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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

17 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

18 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

19 In re Apple iPhone Antitrust Litigation

Case No. CV 11-06714-YGR

20 **NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR**  
21 **LEAVE TO FILE FOURTH AMENDED**  
22 **COMPLAINT; MEMORANDUM OF**  
**POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

23 DATE: November 16, 2021

24 TIME: 2:00 p.m.

JUDGE: Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers

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**MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

**I. STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE TO BE DECIDED**

Should the Court grant Plaintiffs leave to file a Fourth Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint?

**II. INTRODUCTION**

Plaintiffs Stephen H. Schwartz, Edward W. Hayter, Robert Pepper and Edward Lawrence (“Plaintiffs”) respectfully request leave to file a Fourth Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint (“FAC”) to add a claim for violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, *et seq.* (the “UCL”).<sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs’ TAC currently brings claims against Defendant Apple Inc. (“Apple”), for monopolization of the iOS applications aftermarket and attempted monopolization of that market in violation of Section 2 of the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890, 15 U.S.C. § 2 (the “Sherman Act”). Plaintiffs now seek to amend their allegations to add a claim for violation of the UCL, a statute that this Court recently found—after a bench trial in a related case—Apple had violated. *See Epic Games, Inc. v Apple Inc.* Case No. 4:20-cv-05640-YGR (“*Epic*”).

The Court should grant Plaintiffs’ motion for leave to amend because Plaintiffs’ proposed amendments will not be unfairly prejudicial to Apple, as they do not change the theory of the case. The UCL claim is based on the same allegations as the Sherman Act claims, therefore no new discovery will be required due to the addition of the UCL claim. Furthermore, the amendment would not be futile since Apple already litigated (and lost) a UCL claim in the related *Epic* action, which alleged the same antitrust conduct.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, the amendments are not the result of undue delay

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<sup>1</sup> Both a clean and a redlined version of Plaintiffs’ [Proposed] FAC are attached to the Declaration of Rachele R. Byrd in Support of Motion for Leave to File a Fourth Amended Complaint (“Byrd Declaration” or “Byrd Decl.”) as Exhibits (“Exs.”) A and B, respectively, pursuant to Civil Local Rule 10-1 and so that the Court can easily view the limited amendments Plaintiffs seek to make to the Third Amended Consolidated Class Action Complaint (“TAC”).

<sup>2</sup> *Epic* did not seek restitution but only injunctive relief. Plaintiffs here will seek restitution in addition to the remedies it currently seeks if the Court grants this motion.

1 because, despite the many years this case has been pending, it was on appeal for more than five-and-  
2 a-half years. Plaintiffs bring this motion now because of the Court's recent issuance of its decision  
3 in *Epic*, wherein it ruled in favor of Epic on the UCL claim and against it on all other claims, including  
4 its Sherman Act claims. Plaintiffs are confident that the Sherman Act claims at issue in *Epic* are  
5 distinguishable from this case and that they are therefore likely to prevail on their Sherman Act  
6 claims; nevertheless, the Court's ruling underscores the additional legal breadth of the UCL in this  
7 context. The proposed amendments are not the result of repeated failures to cure deficiencies by  
8 amendment and will not cause any delay going forward. Plaintiffs' reply brief in support of their  
9 motion for class certification is due October 19, 2021, and no other discovery will be required for the  
10 Court to also consider certification of the UCL claim. The same evidence Plaintiffs submitted in  
11 support of certification of the Sherman Act claims also supports certification of the UCL claim.  
12 Therefore, Plaintiffs propose they be given leave to file a supplemental brief to address certification  
13 of the UCL claim, and that Apple then be permitted to file an opposition. These two additional briefs  
14 will not delay the Court-ordered schedule in this case. The Court should therefore grant Plaintiffs'  
15 motion and permit the requested amendment.

### 16 **III. RELEVANT FACTS AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

17 This action was filed on December 29, 2011, on behalf of all persons who purchased apps  
18 from Apple's "iTunes" site or "App Store" for use on an Apple iPhone. ECF No. 1. Plaintiffs alleged,  
19 *inter alia*, that Apple has violated Section 2 of the Sherman Act by monopolizing the aftermarket for  
20 iPhone apps and preventing the sale of any such apps outside the App Store, a closed market Apple  
21 created, and thereby forcing consumers to pay supracompetitive prices. On February 9, 2012, the  
22 Court related the first-filed *Pepper* action to two other cases (ECF No. 12), and on March 21, 2012,  
23 Plaintiffs filed their Consolidated Class Action Complaint. ECF No. 26.

24 On July 7, 2012, this Court denied in part and granted in part Apple's motion to dismiss that  
25 complaint, holding that AT&T Mobile LLC ("ATTM") was a necessary party, not to the iPhone apps  
26 aftermarket claim but to voice-and-data services aftermarket claims which are no longer part of this  
27 case. ECF No. 75. On September 28, 2012, Plaintiffs filed their Amended Consolidated Class Action  
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