18 Conditioner would not involve undisclosed safety risks. Further, Defendant
19 concealed what it knew or should have known about the safety risks resulting from
20 the material defects in design and/or manufacture.

- 21 25. Defendant engaged in the above-described actionable statements,
  22 omissions and concealments with knowledge that the representations were false
  23 and/or misleading, and with the intent that consumers rely upon such concealment,
  24 suppression and omissions. Alternatively, Defendant was reckless in not knowing
  25 that these representations were false and misleading at the time they were made.
  26 Defendant had exclusive access to data and research conducted prior and during
- 27
- 28

the design and manufacture phase of the development of WEN Cleansing Conditioner that Plaintiff and Class members could not and did not review. 2

3

1

# <u>PLAINTIFF'S EXPERIENCE</u>

26. After viewing advertisements for WEN Cleansing Conditioner 4 espousing its safe, innovative and gentle qualities, on or about January 29, 2014, 5 Plaintiff, Amy Friedman, purchased the Sweet Almond Mint basic kit directly from 6 Defendant for a price of \$29.95. Plaintiff had previously used organic shampoos 7 8 and conditioners, which never caused abnormal hair loss. At no time did 9 Defendant provide Plaintiff any warnings concerning the potential dangers of using WEN Cleansing Conditioner. 10

27. Within two weeks of beginning use of her WEN Cleansing 11 Conditioner, Plaintiff began losing substantial and abnormal amounts of hair. 12 13 Plaintiff discontinued use, but the hair loss continued for approximately three more weeks. Ultimately, Plaintiff lost one quarter to one third of the hair on her head. 14 As a result, Plaintiff, a nurse practitioner by profession, was forced to expend 15 substantial sums on vitamins and supplements to attempt to regrow her very long 16 hair. Additionally, Plaintiff was forced to undertake expensive cosmetic solutions, 17 such as hair extensions, to mask the hair loss. 18

19

# **ADDITIONAL COMMON FACTS**

28. Plaintiff's experiences are by no means isolated or outlying 20 occurrences. Indeed, the internet is replete with examples of blogs and other 21 websites where consumers have complained of the exact same issues with WEN 22 A very small sample<sup>1</sup> of the numerous online 23 Cleansing Conditioner. complaints—dating back several years—appears below: 24

- 25
- 26 <sup>1</sup> Typographical and grammatical errors in the excerpted complaints have not been corrected and remain as originally written. 27
- 28

#### • http://community.qvc.com/forums/wen/topic/305237/hair-loss-afterusing-wen-products.aspx

#### Hair Loss After Using Wen Products

Started 07/08/2012 at 10:26 AM in <u>WEN | Last reply</u> 11/15/2013 at 4:03 AM by<u>racerrn</u>

I'm posting this note after losing massive amounts of hair in patches mostly at the crown of my head, with smaller bald patches all over my scalp. Early this year (2012) I purchased the Wen introductory package (cleanser, deep conditioner, styling creme, styling balm [stick] and a comb) with the auto 30-day refill. Almost immediately after using the product I noticed huge amounts of hair caught in the drain (the water in my shower built up to my ankles so I checked the drain and found a handful of hair -- much more than I've EVER lost at one time). I didn't make the connection between the natural Wen product and my hair loss and honestly didn't think anything of it until I went to get my long, curly hair cut/shaped and was told by the stylist that I had 'alopecia.' I've never had any problem with hair loss and only the regular 'shedding.' This loss of hair was way behind the regular shedding. The stylist showed me a 2" patch at the crown of my head with smaller patches in the area. I located an additional 5 patches around my scalp. After a tugging feeling that the Wen could be the root of my problem, I checked the internet for 'hair loss after using wen' and found many reports of hair loss similar to mine. And the majority of them sound like my experience. For the record, I haven't had any medical issues, dietary changes, lifestyle changes since the onset of hair loss and the only behavioral change I've made is adding Wen to my hair care routine.

- A word of warning to those of you about to purchase WEN Cleansing Conditioner: Wen is a dangerous product.
  - http://womenshair.about.com/u/reviews/products/Wen-Haircare-Products/DO-NOT-BUY-WEN-Made-My-Hair-Fall-Out-With-One-Use.htm

#### My Review

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

27

28

18	My husband bought this as a birthday gift for me after he overheard me
19	talking to about a friend about it. I only used it once, but that was enough for me. In my first use I lost 100x's the amount of hair than I do in an average
20	shower. I was literally pulling clumps of hair out of my head and I had hair balls running down my legs into the shower drain.
21	I look online and found horror stories about people losing so much hair that they were balding and lawsuits of people trying to recup costs from
22	dermatology appointments to try and get there hair back. I called the mall kiosk where I bought it and the cashier said, "I've got to tell
23	you, this isn't the first time someone's returned the product and complained that their hair was falling out.
24	I would NEVER recommend this product and I wonder how these people can sleep at night with so many people complaining about this problem.
25	<ul> <li>http://womenshair.about.com/u/reviews/products/Wen-Haircare-</li> </ul>
26	Products/Very-Angry-About-Hairloss-from-WEN.htm

