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7 8 9	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA					
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	ALEXANDRA ROSE RAISMAN, an individual. Plaintiff, v. UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, a Business Entity of form unknown; USA GYMNASTICS, an Indiana Business Entity of Form Unknown; LARRY NASSAR, an individual, STEVE PENNY, an individual, PAUL PARRILLA, an individual, and DOES 1 through 500. Defendants.	51.9); 2) MASHAPS LAW (19 U.S.C. 552255				
27 28	COMES NOW, Plaintiff ALEXANDRA "Plaintiff" or "ALY RAISMAN") who complain	A ROSE RAISMAN (hereinafter referred to as s and alleges as follows:				

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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS AS TO THE PARTIES

This case arises from the serial molestation, sexual abuse and harassment of ALY 1. RAISMAN, three-time Olympic gold medalist, by her trusted team physician and former Olympic Team Doctor Defendant Lawrence "Larry" Gerard Nassar ("NASSAR"), while ALY RAISMAN was a young girl and woman, competing for the honor of her country. These molestations of the Plaintiff occurred over several continents, on numerous occasions, and could have been prevented, had Defendants USA Gymnastics ("USAG"), the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") or former president of USAG, Defendant STEVE PENNY ("PENNY") had taken the mandate of ALY RAISMAN's safety, and numerous other minors in their care, seriously. Despite having knowledge that NASSAR had been sexually abusive towards minor, been left in solitary contact with minor girls, and having been notified that NASSAR was a pedophile (or could have learned of such through reasonable diligence), Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500 instead put their quest for money and medals, above the safety of the Plaintiff and other minor competitive athletes; athletes who were responsible for the financial success and prosperity of those Defendants. The Plaintiff, ALY RAISMAN, began her gymnastics career at the tender age of two (2) years old, and gained her inspiration from watching and re-watching a VHS tape of the "Magnificent Seven" at the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta, Georgia and who won the Women's Team Final. Since that time, ALY RAISMAN dedicated her childhood to the pursuit of honoring that legacy, competing in the Olympics, and winning a gold medal for her country. The Plaintiff accomplished this monumental goal by the age of eighteen (18) years old, all while being serially molested by her confident and trusted physician, NASSAR, under the watch of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500.

23 2. Despite having the power, authority, and mandate to do so, the Defendants USAG,
 24 USOC, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500 never intervened to discipline Defendant NASSAR,
 25 never ensured that Defendants USAG and NASSAR were following Defendant USOC rules and
 26 mandates, and through the express disregard for the safety of minors, allowed Defendant NASSAR
 27 to continue in his position of trust, power and access to ALY RAISMAN, as well as numerous
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other elite minor athletes who competed with ALY RAISMAN. After Defendant NASSAR was only finally removed from his position at USAG, he continued to sexually abuse minors in his role as a physician for over a year.

To this day, ALY RAISMAN continues to suffer depression, anxiety and fear 3. steruning from her abuse by Defendant NASSAR, which affects her daily life, including but not limited to the Plaintiff not trusting medical professionals, not trusting adult males, and constantly suffering from feelings of fear, anxiety, and depression. In addition to this psychological and physical trauma suffered by ALY RAISMAN, the Plaintiff continued to train for years in pain. believing that Defendant NASSAR was properly treating her physical ailments associated with her sport. When she was young, ALY RAISMAN always felt guilty for thinking NASSAR was weitd, and questioned why she did not like the purported best gymnastics doctor in the world, though she did not understand the purported medical treatment she was receiving, at that time, was sexual abuse. Upon learning that this was not legitimate treatment, the Plaintiff suffered further humiliation, guilt, shame, and disgust.

THE PLAINTIFF

ALY RAISMAN

4. The Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN is now a young adult female who currently resides 18 in the State of Massachusetts, who was born on May 25, 1994. The Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was 19 formerly an elite minor gymnast who was sexually abused by NASSAR believing this was medical 20 treatment, while competing in National and International Competitions, including but not limited to competitions in California, Japan, the Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas (and other locations across the United States and internationally, including in Europe, Asia and Australia) that were 22 hosted, sanctioned, supervised, and/or endorsed by, under the supervision of, chartered, and/or under the mandate of Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500. During many of these events, the Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, and DOES 1 through 500, took care, custody and control of Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and stood in loco parentis with her and her parents. Defendants USOC, PENNY and USAG had a duty to protect ALY RAISMAN from known or foreseeable dangers, such as Defendant NASSAR, and to promptly investigate, censure, discipline,

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and/or remove Defendant NASSAR; and/or take remedial actions; actions they never took until after the cessation of ALY RAISMAN's abuse.

