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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

IN RE: ROUNDUP PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION

MDL No. 02741

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

**DECLARATION OF PEDRAM ESFANDIARY  
 IN SUPPORT OF REPLY AND REQUEST  
 FOR ATTORNEY FEES & ASSOCIATED  
 COSTS**

*Pennie, et al., v. Monsanto Co., et al.,*  
 Case No. 3:17-cv-01711-VC

1 I, Pedram Esfandiary, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of California and admitted to practice before  
3 this Court. I am an attorney at the law firm of Baum, Hedlund, Aristei & Goldman, P.C., and counsel  
4 of record for Plaintiffs, Loretta Pennie, *et al.*, (“Plaintiffs”) in the above-referenced action. I make  
5 this declaration based on my personal knowledge, and, if called as a witness, I could and would  
6 testify competently to these matters.

7 2. My hourly rate for work undertaken as an associate attorney for Baum, Hedlund, Aristei &  
8 Goldman is \$300. This hourly rate is based upon my experience and background. I received my  
9 LL.B, M.A., and LL.M from universities in the United Kingdom and the University of Southern  
10 California. I devoted a total of 32 hours to conducting legal research and writing the Motion for  
11 Remand and the Reply to Monsanto’s Opposition to Remand. My fees total \$9,600.

12 3. The hourly rate of Fran Phares, who is “of counsel” to Baum, Hedlund, Aristei & Goldman, is  
13 \$600. A graduate of Tulane Law School, Ms. Fares has over 30 years of practice experience,  
14 including as a former Assistant District Attorney and as a Law Clerk for the 22nd Judicial District  
15 Court in St. Tammany and Washington parishes, Louisiana. Ms. Fares devoted a total of 25 hours  
16 researching, writing, and reviewing the Motion for Remand. Her fees total \$15,000.

17 4. The hourly rate of my supervising attorney, R. Brent Wisner is \$550. Mr. Wisner is a  
18 graduate of UCLA and Georgetown Law Center, is a former Law Clerk for the Honorable Helen  
19 Gillmor in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii, has 7 years of extensive experience in  
20 pharmaceutical, mass tort, and personal injury litigation, and is a shareholder at Baum, Hedlund,  
21 Aristei & Goldman. Mr. Wisner devoted a total of 11.5 hours reviewing and contributing to the  
22 Reply to Monsanto’s Opposition to Remand. His attorney fees total \$6,325.

23 5. The hourly rate of attorney Michael Baum is \$750. A graduate of UCLA Law School, Mr.  
24 Baum is the senior managing shareholder of Baum, Hedlund, Aristei & Goldman, and has  
25 successfully led the firm through numerous wrongful death and personal injury cases, with over 30  
26 years of experience. He devoted a total of 1 hours to reviewing the Reply to Monsanto’s Opposition  
27 to Remand. His attorney fees total \$750.  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Pedram Esfandiary, hereby certify that, on May 12, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California using the CM/ECF system, which shall send electronic notification to counsel of record.

/s/ Pedram Esfandiary  
Pedram Esfandiary