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#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

2 1. This is a class action suit brought against Defendant Vegas.com, LLC 3 ("Vegas.com") for ambushing consumers purchasing tickets to entertainment events with hidden 4 junk fees. To get consumers to shop on its platform, Vegas.com advertises fee-less ticket prices, 5 strings consumers along several checkout screens, and continues to represent that artificially low 6 price as consumers input their credit card information, billing information, and ticket delivery 7 information. Then, on the very final confirmation screen, in tiny grey font on the right corner of 8 the screen, far away from the "COMPLETE BOOKING" button, Vegas.com sneaks in a service 9 fee. Because Vegas.com repeatedly represents a fee-less ticket price throughout the entire purchase 10 process, a consumer has no reason to be on the lookout for a tiny grey font fee is hidden in plain 11 sight on the final confirmation page, after the consumer has already input her credit card, billing, 12 and delivery information. 13 2. In the context of a Vegas magic show, such a sleight-of-hand would likely get met 14 with applause. But in the context of an online transaction, it tricks consumers into paying fees they 15 never noticed and never agreed to, in violation of various Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act 16 provisions.

17 3. Vegas.com's drip pricing model violates Nevada's newly enacted Ticket Reseller 18 provision, Nevada Revised Statutes, § 598.397 et seq. The law provides that "[a] reseller, a 19 secondary ticket exchange or any affiliate of a reseller or secondary ticket exchange shall not resell 20 a ticket, in person or remotely, without first disclosing to the purchaser the total amount that the 21 purchaser will be charged for the ticket, including any fees which represent a portion of the total 22 amount to be charged." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598.39795 (emphasis added). Here, however, 23 Vegas.com did not "first disclos[e]... the total amount... including... fees." Instead, in various 24 bright colors, Vegas.com first disclosed a fee-less price, and only thereafter snuck in a fee at the 25 end of the transaction.

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4. Vegas.com's drip pricing<sup>1</sup> model is also a "deceptive trade practice." The law provides that "[a] person engages in a 'deceptive trade practice' if, in the course of his or her business or occupation, he or she ... (11) [a]dvertises ... [ticket selling] services as being available free of charge with intent to require payment of undisclosed costs as a condition of receiving the goods [*i.e.* tickets] or [the ticket selling] services," or "(13) [m]akes false or misleading statements of fact concerning the price of goods or services for sale or lease," or "(14) [f]raudulently alters ... written statement of charges or other document in connection with the sale or lease of goods or services." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598.0915.

5. For these reasons, Plaintiff seeks relief in this action individually, and on behalf of all other ticket purchasers for all places of entertainment in the state of Nevada that used
Vegas.com's website or mobile phone application, for actual and/or statutory damages, reasonable attorneys' costs and fees, and injunctive relief under Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 598.3982.

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## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because there are more than 100 class members, and the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest, fees, and costs, and at least one class member is a citizen of a state different from Defendant. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598.3982(2)(b)-(d) provides for \$1,000 in statutory damages for a Defendant's first violation, \$2,500 for its second violation, and \$5,000 in statutory damages for each subsequent violation. There are tens of thousands of members of the class, and so the amount in controversy figure is readily met.

7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant operates a
 platform to purchase tickets to various place of entertainment in the State of Nevada, sells tickets to
 Nevada residents, and collects junk fees for its basic internet services.

8. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this District.

<sup>1</sup> Will Kenton, *Drip Pricing: What it Means, How it Works*, INVESTOPEDIA, (Jan. 24, 2023), https://www.investopedia.com/terms/d/drip-pricing.asp.

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#### **PARTIES**

9. Rachel Cachon is an individual consumer who, at all times material hereto, was a citizen and resident of Glendale, California. On September 11, 2024 at 1:13 p.m., Plaintiff purchased two admission ticket to a Penn & Teller show at the Rio Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on September 29, 2024 through Vegas.com, and saw a purchase flow substantially similar to the ones shown in Figures 1–10.

10. Defendant, Vegas.com, LLC, is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in Las Vegas, NV. Vegas.com owns and operates the website http://www.vegas.com.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. Drip Pricing

11. Vegas.com is one of many online ticket exchange platforms—like Ticketmaster,
Eventbrite, or TickPick—that offers consumers the ability to purchase tickets to entertainment
events online, via its website or its smartphone app.