#### My Review

I used Wen hair care for the first time and it was good till the next week. I washed my hair and it was coming out. Wen hair thinned my hair and made

Case 2:1	.4-cv-0	6009-ODW-AGR Document 1 Filed 07/31/14 Page 11 of 30 Page ID #:11
1 2	•	it frizzy. I noticed it right away. I'm so upset! I am African American with long hair, untill I used this mess and thinned my hair! http://womenshair.about.com/u/reviews/products/Wen-Haircare- Products/My-Hair-is-Lifeless-and-Thinning-After-Using-WEN.htm
3		
4 5		<b>My Review</b> At first I really liked this product. Then I noticed my hair was feeling greasy and heavy. Now my hair is falling out in gobs daily. I would not recommend this product. My hair is now thinning so bad you can see my scalp. It is lifeless and lusterless.
6 7	•	http://womenshair.about.com/u/reviews/products/Wen-Haircare- Products/WEN-Caused-Immeidate-Hair-Loss-for-Me.htm
8		My Review Note: I have very delicate hair!
9		The first wash was amazing! Then the next 3 times (without using any other products) there was massive hair loss. I would put in the conditioner and when I ran my fingers through it to distribute it took me a full minute to get
10		all the hair that had fallen out off my fingers. Then I would see random FULL LENGTH hair floating around my car, my desk, and in my eyes.
11		I stopped using it after the 4th day. Today I received an email asking how I like the product.
12		After reading other reviews I will be on the phone with them first thing in the morning for a FULL refund. And if they dare try to charge me for the
13		membershipdon't get me started.
14 15	•	https://getsatisfaction.com/wenbychazdean/topics/wen_causes_hair_to_f all_out_that_cant_be_true
16		
17		• <b>mish</b> 1 year ago
18		• misn 1 year ago Craig,
19		YOU can contact me about my hair loss after using WEN! I have suffered hair loss and breakage! I have been using WEN for about 8 months. Thought
20		I was using a safe & healthy product! Saw my Drs. and all tests are normal,
21		nothing in my recent blood work or physical that would point to hair loss!
22		Never made the connection to WEN until I MADE my POOR husband use it , thinking I was doing a good thing! THEN, he suffered hair loss!!!!!!! So
23		TODAY, I googled WEN & Hair loss! I was floored when I saw the MANY
24		complaints of Hair Loss and WEN! Many were told by dermatologists that WEN causes blocked hair follicles. What is most alarming is that people
25		have reported that their hair still has not returned to normal even after
26		stopping the use of WEN! I find that disturbing! They also said that reported that to the FDA
27		• <b>snucif@aol.com</b> 1 year ago
28		
		10

Started using Wen cleansing Conditioner about 6 or 7 months ago, I bought a package deal on QVC now my thin hair is even thinner and my son says you can see a bald spot in the back! I am going to stop using it.

# http://wen-haircare.pissedconsumer.com/beware-using-wen-shampoohair-loss-20120818340078.html

sunshine2daI've seen the commercials and thought why not try it because it seems to have a nice effect on hair and felt that my hair could even look better.I was shocked to see after the first wash SO MUCH HAIR IN THE SHOWER.

I have never experienced that in my life. I immediately called company and gal I spoke with advised to keep using with the conditioner as she had lost hair too the first time as it was just kicking out old stuff. I wanted to believe and used again with the conditioner and gobs of hair falling out. I stopped and it has been a month and shedding, shedding, shedding.

I hate to wash my hair as there is so much fall out and now I'm stressed which doesn't help.I only wish I would have read all the other people that are losing their hair with this horrible product.

## HumbleOpinion Jun 02

I have very thick, healthy, never-colored hair. My overall health is excellent and I am not on any medications. I can confirm that Wen causes hair loss! Just Friday, after a limited trial of Wen, I had hair falling out in the shower. I have never exerienced anything like this in my life. I have not washed my hair since Friday and am frankly fearful of showering! Wen is an awful product - do not tell someone with handfuls of lost hair how much you love Wen!!!

Thinning Jan 09

Loved the product at first, but after 8 months, I have lost hair in two spots as well as at the front hairline. I am sad, my hair has always been thick and pretty. I can only pray that after discontinuing usage, maybe it will grow back. Be aware, not a good thing to use.

# COUNT I hate deception Oct 20, 2013 Winston Salem, North Carolina

I used wen on the advice of a family member. I started getting sores on my scalp and my hair came out. There is something in it that causes an infection of the hair follicles, thus the hair falls out. stop using and see a dermatologist.