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The Plaintiff was an elite level gymnast and member of Team USA who competed 5. and trained in National and International competitions on behalf of the United States. These National and International competitions and trainings occurred in places including, but not limited to: Santa Clara County in California, the "Karolyi Ranch" located in Huntsville, Texas and other locations across the United States and internationally, including the most elite competitions occurred in Asia, Australia, and Europe. During many of these competitions, the Plaintiff was subjected to sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse and molestation by Defendant NASSAR, including but not limited to competitions and trainings that occurred in Santa Clara County in California, at the Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas, in Japan, and other locations across the United States and internationally, including Europe and Australia. The Plaintiff was sexually abused on numerous occasions and at numerous locations in or around 2010 through in or around 2012, and in 2015. This sexual abuse of the Plaintiff occurred at events where Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500 were responsible to supervise the Plaintiff, ensure proper medical procedures and protocols were followed, warn the Plaintiff of known dangers, and to provide for her safety.

6. This action is brought pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §340.1, which governs
the statutes of limitations arising from childhood sexual abuse. As a victim of childhood sexual
abuse, and a young adult under the age of 26 years old, thus, ALY RAISMAN's action is timely.

DEFENDANTS

DEFENDANT, UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ("USOC")

7. Defendant USOC, at all times mentioned herein, was and is a business entity of
form unknown, having its principal place of business in the State of Colorado and is headquartered
in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The USOC is a federally chartered nonprofit corporation, which
was reorganized by the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, originally enacted in 1978. As advertised
on its website, "[t]he USOC has two primary responsibilities in its oversight of Olympic and
Paralympic sport in the United States. The first is to generate resources in support of its mission,

which is to help American athletes achieve sustained competitive excellence. The second is to ensure organizational resources are wisely and effectively used to that end." Furthermore, Defendant "... USOC is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for athletes' physical, emotional and social development and to ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct." Under the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. §§220501, et seq. (hereinafter, "Ted Stevens Act") Defendant USOC had a mandatory obligation to ensure that before granting NGBs, including USAG, a sanction to host National or International events, that they provide "proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who will participate in the competition." 36 U.S.C. §§220525(b)(4)(E).

8. For in or around 2011 through the cessation of the Plaintiff's sexual abuse by Defendant NASSAR, the "Karolyi Ranch" was designated as being the United States' Olympic Training Center, thus, was required to follow all protocols, mandates, policies, bylaws, rules, and/or practices of Defendant USOC (as well as Defendant USAG).

9. During all relevant times during ALY RAISMAN's abuse, Defendant USOC was responsible for ensuring that the Karolyi Ranch, provided adequate supervision for the minors competing thereat, reasonable safety protocols ensuring the safety of those minors, and reasonable supervision, training, and oversight procedures for all medical care provided to gymnasts at the Karolyi Ranch, including training of staff on identification of sexual abuse, proper procedures, use of proper medical care, and staffing of ample medical personnel to ensure proper care of all minor gymnasts, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN. Despite these duties under the law, Defendant USOC implemented virtually no safety protocols or procedures at the Karolyi Ranch, and failed to provide any supervision for minor gymnasts training at the Karolyi Ranch.

10. At all times relevant to the Plaintiff's sexual abuse at the hands of NASSAR,
Defendant USOC was responsible for the Plaintiff's supervision while competing at the Olympics,
the Olympic Trials, and the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships and trainings for such.
Despite being the body responsible for the Plaintiff's safety during these events, including, being
responsible for her supervision, medical care, and well-being, Defendant USOC provided entirely
inadequate or effective measures to ensure her protection from the risk of sexual abuse, either at

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the events or in her living quarters, where sexual abuse by NASSAR occurred. Despite competing in Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands (among other international sites), the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was either provided no supervision while medical treatment was performed in her living guarters by NASSAR or USAG employee Debbie Van Hom was present for such treatment. Based on information, and therefore belief, despite Ms. Van Horn being represented as a qualified medical professional, she was not properly trained to supervise NASSAR, not given mandate to do so, and was otherwise present for sexually abusive treatments that NASSAR would perform, without reporting such to law enforcement or the proper authorities. This is how and why NASSAR was allowed solitary access to these minors, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, or alternatively, was allowed to abuse minors (such as the Plaintiff) in the 11 presence of USAG staff (Ms. Van Horn).