12. "Drip pricing" is a type of bait-and-switch pricing method that refers to "the practice of advertising only part of a product's price upfront and revealing additional charges later as consumers go through the buying process.<sup>2</sup>

17 13. Behavioral economists largely agree that drip pricing causes consumers to overpay, 18 by exploiting people's drive to complete a commenced purchase.<sup>3</sup> By luring people into a 19 transaction with an artificially low price, a website designer can create a sense of commitment from 20 the consumer to the transaction. By making the consumer click through several screens, the 21 website designer forces the consumer to invest time into the transaction. After a seller has 22 introduced surprise fees on the final screen, assuming the consumer even notices the fees, the 23 consumer will still be reticent to leave due to a sense they will incur a loss by abandoning the 24 transaction.

 <sup>2</sup> Mary W. Sullivan, FED. TRADE COMM'N, ECON. ANALYSIS OF HOTEL RESORT FEES (2017), https://www.ftc.gov/reports/economic-analysis-hotel-resort-fees.

<sup>3</sup> Steffen Huck & Brian Wallace, THE IMPACT OF PRICE FRAMES ON CONSUMER DECISION MAKING:
 EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE 1—3 (Oct. 15, 2015).

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14. The FTC has sought to regulate undisclosed junk fees, particularly in the live event ticket industry. In 2023, the FTC proposed a rule that would regulate drip pricing and other similar impositions of unfair and deceptive fees and conduct.<sup>4</sup> The proposed rule is still under consideration.

15. As part of the process, the FTC invited public comment on its proposed rule. One such commentator was TickPick, LLC. Like Vegas.com, TickPick is a seller of event tickets.
However, unlike Vegas.com, TickPick does not engage in the deceptive practices alleged herein.
According to TickPick, "[t]he first price you see for a ticket on TickPick is the price charged for that ticket[,]" which does not include "hidden fees, ever."<sup>5</sup>

10 At the same time, several states, like California and New York, have passed high-16. 11 profile laws banning surprise junk fees. For example, in August 29, 2022, New York amended its 12 laws to require: "[e]very ... platform that facilitates the sale or resale of tickets shall disclose the 13 total cost of the ticket, inclusive of all ancillary fees that must be paid in order to purchase the 14 ticket, and disclose in a clear and conspicuous manner the portion of the ticket price stated in 15 dollars that represents a service charge ... prior to the ticket being selected for purchase." N.Y. 16 Arts & Cult. Aff. Law § 25.07(4) (emphasis added). Similarly, on July 1, 2024, California 17 amended its laws to clarify that "[a]dvertising, displaying, or offering a price for a good or service 18 that does not include all mandatory fees or charges" was an "unlawful" "unfair or deceptive act or 19 practice." Cal. Civ. Code § 1770(a)(29).

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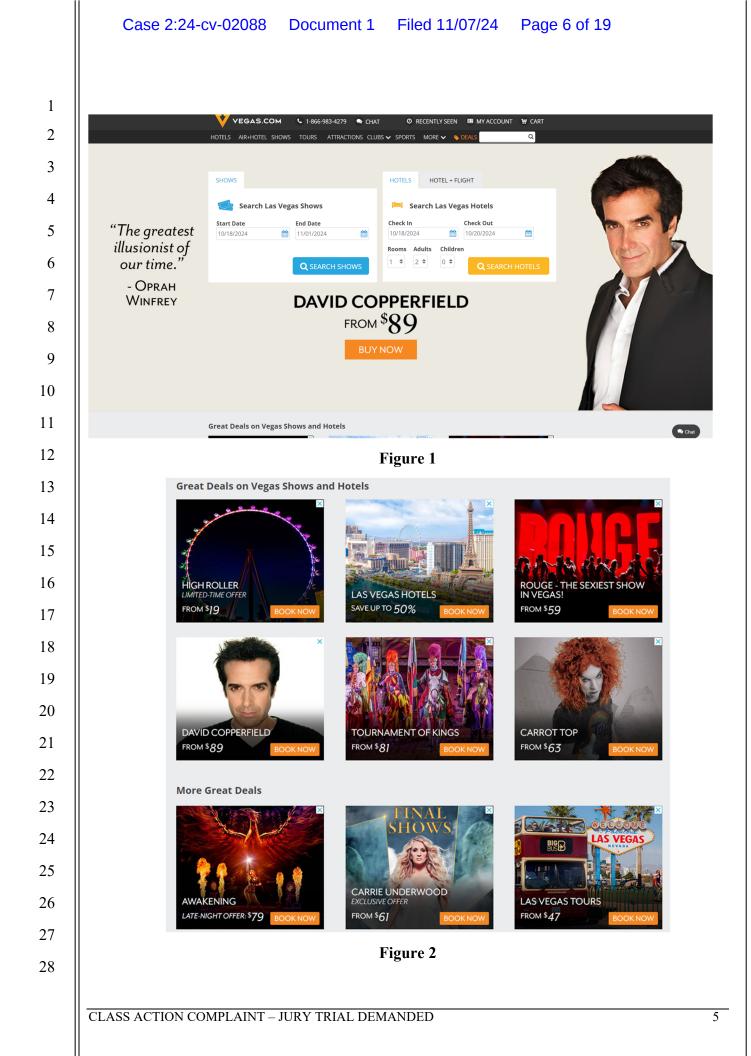
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# B. Vegas.com's Website