- http://www.consumeraffairs.com/cosmetics/wen.html
   Sherry of Sumter, SC on July 5, 2014
   I have tried two different types (mint, fig) and the first couple of days my hair was soft, and after a week, my hair was falling out in clumps. My
- 28

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

husband always would ask me "are you okay, I keep finding your hair in the bathroom"..

I promise you as I was washing my hair, clumps would come out in my hands. I called and cancelled and even told them I didn't want a refund (didn't want to go through the hassle of refunds with them after reading reviews). I still had to pay for the next shipment and called American express and they had any new payments after my initial shipment stopped. I am the type of person that I don't believe everything I read without proof and I am telling you the reader this is the honest truth. This was my experience with Wen and the last. I hope this will help somebody even if it's just one. Thank You for your attention...

• http://www.consumeraffairs.com/cosmetics/wen.html Nancy of Dunsford, ON

I started using the WEN Sweet Almond Cleansing Conditioner about 6 weeks ago. I have naturally curly hair that is very fine, just past my shoulders. I used the conditioner as directed 3-4 times a week. Soon after I noticed considerable hair loss. I comb my hair when wet in shower which was filled with hair. My drain full. I thought maybe it was a nutritional imbalance. However, I supplement with Biotin for hair growth and never had a problem with hair loss in past. I spoke to a friend who mentioned she heard that Wen users were complaining of the same. Coincidence? I think not.

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

# • http://www.consumeraffairs.com/cosmetics/wen.html cheryl of Youngstown, OH

I order 5 bottles of wen cleansing conditioners because my aunt got me one for Christmas and at first it worked great so I got more. Then my hair started just falling out. I mean bad. I'm bald in spots. I stopped using it and hair still not quite right. There's got to be something done. My hair was so nice and long now it looks like \*\*. I'm going to talk to a lawyer because I don't even want to leave the house anymore. Thanks to wen by Chaz Dean.

#### • http://www.complaintsboard.com/complaints/wen-hair-carec523263.html

I purchased this product and after 2 weeks my hair started falling out, let me first say I have no medical issues and this is not normal hair shedding, I didn't connect the hair loss to the wen at first, until a friend said do you think it's the wen, so I googled wen hair loss and there are many women that have had the same reaction, and before some of you wen lovers comment, some women after several months are now having the same results (hair loss), I have contacted the fda and you need to call this number to report it 1-800-332-1088, I went to the wen facebook page and women posting they have hair loss was removed and blocked from commenting, if I would of seen some of these comments my hair would be on my head and not in the trash, it was healthy now it's like straw and brittle, I have stopped using wen over a week now, the hair loss is not as bad, but the damage is done and over half my hair is gone ...please report to the fda and the BBB, don't let them keep selling this to others, save someone from this, wish I had found web sites before I started using it!!!

26 27

28

• http://katieelizabethchicago.blogspot.com/2013/12/back-wen.html Until... my hair started falling out. At first, I had no idea what it was from. It wasn't alarmingly falling out so I just figured I was just "shedding" more than normal. When it continued for quite a while, I decided it had to be something I was using. I'm always trying new products so I cut out every single styling product that I was using to see if that made a difference. When it didn't and all I was using was the Wen, I decided to do some research. All you have to do is Google Wen and you'll find tons of articles on Wen + hair loss. And sadly, it's true for me. As soon as I stopped using my beloved Wen, the hair stopped coming out in handfuls.

So this is my warning to women - it's NOT worth it!! I know not everyone has this problem when they use Wen, but why risk it? There are so many other great options out there that WON'T possibly make your hair fall out!! Check out these articles on Wen hair loss if you're considering trying it: Wen Shampoo Causes Hair Loss. Do Not Use!

QVC Community on Wen Hair Loss

Wen Products Caused Hair Loss and Damage

# • http://forum.purseblog.com/the-beauty-bar/wen-hair-care-thoughts-466693.html

I used it for a while, and it did make my hair feel soft. However, I SWEAR it felt like I was loseing hair. I know we all lose a certain amount through out the day, but this felt like a lot. I was in the shower rinseing (keep in mind you have to do a TON of rinseing with this stuff) and I felt something hit my thigh. I looked down, and I kid you not, it was a HUGE wad of my hair!!! I FREAKED after that, and have not touched it since!

#### • http://forum.purseblog.com/the-beauty-bar/wen-hair-carethoughts-466693.html

OK - SAME for me. I was using the fig. At first it was great. My hair was softer, color held longer (I have fairly thick red color-treated past shoulder length hair). Then I noticed tons of hair by the drain, clumps of it on my skin, just like the quote above. My hair was definitely thinner around my bangs - I freaked out. I wrote to WEN, they answered me with some bs quote - you lose up to 100 hairs a day, medication use (I don't), ageing (I'm not that old). I told them I wasn't looking for compensation, just giving them information and they should quite defending themselves. I was using the Fig because I really like that smell. I am back to my Pureology and am hoping my hair will be restored to its original awesomeness before the Wen.