121 11. In 2010, during the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's sexual abuse at the hands of NASSAR, Defendant USOC convened what it termed the "Working Group for Safe Training Environments" in order to address, among many things, physical and sexual abuse of amateur athletes in National Governing Bodies ("NGB"). It was not until 2011, after this commission met, that Defendant USOC hired an individual to head its "SafeSport" program and not until 2012 that a "SafeSport" Handbook was adopted and promulgated safeguards and safety protections for minor athletes, from the ravages of sexual abuse. Despite only instituting these SafeSport policies in 2012, Defendant USOC was acutely aware of the ravages of sexual abuse posed to minors in amateur sports, for at least a decade prior to this SafeSport program being created, as they were informed by former Defendant USAG President, Robert "Bob" Colarossi. See infra.

22 As a requirement for NGBs, such as Defendant USAG, to remain in "good 12. 23 standing" with Defendant USOC, Defendant USOC policies require that USAG "...l) comply with 24 the safe sport policies of the corporation and with the policies and procedures of the independent 25 safe sport organization designated by the corporation to enhance safe sport practices and to 26 investigate and resolve safe sport violations (no exceptions to this requirement shall be allowed 27 unless granted by the CEO, or his or her designee, after allowing the [NGB] or PSO to present the 28 reasons for such exception)..." The Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges,

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that the Safe Sport program was introduced in or around 2011, and that such policies have become more stringent over the years. Nevertheless, the Defendant USOC continued to fail to adequately enforce these policies against Defendant NASSAR, and has continually failed to uphold said policies through proper reporting, supervision, mandates on NGBs (including Defendant USAG), and other preventative procedures. Even as the SafeSport policies state today herein, Defendant USOC still failed to uphold these policies and procedures, had they been in-place at the б commencement of ALY RAISMAN's sexual abuse. Defendant USOC has and had a culture and 7 atmosphere that conceals known and suspected sexual abusers, which transcends all policies and 8 procedures that are set in-place. For this reason, Defendant USOC has a practice and culture of 9 ignoring its own internal rules and mandates for NGBs, in order to protect its reputation and blind 10 11 itself to known abusers within the ranks of NGBs for which it is responsible.

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Moreover, the Defendant USOC currently promulgates the SafeSport policies that 13. prevent "... USOC employees, coaches, contracted staff, volunteers, board members, committee and task force members, and other individuals working with athletes or other sport participants while at an OTC, whether or not they are employees of the USOC" and "...[a]thletes training and/or residing at a USOC Olympic Training Center" from engaging in sexually abusive misconduct, including "child sexual abuse" and "sexual misconduct." See USOC Safe Sport Policies, Section II(c). SafeSport policy also has policies for identifying "grooming" behaviors, which it defines as, "... the most common strategy used by offenders to seduce their victims."

20 14. Subsequent to sometime in 2012, Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that these policies (or prior versions that were similar or less restrictive) were in effect 21 at Defendant USOC, and applied to Defendant USAG. Despite the existence of these policies after 22 23 2012, Defendant USOC allowed Defendant NASSAR to continue to participate with minor children at Defendant USAG, the NGB for Women's Gymnastics, and failed to adequately enforce 24 25 these policies, or mandate that Defendant USAG enforce these policies. Due to its systemic and 26 knowing failure to enforce these policies, the Plaintiff was sexually harassed, abused, and molested 27 by Defendant NASSAR; an individual who was subject to these policies. Plaintiff is informed, and 28 on that basis, believes that Defendant USAG was at all times in "good standing" with Defendant

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USOC, despite failing to adhere to, and enforce the SafeSport policies, which it violated by allowing Defendant NASSAR access to minor gymnasts, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN. Furthermore, in failing to report suspected child abuse of Defendant NASSAR and/or failing to enforce policies and procedures to prevent said sexual abuse of minors, the Defendant USOC prevented the Plaintiff and her parents from avoiding the sexual abuse of the Plaintiff and/or ceasing it sooner.