17. When a consumer visits Vegas.com she is brought to a page that allows her to search for Las Vegas shows, hotels, and flights and to specify a time period for those offerings.
Additionally, she is provided with a variety of preselected "deals" on various shows being put on in Las Vegas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> <sup>4</sup> Trade Regulation on Unfair or Deceptive Fees, 88 Fed. Reg. 77,420 (proposed Nov. 9, 2023) (to be codified at 16 C.F.R. pt. 464).

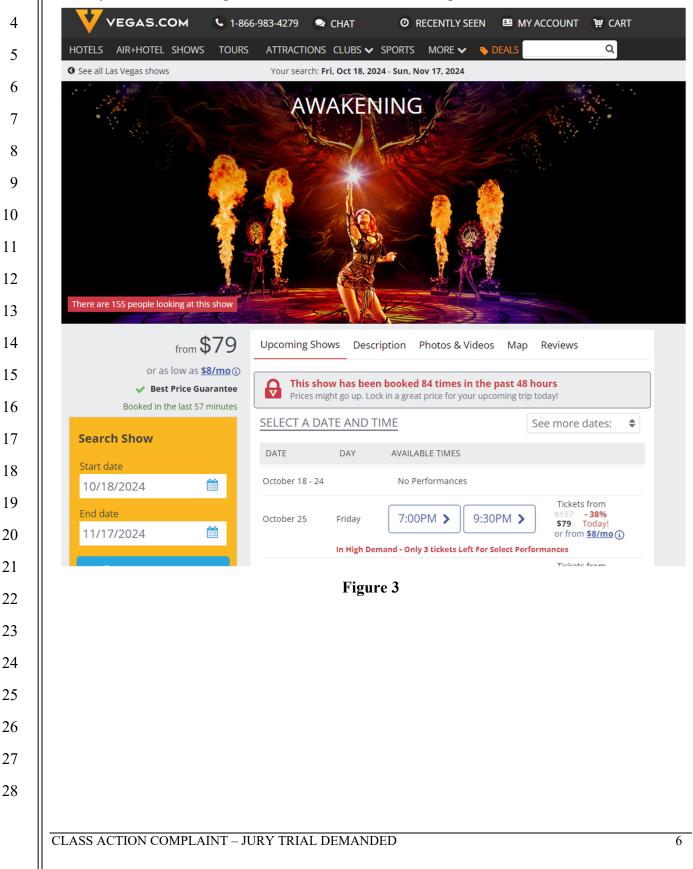
 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> TickPick LLC, Comment Letter on Proposed Rule on Unfair or Deceptive Fees (Nov. 9, 2023), https://www.regulations.gov/comment/FTC-2022-0069-6078.



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18. When a consumer seeks to purchase tickets to an Awakening dance show in Las Vegas, Nevada, Vegas.com fails to first disclose the total cost of the ticket, inclusive of all ancillary fees. Instead, Vegas.com "first discloses" a fee-less price.



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	In High Den	nand - Only 9 tickets Left For Select Perfor	
October 27	Sunday	7:00PM > 9:30PM >	Tickets from <del>\$127</del> - <b>38%</b> <b>\$79</b> Today!
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violated Nev. Rev. Stat. §	598.39795. Vegas.	com then compound	led its deception by continuing to
misrepresent a fee-less pri	ce for tickets throug	h the Checkout pro	cess.
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24. At every point in this process, Defendant goads consumers into rushing through the
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times in the past 24 hours."
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25. After a consumer clicks the blue "Buy Now" button in Figure 6, the consumer is taken to another page that begins the checkout process and asks the consumer for her name, number, and email address which is where the tickets are delivered to.

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9	INSTANT TICKET DELIVERY		
10	<ul> <li>Your tickets will be instantly delivered to you via email.</li> <li>Simply scan the tickets on your device upon entry or print the tickets prior to arrival.</li> </ul>		
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12	CONFIRMATION EMAIL		
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15	By clicking on the "Add Payment Info" button below, you acknowledge the following: You agree and accept the Vegas.com Terms & Conditions, Terms of Use, COVID-19 Terms, and Privacy Policy, as well as consent to receive promotional emails. You can manage your email subscriptions at any		
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26. After a consumer clicks the yellow "ADD PAYMENT INFO" button in Figure 8, she is taken to the page to input her credit card information but is first, once again reminded of the falsely limited supply of tickets.