19 20

21

22

23

24

25

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

# • http://forum.purseblog.com/the-beauty-bar/wen-hair-care-thoughts-466693-2.html

I've been scouring my life and focusing on staying calm while I try to figure out why I, someone with thick hair who has to get it thinned (and my mother still does at the age of 67!), have lost 50% of my hair in the past two weeks! I'm a bit baffled as I am, in general, feeling pretty good.

Out of my research, it says to consider what medication and actions one has done in the past four months. Well, one thing is I started using this all "Natural" WEN Cleansing Conditioner almost exactly four months ago! I come here and see that some others are also describing the same kinds of sudden, significant and scary amounts of hair falling out.

Two weeks ago, I was using the stuff, combing it through my hair in the shower and was shocked to see how much hair I saw in the drain and in the comb and for the past two weeks have been trying to figure out this miserable corundum.

Case 2:14-cv-06009-ODW-AGR	Document 1	Filed 07/31/14	Page 15 of 30	Page ID #:15
----------------------------	------------	----------------	---------------	--------------

Unfortunately I had just ordered a new supply, but I will never use the stuff again! This has been an unnecessary and very stressful experience. And I'm going to submit this to the FDA as this is a very rough side effect for women.

# • http://forum.purseblog.com/the-beauty-bar/wen-hair-care-thoughts-466693-3.html

I started using Wen a few months ago and started noticing my hair falling out out in handfuls. I also started noticing a significant amount of hair breakage. I have a lot of hair normally and the amount of hair loss is quite noticeable. I stopped using the product when I suspected that it was what might be causing the thinning hair and hair loss. As soon as I stopped the Wen the hair stopped falling. I am waiting to see when hair will start growing back.

It also happened to my daughter, and when she stopped using it it started growing back.

#### • http://forum.purseblog.com/the-beauty-bar/wen-hair-carethoughts-466693-3.html

I tried it also and at first loved it, but then my hair started falling out as well. I didnt realize until the second time that, that was what was making my hair fall out. Stopped using it and my hair has stopped falling out. I am glad I googled my hunch and found this forum, because I thought something was wrong with me! I also had a painful to the touch lump on my head.

In addition to blog complaints, YouTube features numerous videos
 also documenting hair loss caused by WEN Cleansing Conditioner. The problems

16 experienced by Plaintiff are neither isolated, nor unique. Indeed, this problem is

rampant, and rather than acknowledge this serious issue, Defendant is concealing it

in order to continue selling the product and reaping windfall profits.

19 20

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

# **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

30. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation above as if set forth herein in full.

23 24

# 31. Plaintiff brings this action on her own behalf, and on behalf of the following Classes pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a), 23(b)(2), and/or 23(b)(3). Specifically, the Classes consist of each of the following:

25

# **National Class:**

All persons or entities in the United States who purchased WEN Cleansing Conditioner from August 1, 2009 to the present. Or, in the alternative,

## Florida Class:

1

2

3

4

All persons or entities in Florida who purchased WEN Cleansing Conditioner from August 1, 2009 to the present.

5 32. Together, the National and Florida Classes shall be collectively 6 referred to herein as the "Class." Excluded from the Class are Defendant, its 7 affiliates, employees, officers and directors, persons or entities that purchased the 8 WEN Cleansing Conditioner for purposes of resale, and the Judge(s) assigned to 9 this case.

33. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or modify the Class definitions in
connection with a motion for class certification or as warranted by discovery.

34. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained on
behalf of the Class proposed herein under the criteria set forth in Federal Rule of
Civil Procedure 23.

15 35. <u>Numerosity</u>: Plaintiff does not know the exact size or identities of the 16 proposed Class, however, Plaintiff believes that the Class encompasses many 17 thousands or tens of thousands of individuals who are dispersed geographically 18 throughout the United States. Therefore, the proposed Class is so numerous that 19 joinder of all members is impracticable. Class members may be notified of the 20 pendency of this action by mail and/or electronic mail, supplemented if deemed 21 necessary or appropriate by the Court by published notice.