Further, Defendant USOC was required to ensure that NGBs, including Defendant 15. USAG, ensure that "proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletics and spectators at the competition." 36 U.S.C. §§220525(b)(4)(F). Moreover, as part of an NGB's mandate from the Defendant USOC, it was to, "encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety." 36 U.S.C. §220524(9). Had Defendant USOC performed its mandate reasonably, diligently, and in accord with its duty to protect minor children under both Federal and California Law, Defendant NASSAR would have been investigated, sanctioned, and/or removed from Defendants USAG, USOC, and others, and never have been placed in solitary contact with the Plaintiff. Defendant USOC never adequately or reasonably enforced these policies, thus, the sexual abuse perpetrated by Defendant NASSAR on the Plaintiff, as well as hundreds of other minor girls, was a natural, probable and foreseeable outgrowth of Defendant USOC's dereliction of its duties. Defendant USOC willfully blinded itself and its officers, agents, employees, and servants, to ravages of sexual abuse that were rampant in amateur sports and in organizations for which it was responsible to supervise, including Defendant USAG.

22 16. In March of 2017, under the United States Senate Judiciary Committee's inquiry 23 into the failure of the Defendants USAG and USOC in protecting gymnasts from sexual assault, 24 specifically centered around Defendant NASSAR, the Defendant USOC's president publicly 25 admitted, "It he Olympic community failed the people it was supposed to protect."

17. Plaintiff is informed, and believes, and on that basis alleges that Defendant USOC was aware, at the highest levels of its organization, that Defendant NASSAR had molested Olympian and National Team level gymnasts who participated with Defendant USAG, an NGB

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under Defendant USOC's charter, while Defendant NASSAR was permitted to return to his medical practice at Michigan State University ("MSU") without MSU being warned, advised or otherwise contacted by Defendants USOC or USAG regarding Defendant USOC's knowledge of NASSAR's sexual abuse of elite, minor gymnasts. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that despite having actual knowledge of Defendant NASSAR's molestation of minor gymnasts as early as 2015, Defendant USOC concealed their involvement with Defendant USAG, concealed its knowledge of Defendant NASSAR's sexual misconduct with minor children, and 7 8 ultimately, misdirected the United States Senate into believing that Defendant USOC had only 9 failed to protect minor gymnasts through lack of oversight. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and 10 on that basis alleges, that Defendant USOC knew that NASSAR had been removed from Defendant USAG for allegations of child molestation as early as 2015 (as it was Defendant USOC's custom and practice to necessarily learn of reports of child molestation by a NGB employee, like those made to Defendant USAG in 2015) given that Defendant USOC was responsible for the supervision of Defendant USAG. Nonetheless, Defendant USOC had representatives present at the March 2017 Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing and concealed their prior knowledge of Defendant NASSAR being a pedophile and sexual abuser; leaving the 17 Senators, those present, and the public with the false impression that Defendant USOC simply 18 failed to implement proper procedures to prevent abuse. During this hearing, and as early as 2015, 19 Defendants USOC, USAG and PENNY had knowledge that Defendant NASSAR had abused 20 young girls, and that he continued to sexually abuse young girls for over another year at MSU, 21 without notifying, informing, or otherwise communicating this knowledge to MSU.

22 18. Under California Penal Code § 11165.7, Defendant USOC is an organization 23 whose employees, agents, and/or servants are legally "mandated reporters", considering that 24 Defendant USOC is a youth recreational program and Defendant USOC's employees' duties 25 require direct contact and supervision of children.

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DEFENDANT, USA GYMNASTICS ("USAG")

27 19. USAG, at all times mentioned herein, was and is a business entity of form unknown, having its principal place of business in the State of Indiana. Plaintiff is informed and believes, 28

and on that basis alleges that USAG was incorporated in the state of Texas and/or Anzona. Defendant USAG is the NGB for gymnastics in the United States, as designated and permitted by Defendant USOC under the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, and selects and trains the United States gymnastics teams for the Olympics and World Championships, promotes and develops gymnastics locally and nationally, and serves as a resource center for members, clubs, fans and gymnasts throughout the United States, USAG has more than 174,000 athletes and professional members, more than 148,000 athletes registered in competitive programs, as well as more than 25,000 professional, instructor and club members. Approximately 4,000 competitions and events throughout the United States are sanctioned annually by USAG. USAG was the primary entity 10 owning, operating and controlling the activities and behavior of its employee agents, including, but not limited to NASSAR. USAG is also the entity that selects gymnasts for the US National 12 and Olympic Teams.