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	UNITED STATES
12	TICKET INSURANCE (Selection Required)           Why should you protect your ticket?
13	<ul> <li>Get reimbursed up to 100% if you can't attend the event due to a covered illness, injury, delay by a travel carrier, traffic accident, and more.</li> <li>Go to the venue with peace of mind and receive 100% cash back if you</li> </ul>
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17	information page, which asks for the consumer's credit card number and other payment details,
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5	CREAT-OCHT CARD NUMBER	Ticket subtotal \$113.33 Order processing \$9.95 Total due now: \$122.28
6		Have a promo code?
7	CVV- What's thic?	Best Price Guarantee     Learn more
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11	miss the event due to mechanical breakdowns, traffic accidents, covered reasons. ✓ Enhance your experience with 24/7 live assistance to help with info, transportation, finding restaurants, and more.	
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21	28. It is here, in the right-hand side bar on	
22	"COMPLETE BOOKING" button, that the fee amou	nt is disclosed for the first and only time.
23	This fee is not bolded, not underlined, not italicized,	and in same grey font that is indistinguishable
24	from the surrounding text on the screen. See Figure 1	10, above.
25	29. This sleight-of-hand is highly mislead	ing and likely to trick reasonable consumers
26	into paying more for tickets than they believed they w	would be. Reasonable consumers have no
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#### **Plaintiff's Experience**

30. On September 11, 2024 Plaintiff Rachel Chacon purchased two tickets for
admission to a September 29, 2024 Penn & Teller show at the Rio Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas,
Nevada using Vegas.com's website and the checkout flow she viewed was substantively the same
as the one depicted in this Complaint. Plaintiff was forced to pay Vegas.com's unlawfully applied
fees, even though they were never clearly and conspicuously disclosed to her.

31. Plaintiff was harmed by paying this fee under false pretenses. At the time she purchased her tickets, she does not recall even being aware they were charged. Plaintiff and her pocketbook were also harmed by paying this unlawfully applied fee.

32. Plaintiff was also harmed by not having the total cost of the tickets disclosed upfront at the start of the purchase process. By not knowing the total cost of the tickets before Plaintiff selected her tickets for purchase from Defendant, Plaintiff could not shop around for tickets from other ticket sellers like EventBrite, or TickPick, just to name a few. As such, Plaintiff had no way of knowing whether she was getting the best deal her money could buy. By hiding its fees, Defendant was able to reduce price competition and cause harm to consumers like Plaintiff.

33. At the time Plaintiff purchased her tickets, she was not aware that Defendant's conduct was unlawful. She was not browsing websites in search of legal violations. Instead, she was browsing Defendant's website because she sincerely intended to purchase event tickets, and did, in fact, purchase those tickets.

34. Because Vegas.com failed to "first disclose" its fees to Plaintiff, it also harmed Plaintiff by causing her to waste time clicking through several screens. Plaintiff is busy and her time is worth money.

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### CLASS ALLEGATIONS

35. Nationwide Class Definition: Plaintiff seeks to represent a class of similarly
situated individuals defined as all persons in the United States who purchased tickets to an event in
Nevada using Vegas.com's website from November 7, 2020 to the present.

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36. **Nevada Subclass Definition**: Plaintiff seeks to represent a class of similarly situated individuals defined as all persons in the state of Nevada who purchased tickets to an event in Nevada using Vegas.com's website or mobile application from November 7, 2020 to the present.

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37. Members of the Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass are so numerous that their individual joinder herein is impracticable. On information and belief, members of the Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass number in the hundreds of thousands. The precise number of Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass members and their identities are unknown to Plaintiff at this time but may be determined through discovery. Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass members may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, email, and/or publication through the distribution records of Defendant.

11 38. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Nationwide Class and Nevada 12 Subclass members and predominate over questions affecting only individual Nationwide Class and 13 Nevada Subclass members. Common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to: (a) 14 whether Defendant failed to first disclose the total amount, including all ancillary fees, it would be 15 charging class members before reselling the tickets in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes § 16 598.39795; (b) whether Defendant falsely advertised its ticket selling services as being available 17 free of charge in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes § 598.0915(11); (c) whether Defendant 18 made false and misleading statements of fact concerning the price of its tickets and ticketing selling 19 services in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes § 598.0915(13); and (d) whether Defendant 20 fraudulently altered its written statement of charges in connection with its sale of tickets in 21 violation of Nevada Revised Statutes § 598.0915(14).