36. Existence and Predominance of Common Questions of Fact and Law:
There are questions of law and fact that are common to the Class, and predominate
over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. The damages
sustained by Plaintiff and the other members of the Class flow from the common
nucleus of operative facts surrounding Defendant's misconduct. The common
questions include, but are not limited to the following:

 $\|$ 

1	a.	whether Defendants failed to comply with their warranties;	
2	b.	whether WEN Cleansing Conditioner causes hair loss;	
3	с.	whether WEN Cleansing Conditioner contains a design defect;	
4	d.	whether and when Defendant had exclusive knowledge of but	
5		failed to disclose the existence and cause of the defect in WEN	
6		Cleansing Conditioner;	
7	e.	whether Defendant's conduct violated the Florida Unfair and	
8		Deceptive Trade Practices Act;	
9	f.	whether Defendant's conduct violated the California Unfair	
10		Competition Law;	
11	g.	whether Defendant's conduct violated the California False	
12		Advertising Law;	
13	h.	whether Defendant's conduct constituted a breach of applicable	
14		warranties and/or gives rise to claims in assumpsit;	
15	i.	whether, as a result of Defendant's omissions and/or	
16		misrepresentations of material facts, Plaintiff and members of	
17		the Class have suffered an ascertainable loss of monies and/or	
18		property and/or value;	
19	j.	whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to monetary	
20		damages and/or other remedies and, if so, the nature of any	
21		such relief.	
22	37. <u>Typic</u>	cality: All of Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the	
23	Class since each Class member was subject the same common inherent defect in		
24	the Products. F	urthermore, Plaintiff and all members of the Class sustained	
25	monetary and economic injuries including, but not limited to, ascertainable loss		
26	arising out of Defendant's wrongful conduct. Plaintiff is advancing the same		
27	claims and legal theories on behalf of herself and all absent Class members.		
28			

38. <u>Adequacy</u>: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests
 of the Class. She is committed to the vigorous prosecution of the Class' claims
 and has retained attorneys who are qualified to pursue this litigation and are
 experienced in class action litigation.

Superiority: A class action is superior to other methods for the fair 39. 5 and efficient adjudication of this controversy. While substantial, the damages 6 suffered by each individual Class member do not justify the burden and expense of 7 individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessitated by 8 Defendant's conduct. Further, it would be virtually impossible for the members of 9 the Class to individually and effectively redress the wrongs done to them. A class 10 action regarding the issues in this case does not create any problems of 11 manageability. The class action device presents far fewer management difficulties 12 than alternative methods of adjudication, and provides the benefits of single 13 adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court. 14

15

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

40. In the alternative, the Class may be certified because:

16

a. the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members
of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying
adjudication with respect to individual Class members which
would establish incompatible standards of conduct for
Defendant;

b. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class members would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other Class members not parties to the adjudications, or substantially impair or impede the ability to protect their interests; and

28

c. Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with respect to the members of the Class as a whole. VIOLATIONS ALLEGED

# COUNT I

# **BREACH OF WARRANTY**

8 41. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs
9 1-40, as if set forth herein in full.

42. Defendant sold WEN Cleansing Conditioner in its regular course ofbusiness. Plaintiff and Class members purchased the Products.

43. The Products are "consumer products" within the meaning of the
Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1), and California and Florida
law, respectively. WEN Cleansing Conditioner costs more than five dollars.

44. Plaintiff and Class members are "consumers" and "buyers" within the
meaning of the Magnuson-Moss Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3) and California and
Florida law, respectively.

45. Defendant is a "supplier" and "warrantor" within the meaning of the
Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4) – (5). Defendant is also a
"manufacturer" and "seller" within the meaning of California and Florida law,
respectively.

46. Defendant made promises and representations in an express warranty
provided to all consumers, which became the basis of the bargain between
Plaintiff, Class members and Defendant.

47. Defendant's written affirmations of fact, promises and/or descriptions
as alleged are each a "written warranty". The affirmations of fact, promises
and/or descriptions constitute a "written warranty" within the meaning of the

28

1

2

3

4

5

6

1 Magnuson-Moss Act, 15 U.S.C. §2301(6).

2 48. By placing such products into the stream of commerce, by operation of law including Section 2314 of the California Commercial Code, the Magnuson-3 Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2301 et. seq., and comparable Florida law, 4 including FLA. STAT. § 672.314, and such other applicable state laws, Defendant 5 also impliedly warranted to Plaintiff and Class members that WEN Cleansing 6 Conditioner were of merchantable quality (*i.e.*, a product of a high enough quality 7 8 to make it fit for sale, usable for the purpose it was made, of average worth in the 9 marketplace, or not broken, unworkable, contaminated or flawed or containing a defect affecting the safety of the product), would pass without objection in the 10 trade or business, and were free from material defects, and reasonably fit for the 11 use for which they were intended. 12

49. Defendant breached all applicable warranties because WEN
Cleansing Conditioner suffers from a latent and/or inherent defect that causes it to
produce substantial hair loss, rendering WEN Cleansing Conditioner unfit for its
intended use and purpose. This defect substantially impairs the use, value and
safety of WEN Cleansing Conditioner.

50. The latent and/or inherent defect at issue herein existed when the
WEN Cleansing Conditioner left Defendant's possession or control and was sold
to Plaintiff and the Class members. The defect was undiscoverable to Plaintiff
and the Class members at the time of purchase of the WEN Cleansing
Conditioner.