13 20. The bylaws of Defendant USAG, or similar bylaws previously enacted, were made 14 in conformance and under the mandate of Defendant USOC, and were intentioned at protecting minor gymnasts, including ALY RAISMAN from the ravages of sexual abuse, molestation and harassment; a known, foreseeable and palpable risk posed to minor athletes in amateur sports. Nevertheless, despite these bylaws, rules, policies and procedures purportedly being in effect at Defendant USAG, Defendant USOC never ensured, audited or checked to confirm that these policies were effective and being implemented properly, adequately and in conformance with the standard of care. Had Defendant USOC upheld its duties under Federal Law (specifically, the Ted Stevens Act) in ensuring National Team members, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, were provided proper medical care and supervision, and that they were properly supervised at competitions and the National Training Center (the Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas), then the dozens of molestations suffered by ALY RAISMAN and numerous other gymnasts could have been avoided.

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DEFENDANT, STEPHEN "STEVE" PENNY

Defendant STEVE PENNY (hereinafter "PENNY") at all times mentioned herein 22. was and is an adult male individual, who Plaintiff is informed and believes lived in the State of Indiana during the period of time during which the sexual abuse and harassment alleged herein took place and is currently a citizen of the State of Indiana. Defendant PENNY was the President of Defendant USAG charged with the overall management and strategic planning for the organization. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that Defendant PENNY oversaw a wide-ranging, calculated concealment of numerous instances, complaints, and allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct among the participants and members of Delendant USAG. Through this conduct, Defendant PENNY's actions and inactions enabled and ratified the sexual abuse by Defendant NASSAR against Plaintiff and other participants and members of Defendant USAG and fucled the ongoing concealment of abuse at Defendant USAG, making it more unlikely for victims (such as the Plaintiff) to obtain much needed medical and/or psychological treatment. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant PENNY served as President of Defendant USAG from in or around 2005 to 2017. At all times herein alleged, Defendant PENNY was an employee, agent, and/or scrvant of Defendant USAG, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision.

DEFENDANT, PAUL PARILLA

23. Defendant PAUL PARILLA (hereinafter "PARILLA") at all times mentioned 22 herein was and is an adult male individual, who Plaintiff is informed and believes lived in the State 23 of California, County of Orange, during the period of time during which the sexual abuse and 24 harassment of ALY RAISMAN by NASSAR alleged herein took place and is currently a citizen of the State of California. Defendant PARILLA was a board member of USAG from in or around 25 26 1999 to 2018, and was Chairman of the USAG board from approximately 2015 to in or around January of 2018. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that Defendant 27 PARILLA oversaw a wide-ranging, calculated concealment of numerous instances, complaints, 28

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and allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct among the participants and members of Defendant USAG. Through this conduct, Defendant PARILLA's actions and inactions enabled and ratified the sexual abuse by Defendant NASSAR against Plaintiff and other participants and members of Defendant USAG and fueled the ongoing concealment of abuse at Defendant USAG, making it more unlikely for victims (such as the Plaintiff) to obtain much needed medical and/or psychological treatment. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant PARILLA served as Chairman of the Board from 2015 to present. At all times herein alleged, Defendant PARILLA was an employee, agent, and/or servant of Defendant USAG, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision.

DEFENDANT, LARRY NASSAR

24. Defendant NASSAR, the Perpetrator, at all times mentioned herein was and is an adult male individual, who lived in the State of Michigan during the period of time during which the sexual abuse, harassment, and molestation of the Plaintiff alleged herein took place and is currently a citizen of the State of Michigan. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the NASSAR was accepted onto the staff of USAG as a trainer in 1986 and then as the National Medical Director and the National Team Physician for the women's gymnastics team in 1996. NASSAR was also responsible for coordinating the care for USAG and for participants and members at every national and international competition, and would routinely travel to National and International competitions. NASSAR continued to function in this capacity at USAG until in or around the middle of 2015. Moreover, it is upon information and belief, that as the National Team Doctor for USAG, which was chartered via Defendant USOC, NASSAR was the individual responsible for maintaining USAG's compliance with the medical requirements, policies and procedures set forth by Defendant USOC. Nevertheless, Defendant USOC failed to provide supervision, oversight, and any meaningful inhibition to limit NASSAR's access to minor children. Defendant NASSAR was retained by Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 as an Osteopathic Physician and certified athletic trainer to provide care, treatment, and athletic training to the Defendants USAG and USOC, and its participants, many of which were minors while in his care. It was through this position of trust and confidence, that Defendant NASSAR exploited ALY

