

RICHARD J. SIMONS, ESQ. State Bar No. 72676 1 FURTADO, JASPOVICE & SIMONS A Law Corporation 2 ALAMEDA COUNTY 22274 Main Street 3 Hayward, CA 94541 JAN 28 2011 510/582-1080 Telephones 4 510/582-8255 Facsimile CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT By A. Mendya. Rick@fjslaw.com 5 6 Attorneys for Plaintiff JANE DOE 7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF ALAMEDA 8 HG11558324 JANE DOE, No. 9 Plaintiff, COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR CHILDHOOD 10 SEXUAL ABUSE 11 THE WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, Inc., a corporation; 12 THE WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, a corporation; 13 THE GOVERNING BODY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, an unincorporated association; 14 JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES ON PERALTA BLVD. FREMONT, an entity; 15 KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, a corporation: 16 JONATHAN KENDRICK, an individual; 17 and ROES 1 to 10, 18 Defendants. 19 Plaintiff alleges, 20 1. Plaintiff JANE DOE is an adult, under the age of 26, and residing in Los Angeles 21 County. Plaintiff appears by the fictitious name JANE DOE to preserve her anonymity because of the 22 sensitive and highly personal nature of the subject matter of this action. (Doe v. Lincoln Unified 23 School District (2010) 187 Cal. App. 4th 1286). Plaintiff's true name and identity will be disclosed to 24 defendants with service of this Complaint. .25 2. At all times herein, defendant THE WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW 26 YORK, Inc. (WATCHTOWER NY) was a corporation, licensed in the State of New York, with a principle 27 place of business in the City of New York, State of New York. At all times herein, defendant THE 28

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WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA (WATCHTOWER PA) was a corporation, licensed in the State of State of Pennsylvania, with a principle place of business in the City of New York, State of New York. At all times herein, defendant THE GOVERNING BODY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (GBJW), was an unincorporated association of individuals, with a principle place of business in the City of New York, State of New York.

- 3. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as ROES 1 to 10 and therefore sue said defendants by such fictitious names. Said fictitiously named defendants were negligent in and about the matters alleged herein, and that such negligence was the proximate cause of the damages complained of by plaintiff. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this Complaint when the true names and capacities of such fictitiously-named defendants have been ascertained.
- 4. At all times herein, defendant JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES on Peralta Boulevard (JWP), Fremont, was an entity, the form of which is unknown, that owned, managed, operated, supervised, and staffed a religious facility, organized and existing for the purpose of practicing and promoting the faith of Jehovah's Witnesses, and located within the City of Fremont, State of California. At all times herein, defendant KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES (KHJW), a corporation, was a corporation with a principle place of business located in the City of Fremont, County of Alameda, State of California. At all times herein, defendant KHJW concurrently with defendant JWP owned, managed, operated, supervised, and staffed the facility located in the City of Fremont, County of Alameda, California. At all relevant times herein, defendants WATCHTOWER NY, WATCHTOWER PA, and GBJW, concurrently owned, managed, operated, supervised, and staffed that religious facility located in the City of Fremont, County of Alameda, California.
- 5. At all times herein, defendant JONATHAN KENDRICK was an individual, residing in the State of California, with a date of birth of January 31, 1954, and is currently a registered sex offender within the State of California.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Negligence (As to Defendants WATCHTOWER NY, WATCHTOWER PA, GBJW, KHJW, and JWP Only)

- 6. In the time period of 1996 and 1997, plaintiff JANE DOE was a minor. During that time period, plaintiff JANE DOE, was a member of the religious group commonly known as the Jehovah's Witnesses, and attended, participated in, and was a member of the Jehovah's Witness religious facility located in the City of Fremont, and owned, managed, operated, supervised, and staffed by defendants WATCHTOWER NY, WATCHTOWER PA, GBJW, KHJW, JWP, and each of them. During that same time period, defendant JONATHAN KENDRICK was a volunteer, active member, and participant in the congregation and congregation leadership of the religious facility in Fremont. During that time period, defendant KENDRICK sexually molested and abused plaintiff JANE DOE on multiple occasions within the County of Alameda. Defendant KENDRICK accomplished the sexual abuse and molestation of plaintiff by use of the trust, position, and authority he held as a fellow member, volunteer, and leader of the religious facility and congregation in Fremont.
- 7. At all times herein, defendants WATCHTOWER NY, WATCHTOWER PA, GBJW, KHJW, JWP, and each of them, negligently supervised, managed, and controlled defendant KENDRICK in his membership and participation in the Fremont religious facility, and negligently failed to warn plaintiff JANE DOE, her family, and other members of the congregation, of the propensity and risk that defendant KENDRICK would sexually molest or abuse minor girls, a propensity and history of which defendants, and each of them, acting through their employees, agents, and volunteers, had actual notice. During the same time period, defendants, and each of them, were negligent in failing to exercise reasonable care to protect plaintiff JANE DOE, and other minors, who were members of, or participants in, activities at the religious facility in Fremont, from the risk of sexual abuse or molestation by perpetrators, including defendant JONATHAN KENDRICK.
- 8. As a result of the negligence of defendants, and each them, as herein alleged, plaintiff JANE DOE was caused to suffer the physical, mental, and emotional injuries of childhood sexual abuse and molestation; was caused to incur medical and other expenses for care, treatment, and counseling; and has suffered loss of earnings and earning capacity. Plaintiff will further continue to

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