51. All conditions precedent to seeking liability under this claim for
breach of express and implied warranty have been performed by or on behalf of
Plaintiff and others in terms of paying for the goods at issue. Defendant having
been placed on reasonable notice of the defect in the Products and breach of the
warranties, and has had an opportunity for years to cure the defect for Plaintiff and

1 all Class members, but has failed to do so.

2 52. Defendant was on notice of the problems with the WEN Cleansing
3 Conditioner based on the complaints it received directly from Plaintiff and Class
4 members, and from the plethora of public complaints.

5

6

53. Defendant breached its express and implied warranties, as WEN Cleansing Conditioner did not contain the properties Defendant represented.

54. Defendant's breaches of warranty have caused Plaintiff and Class
members to suffer injuries, paying for defective products, and entering into
transactions they would not have entered into for the consideration paid. As a
direct and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of warranty, Plaintiff and
Class members have suffered damages and continue to suffer damages, including
economic damages in terms of the cost of WEN Cleansing Conditioner and the
cost of efforts to mitigate the damages caused by same.

14 55. As a result of the breach of these warranties, Plaintiff and Class
15 members are entitled to legal and equitable relief including damages, costs,
16 attorneys' fees, rescission, and/or other relief as deemed appropriate, for an amount
17 to compensate them for not receiving the benefit of their bargain.

- 18
- 19

20

## COUNT II

# VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200, et seq.

56. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs
1-40 as though fully set forth at length herein.

57. Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.* prohibits acts of
"unfair competition", which is defined by Business & Professions Code § 17200
as including any "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice . . . ."

26 58. Defendant has engaged in unfair competition and unfair, unlawful or
27 fraudulent business practices by the conduct, statements, and omissions described

above, and by concealing from Plaintiff and Class members the material fact that
WEN Cleansing Conditioner causes substantial hair loss. Defendant should have
disclosed this information because it was in a superior position to know the true
facts related to this defect, and Plaintiff and Class members could not reasonably
be expected to learn or discover the true facts related to the defect prior to their
purchases.

59. These acts and practices have also deceived Plaintiff and are likely to 7 8 deceive reasonable consumers targeted by such statements and omissions. In failing to disclose this material defect and suppressing other material facts from 9 Plaintiff and Class members, Defendant breached its duties to disclose these facts, 10 violated the UCL, and caused injuries to Plaintiff and Class members. The 11 omissions and acts of concealment by Defendant pertained to information material 12 to Plaintiff and Class members in that it would have been likely to deceive them 13 based on reasonable consumer's expectations and assumptions based on the 14 safety-related nature of this defect. 15

60. The injuries suffered by Plaintiff and Class members are also greatly
outweighed by any potential countervailing benefit to consumers or to
competition. Nor are they injuries that Plaintiff and Class members should or
could have reasonably avoided.

61. Plaintiff seeks to enjoin further unlawful, unfair and/or fraudulent
acts or practices by Defendant, to obtain restitutionary disgorgement of all monies
and revenues generated as a result of such practices, and all other relief allowed
under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.

- 24 //
- 25 //
- 26 //
- 27 //
- 28

1

2

3

28

# COUNT III

# VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA FALSE ADVERTISING LAW, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE § 17500, et seq.

4 62. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs
5 1-40 as though fully set forth at length herein.

6 63. In violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17500, et
7 seq., Defendant has disseminated or caused to be disseminated deceptive
8 advertising misrepresentations, omissions and practices, including the statements
9 referenced, *inter alia*, in paragraph 18, supra. These statements are actionable
10 violations of § 17500 in that Defendant expressly states that WEN Cleansing
11 Conditioner have attributes, which they do not possess.

64. Defendant's advertising misrepresentations, omissions, and practices
made in connection with the sale of WEN Cleansing Conditioner are unfair,
deceptive and/or misleading within the meaning of California Business &
Professions Code § 17500, *et seq.* These representations are likely to deceive
reasonable consumers.

17 65. In making and disseminating the statements alleged herein, Defendant
18 knew or should have known that the statements were and are misleading or likely
19 to mislead for the reasons set forth above.

<sup>20</sup> 66. As detailed above, Plaintiff suffered injury in fact and a loss of money
<sup>21</sup> or property as a result of Defendant's acts and practices, which violate § 17500, *et*<sup>22</sup> seq.

Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code § 17535, Plaintiff
 and members of the Class seek, and are entitled to:

a. an order enjoining Defendant from continuing to make false
 and misleading statements concerning WEN Cleansing
 Conditioner;

 $\|$ 

1	b. restitution and disgorgement of any and all excessive amounts		
2	paid to Defendant or its agents;		
3	c. equitable relief pursuant to Cal. Code of Civil Procedure § 384;		
4	d. pre- and post-judgment interest at the highest rate allowable by		
5	law; and		
6	e. payment of attorney's fees and costs pursuant to, <i>inter alia</i> , Cal.		
7	Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5, the common fund and private		
8	attorney general doctrines.		
9	68. As a result of Defendant's violations of the false advertising statute,		
10	Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to equitable relief as the Court deems		
11	appropriate.		
12	<u>COUNT IV</u>		
13	VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE		
14	PRACTICES ACT		
15	(On Behalf of the Florida Class Only)		
16	69. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs		
17	1-40 as though fully set forth at length herein.		
18	70. The purpose of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act		
19	("FDUTPA") is "to protect the consuming public and legitimate business		
20	enterprises from those who engage in unfair methods of competition, or		
21	unconscionable, deceptive, or unfair acts or practices in the conduct of any trade		
22	or commerce." FLA. STAT. § 501.202 (2).		
23	71. Defendant has engaged in unfair methods of competition or		
24	unconscionable, deceptive, or unfair acts or practices by engaging in the practices		
25	described above, including knowingly and intentionally concealing from Plaintiff		
26	and Class members the fact that the Products suffer from the Defect (and the		
27	costs, risks, and diminished value of the WEN Cleansing Conditioner as a result		
28			

of this problem), which was not readily discoverable. Defendant should have 1 2 disclosed this information because it was in a superior position to know the true facts related to this Defect, and Plaintiff and Class members could not reasonably 3 be expected to learn or discover the true facts related to this Defect until after 4 manifestation of the Defect. 5

72. These unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts 6 have caused injuries and damages to Plaintiff and members of the Class. 7

# COUNT V

## **COMMON COUNTS/ASSUMPSIT**

73. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs 10 1-40 as though fully set forth at length herein. 11

74. As Plaintiff and the Class show just grounds for recovering money to 12 pay for benefits Defendant received from them, they have a right to restitution at 13 law through an action derived from the common-law writ of assumpsit by 14 implying a contract at law, or a quasi-contract as an alternative to a claim for 15 breach of contract. 16

17

8

9

Plaintiff and members of the Class conferred a benefit upon 75. Defendant by purchasing WEN Cleansing Conditioner from Defendant. 18

19

76. Defendant had knowledge that this benefit was conferred upon it.

77. Defendant, having received such benefits, is required to make 20 restitution as the circumstances here are such that, as between the two, it is unjust 21 for Defendant to retain such monies based on the illegal conduct described above. 22 23 Such money or property belongs in good conscience to Plaintiff and the Class members and can be traced to funds or property in Defendant's possession. 24 Plaintiff and Class members have unjustly enriched Defendant through payments 25 and the resulting profits enjoyed by Defendant as a direct result of such payments. 26 Plaintiff's and Class members' detriment and Defendant's enrichment were 27

1 related to and flowed from the conduct challenged in this Complaint.

2 78. An entity that has been unjustly enriched at the expense of another is required to make restitution to the other. 3 Under common law principles recognized in claims of common counts, assumpsit, and quasi-contract, as well as 4 principles of unjust enrichment, under the circumstances alleged herein it would 5 be inequitable for Defendant to retain such benefits without paying restitution or 6 Defendant should not be permitted to retain the benefits 7 damages therefor. conferred via payments to be received from and/or paid by Plaintiff and Class 8 9 members as a result of such transactions, and other remedies and claims may not permit them to obtain such relief, leaving them without an adequate remedy at 10 law. 11

## <u>COUNT VI</u>

#### **NEGLIGENCE – FAILURE TO WARN**

14 79. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs
15 1-40 as though fully set forth at length herein.

16 80. At all times referenced herein, Defendant was responsible for
17 designing, formulating, testing, manufacturing, inspecting, distributing,
18 marketing, supplying and/or selling WEN Cleansing Conditioner to Plaintiff and
19 the Class.

81. At all times material hereto, the use of WEN Cleansing Conditioner
in a manner that was intended and/or reasonably foreseeable by Defendant
involved substantial risk of hair loss.

- 82. At all times the risk of substantial hair loss was known or knowable
  by Defendant, in light of the generally recognized and prevailing knowledge
  available at the time of manufacture and design, as described herein.
- 26 83. Defendant, as the manufacturer, distributor and/or seller of WEN
  27 Cleansing Conditioner, had a duty to warn Plaintiff and the Class of all dangers

28

12

1 associated with the intended use.

84. Defendant was negligent and breached its duty of care by negligently
failing to give adequate warnings to purchasers and users of WEN Cleansing
Conditioner, including Plaintiff, about the risks, potential dangers and defective
condition of the Products.

14

15

85. Defendant knew, or by the exercise of reasonable care, should have
known of the inherent design defects and resulting dangers associated with using
WEN Cleansing Conditioner as described herein, and knew that Plaintiff and
Class members could not reasonably be aware of those risks. Defendant failed to
exercise reasonable care in providing the Class with adequate warnings.