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RAISMAN, in perpetrating his sexual abuse and harassment upon her. All of the sexually abusive and harassing conduct alleged herein was done for Defendant NASSAR's sexual gratification and was based upon the gender of ALY RAISMAN.

It is on information and reasonable belief that NASSAR, using his apparent 25. authority and position within Defendant USAG and USOC over the minor participants in his charge, that Defendant NASSAR sexually abused and harassed multiple other members of the United States Women's Olympic Gymnastics Team and National teams, over the nearly 30 years in which Defendant NASSAR has been affiliated with Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500.

At all times herein alleged, NASSAR was an employee, agent, and/or servant of 26. USAG, Defendant USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision.

In the event DOE 1 be prosecuted and convicted of a felony for the conducted 27. alleged herein, the Plaintiff requests leave to amend the instant Complaint, such that a request for attorneys' fees can be made against DOE 1 pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.4.

DEFENDANTS, DOE 1 THROUGH 500

28. Defendants DOES 1 through 500, inclusive, and each of them, are sued herein under said fictitious names. Plaintiff is ignorant as to the true names and capacities of DOES 1 through 500, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, and therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. When their true names and capacities are ascertained, Plaintiff will request leave of Court to amend this Complaint to state their true names and capacities herein.

23 29. Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 24 500, inclusive, are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "Defendants" and/or as "All 25 Defendants"; such collective reference refers to all specifically named Defendants as well as those 26 fictitiously named herein.

Plaintiff is informed and believe, and on that basis, allege that at all times 30. mentioned herein, each Defendant was responsible in some manner or capacity for the occurrences

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herein alleged, and that Plaintiff's damages, as herein alleged, were proximately caused by all said Defendants.

31. At all times mentioned herein, each and every Defendant NASSAR was an employee, agent, and/or servant of USAG, Defendant USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, inclusive, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision. Defendants and each of them are individuals, corporations, partnerships and/or other entities that engaged in, joined in, and conspired with other Defendants and wrongdoers in carrying out the tortuous and unlawful activities described in this Complaint.

32. Plaintiff is informed and believe, and on that basis, allege that at all times mentioned herein, there existed a unity of interest and ownership among Defeudants and each of them such that any individuality and separateness between Defendants, and each of them, ceased to exist. Defendants and each of them were the successors-in-interest and/or alter egos of the other Defendants, and each of them, in that they purchased, controlled, dominated and operated each other without any separate identity, observation of formalities, or other manner of division. To continue maintaining the facade of a separate and individual existence between and among Defendants, and each of them, would serve to perpetrate a fraud and injustice.

^{33.} Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis, alleges that at all times mentioned herein, Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were the agents, representatives and/or employees of each and other. In doing the things hereinafter alleged, Defendants and each of them were acting within the course and scope of said alternative personality, capacity, identity, agency, representation and/or employment and were within the scope of their authority, whether actual or apparent.

^{34.} Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that at all times mentioned herein, Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were the trustees, partners, servants, joint venturers, shareholders, contractors, and/or employees of each other, and the acts and omissions herein alleged were done by them, acting individually, through such capacity and within the scope of their authority, and with the permission

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and consent of each and every other Defendant and that said conduct was thereafter ratified by each and every other Defendant, and that each of them is jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff. <u>SEXUAL ABUSE OF ALY RAISMAN AND RESULTING LIFELONG DAMAGES</u>

35. By his position within the Defendants' institutions, Defendants and NASSAR demanded and required that Plaintiff respect Defendant NASSAR, in his position as team physician for USAG, authorized by USOC.

36. NASSAR did sexually abuse, harass and molest the ALY RAISMAN, who was a minor child at the time of the acts at-issue.