39. The claims of the named Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Nationwide Class
and Nevada Subclass in that the named Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass
sustained damages as a result of Defendant's uniform wrongful conduct, based upon Defendant
failing to first disclose the total amount of its tickets, including Defendant's fees, throughout the
online ticket purchase process.

27 40. Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass
28 because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Nationwide Class and Nevada

Subclass members they seek to represent, she has retained competent counsel experienced in prosecuting class actions, and she intends to prosecute this action vigorously. The interests of Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass members will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and her counsel.

5 41. The class mechanism is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient 6 adjudication of the claims of Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass members. Each individual 7 Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass member may lack the resources to undergo the burden and 8 expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessary to establish 9 Defendant's liability. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties and 10 multiplies the burden on the judicial system presented by the complex legal and factual issues of 11 this case. Individualized litigation also presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory 12 judgments. In contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties and 13 provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a 14 single court on the issue of Defendant's liability. Class treatment of the liability issues will ensure 15 that all claims and claimants are before this Court for consistent adjudication of the liability issues.

### CAUSES OF ACTION

#### <u>COUNT I</u> Nevada Revised Statutes § 598.39795 (On Behalf Of The Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass)

42. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

43. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the proposed Class against Defendant.

44. Vegas.com is "a reseller" or "secondary ticket exchange" because it owns, operates, or controls the Vegas.com website and smartphone application, which allows users to buy and sell tickets to various events in Nevada.

45. Vegas.com resold tickets to Plaintiff and Class members.

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46. Vegas.com violated Nevada Revised Statutes § 598.39795 by reselling tickets to Plaintiff and Class members "without first disclosing to the purchaser the total amount that the

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purchaser will be charged for the ticket, including any fees which represent a portion of the total amount to be charged," as depicted in Figures 3—8 of this complaint.

47. On behalf of herself and members of the Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass, Plaintiff seeks to recover statutory damages from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per violation. *See* Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598.0915.

#### COUNT II

#### Nevada Revised Statutes § 598.0915 (On Behalf Of The Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass)

48. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in all preceding paragraphs of this complaint.

49. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the proposed Class against Defendant.

50. Vegas.com committed several deceptive trade practices in violation of the NDTPA. First, Vegas.com advertised its ticket selling services as being available free of charge with the intent to require payment of undisclosed costs as a condition of receiving the tickets and ticket selling services, as depicted in Figures 3, 4, and 7 of this Complaint. Second, Vegas.com made false or misleading statements of fact concerning the price of its tickets and ticket selling services by quoting consumers a fee-less price for tickets in Figures 3, 4, and 7 of this Complaint. Third, Vegas.com fraudulently altered its written of charges by quoting consumers fee-less ticket prices in Figures 3, 4, and 7 of this Complaint, only to sneak in its fees later during the purchase process, as depicted in Figure 10 of this Complaint.

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51. Plaintiff and Class members were harmed by paying Vegas.com's fees.

52. Plaintiff and Class members relied on Vegas.com's false and misleading representations that the cost of the tickets did not include fees in choosing to purchase their tickets.

53. Vegas.com's aforementioned deceptive trade practices tricked Plaintiff and Class members into paying Vegas.com's exorbitant fees. But for Vegas.com's deceptive trade practices, Plaintiff and class members would not have either bought tickets from Vegas.com or would have been willing to pay substantially less for them. Had Vegas.com transparently disclosed it charges service fees, Plaintiff and Class members likely would have purchased tickets to the exact same event from another website, like TickPick or MegaSeats, which do not charge any service fees. *See, e.g.*, https://www.tickpick.com/; https://www.megaseats.com/.

54. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations of the NDTPA, Plaintiff
and Class members are victims of "consumer fraud" under Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 41.600(2)(e),
and have suffered damages. Plaintiff and Class members thus seek all relief available under Nev.
Rev. Stat. Ann. § 41.600, including all damages sustained as a result of Defendant's violations of
the NDTPA, and an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit.
55. On behalf of herself and members of the Nationwide Class and Nevada Subclass,
Plaintiff seeks to recover her actual damages, punitive damages, restitution, and reasonable
attorneys' fees.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the members of the Nationwide
Class and Nevada Subclass, prays for judgment as follows:

- (a) For an order certifying the Classes under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil
   Procedure and naming Plaintiff as the representatives of the Classes and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel to represent the Classes;
  - (b) For an order declaring that Defendant's conduct violates the statutes referenced herein;
  - (c) For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Classes on all counts asserted herein:
- (d) For compensatory and statutory damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
  - (e) For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
  - (f) For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief; and

2	expenses and costs of suit.
3	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
5 6	Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.
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