11 86. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to adequately
12 warn consumers about the risks and dangers of using WEN Cleansing
13 Conditioner, Plaintiff and the Class have suffered damages as set forth herein.

#### COUNT VII

# **NEGLIGENCE – FAILURE TO TEST**

16 87. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs
17 1-40 as though fully set forth at length herein.

18 88. Defendant did not perform adequate testing on WEN Cleansing
19 Conditioner, which was defectively designed, formulated, tested, manufactured,
20 inspected, distributed, marketed, supplied and/or sold to Plaintiff and the Class.

89. Adequate testing would have revealed the serious deficiencies in the
WEN Cleansing Conditioner in that it would have revealed the substantial hair
loss occasioned by use of the Products.

90. Defendant had, and continues to have, a duty to exercise reasonable
care to properly design—including the duty to test—WEN Cleansing Conditioner
that it introduces into the stream of commerce.

27

91. Defendant breached these duties by failing to exercise ordinary care

in the design and testing of WEN Cleansing Conditioner, which it introduced into
 the stream of commerce, because Defendant knew or should have known that
 WEN Cleansing Conditioner cause substantial hair loss.

- 4 92. Defendant knew or reasonably should have known that Class
  5 members such as Plaintiff would foreseeably suffer economic damages or injury
  6 and/or be at an increased risk of suffering damage and injury, as a result of its
  7 failure to exercise ordinary care in the design of WEN Cleansing Conditioner by
  8 failing to conduct appropriate testing.
  - 9 93. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and the Class experienced and/or
    10 are at risk of experiencing financial damage and injury.

94. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's failure to test WEN
Cleansing Conditioner designed, formulated, manufactured, inspected, distributed,
marketed, warranted, advertised, supplied and/or sold by the Defendant, Plaintiff
and the Class have suffered damages.

# COUNT VII

# STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY

17 95. Named Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges every allegation in paragraphs
18 1-40 as though fully set forth at length herein.

19 96. Defendant was the manufacturer or supplier of WEN Cleansing20 Conditioner.

21 97. As described herein, the Products possessed a defect in22 manufacturing.

23 98. The defect in the Products existed at the time the Products left24 Defendant's possession.

25 99. The Products caused harm and injury to Plaintiff and the proposed26 Class in that it caused and causes hair loss.

27

15

16

 $\|$ 

1	100. Plaintiff's use of the Cleansing Conditioner occurred in a manner that		
2	was reasonably foreseeable to Defendant.		
3		PRAYER FOR RELIEF	
4	WHEREFORE, Named Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:		
5	a.	Determine that the claims alleged herein may be maintained as a	
6		class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,	
7		and issue an order certifying one or more Classes as defined above;	
8	b.	Appoint Plaintiff as the representative of the Class and her counsel as	
9		Class counsel;	
10	с.	Award all actual, general, special, incidental, statutory, and	
11		consequential damages to which Plaintiff and Class members are	
12		entitled;	
13	d.	Award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on such monetary	
14		relief;	
15	e.	Grant appropriate injunctive and/or declaratory relief, including,	
16		without limitation, an order that requires Defendant to replace the	
17		WEN Cleansing Conditioner with non-defective products, and/or	
18		repay Plaintiff and Class members, or, at a minimum, to provide	
19		Plaintiff and Class members with appropriate curative notice	
20		regarding the existence and cause of the defect;	
21	f.	Award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and	
22	g.	Grant such further relief that this Court deems appropriate.	
23	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED		
24	Named Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.		
25	//		
26	//		
27	//		
28			
		28	

# Case 2:14-cv-06009-ODW-AGR Document 1 Filed 07/31/14 Page 30 of 30 Page ID #:30

1 2 3 4 5	Dated July 31, 2014.	/s/ Michael Flannery MICHAEL FLANNERY (SBN 196266) mflannery@cuneolaw.com CUNEO GILBERT & LADUCA, LLP 11620 Wilshire Blvd Suite 900 Los Angeles, CA 90025 Telephone: (202) 789-3960 Fax: (202) 789-1813
6		William Anderson
7		(To Apply <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> ) wanderson@cuneolaw.com CUNEO GILBERT & LADUCA, LLP
8		CUNEO GILBERT & LADUCA, LLP 507 C Street, NE
9		507 C Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 Telephone: (202) 789-3960 Fax: (202) 789-1813
10		Brian W. Warwick
11		(To Apply <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> ) <u>bwarwick@varnellandwarwick.com</u> Janet R. Varnell
12		Janet R. Varnell
13		(To Apply <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> ) jvarnell@varnellandwarwick.com P.O. Box 1870
14		Lady Lake, FL 32158 Telephone: (352) 753-8600 Fax: (352) 753-8606
15		Fax: (352) 753-8606
16		
17		
18		
19		
20		
21		
22		
23		
24		
25		
26		
27		
28		
		29