37. The sexual harassment and abuse of Plaintiff by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), outlined below, took place while Defendant the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was the team physician of Defendant USAG and under the control of Defendants USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500. Plaintiff was a participant and member of Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, while the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was serving as an agent and employee of Defendants in his capacity as team physician:

- a. In his capacity as a team physician with Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was given custody and supervision of minors, including Plaintiff. The Perpetrator (NASSAR) used this position to coerce children to concede to his sexual suggestions, using his authority and position of trust to exploit them physically, sexually, and emotionally;
- b. Plaintiff became a member and participant of USAG, and a part of the Junior-National Team for USAG in 2009. Plaintiff soon formed a relationship with the Perpetrator (NASSAR), USAG's team physician. At this time, in or around 2010, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) commenced the process of "grooming" Plaintiff for later physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Plaintiff is informed and believes the Perpetrator (NASSAR) would use the guise of care, athletic training, osteopally, and kinesiology to normalize intimate, inappropriate, and sexually abusive contact with Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes the Perpetrator (NASSAR) would enter the living quarters of the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and other gynnasts at the Karolyi Ranch, hotel rooms at meets, in training rooms, and at other locations, placing Plaintiff under the impression this inappropriate contact was part of treatment. During this period, Plaintiff was a patient under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) direct supervision and control.

c. Plaintiff is informed and believes the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) physical and sexual abuse of Plaintiff commenced after the grooming of Plaintiff began, and occurred dozens of times while the team was traveling and before and after competitive meets from in or around 2010 to 2012, and in or around 2015. Specifically, the Plaintiff was sexually abused by NASSAR in Texas at the Karolyi Ranch, in Santa Clara County in California, and at numerous locations around the country, as well as internationally in Australia, Japan, in the United Kingdom and in the Netherlands. During this period, Plaintiff was a participant, member, and patient under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) and Defendants' direct supervision and control.

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Using his position as team physician, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) would interact with Plaintiff under the guise of providing her care and treatments necessary for her to compete as a world-class, Olympic medal-winning gymnast. Under these circumstances, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) placed his bare hand on and near the Plaintiff's unclothed vagina and anus, on multiple occasions, in Plaintiff's assigned living quarters, without any supervision or a chaperone. Further, NASSAR, on numerous occasions, had an crection while performed the claimed medical treatment. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) sexual abuse, molestation, and harassment of Plaintiff occurred on the premises of Defendants USAG, USOC, in hotels around the world, and various other locations including, but not limited to in living quarters, in training facilities, in gyrns.

Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that such conduct by 38. Defendant NASSAR was based upon Plaintiff's gender, and was done for Defendant NASSAR's sexual gratification. These actions upon ALY RAISMAN were performed by Defendant NASSAR without the free consent of Plaintiff, as ALY RAISMAN was a young child, and could therefore not give valid legal consent.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS BY PLAINTIFF

39. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff was a minor participant and member of Defendant USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500, and was under their complete control, dominion, and supervision. Defendant NASSAR worked for, was employed by, and an agent/servant of Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500 when NASSAR came into contact with ALY RAISMAN.

18 40. At all times material hereto, Defendant NASSAR was under the direct supervision, 19 management, agency and control of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 20 1 through 500, inclusive. Defendant NASSAR was the team physician of Defendant USAG and 21 for Team USA, under the dominion of Defendant USOC. While a team physician at Defendant 22 USAG, NASSAR's employment duties included coordinating the care for Defendant USAG at 23 every national and international competition, providing individual care and providing for the 24 physical needs and well-being of participants and members of Defendant USAG (and in accord 25 with Defendant USOC policies, procedures, and mandates), and care including but not limited to 26 osteopathic adjustments and kinesiology treatment to participants and members of Defendant USAG, which included ALY RAISMAN. ALY RAISMAN was a participant and member of Defendant USAG, and it is under these circumstances that ALY RAISMAN came to be under the

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direction and control of Defendant NASSAR, who used his position of authority and trust to molest and sexually abuse ALY RAISMAN.

As a member and participant of Defendant USAG and USOC while NASSAR was 41. a team physician, the ALY RAISMAN was under Defendant NASSAR's direct supervision, control and care, which created a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between ALY RAISMAN, her parents, and Defendant NASSAR. Because of such relationship, Defendant NASSAR owed Plaintiff a special duty of carc. Additionally, as the employers and supervisors of NASSAR, with knowledge that he was in contact with and providing care to children, Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were also in a special, confidential, 10 and fiduciary relationship with Plaintiff, owing her a duty of care.

By assigning Defendant NASSAR as team physician of Defendant USAG under 42. the mandated and control of Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500, Defendant USOC represented to the community and participants and members of Defendant USAG that NASSAR was safe, trustworthy, and of high moral and ethical repute, such that parents of participants and members need not worry about having NASSAR interact with, and provide carc to their minor children. Defendants did so in order to preserve their own public image and reputation, so they could retain past participants and members and recruit new participants and members, thus allowing donations and other financial support to continue flowing into their coffers for financial gain.

20 Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis, alleges that Defendants USAG, 43. USOC and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known that Defendant NASSAR had 21 22 engaged in unlawful sexually-related conduct in the past, and/or was continuing to engage in such conduct. Defendants had a duty to disclose these facts to ALY RAISMAN and her parents, but 23 negligently and/or intentionally suppressed, concealed or failed to disclose this information. The 24 25 duty to disclose this information arose by the special, trusting, confidential, fiduciary relationship 26 between Defendants and Plaintiff.

27 Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis, alleges that Defendants knew 44. or should have known that sexually abusive staff, such as Defendant NASSAR, were violating 28

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Defendants USOC and USAG policies, without enforcement or abatement, and were continually allowed to be in contact with minor children, such as ALY RAISMAN. As early as 1999, Defendant USOC was placed on notice by former Defendant USAG president Bob Colarossi, who wrote a letter to the USOC, explaining that the safety procedures and policies that USOC required USAG to follow, were part of a "...fundamentally flawed process..." and that at USOC there was an "...apparent indifference to the welfare of young children manifest in the Committee's actions." See Exhibit A as the Letter from Robert Colarossi to USOC. It was not until 11 years later, that Defendant USOC created the SafeSport program and issued a handbook detailing specific procedures for preventing sexual abuse of minors, and access to minors by sexual abusers. Despite instituting this handbook and program, Defendant USOC maintained its course and culture of ignoring abuse, ignoring its internal policies and procedures, and placing minors in the way of danger.

45. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges Defendants knew of, or should have known of, Defendants NASSAR's propensity and disposition to engage in sexual misconduct with minors before he sexually abused and molested ALY RAISMAN, and knew of the probability that NASSAR would molest minors with whom he came into contact, such as ALY RAISMAN.

46. Defendant failed to implement reasonable safeguards to avoid acts of unlawful sexual conduct by Defendant NASSAR in the future, including avoiding placement of Defendant NASSAR in a position where contact and interaction with children is an inherent function. Defendants ignored and suppressed the past sexual misconduct Defendant NASSAR had engaged in, and concealed that information from ALY RAISMAN and her family.

47. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants were apprised, knew or should have known of and/or were put on notice of Defendant NASSAR's past sexual abuse of children, past claims and/or investigations, and his propensity and disposition to engage in such unlawful activity and unlawful sexual activity with minor participants and members such that Defendants knew or should have known that Defendant NASSAR would commit wrongful sexual acts with participants and members, including ALY RAISMAN. Plaintiff is

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informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that personnel and/or employment records and other records of Defendants' reflect numerous incidents of inappropriate sexual contact and conduct with minor participants and members by Defendant NASSAR and other professionals, employees, assistants, agents, supervisors and others, including incidents occurring both on and off the physical premises of such Defendants and at national and international meets. Based on these records, Defendants knew and/or should have known of Defendant NASSAR's history of sexual abuse, past claims and/or past investigations, and his propensity and disposition to engage in unlawful activity and unlawful sexual activity with participants and members such that Defendants knew or should have known that Defendant NASSAR would commit wrongful sexual acts with those minor participants and members, including ALY RAISMAN.

48. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant NASSAR was repeatedly informally censured, disciplined and/or reprimanded by Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, for taking an inordinate number of photographs of young girls, who were gymnasts. This conduct by Defendant NASSAR was in direct contravention of his duties set forth by the Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and was not communicated to the Plaintiff or her family. This conduct was not further investigated, was not reported to law enforcement or child welfare authorities, and was never communicated to the Plaintiff, her parents or other gymnasts, in direct violation of Defendant USAG's mandate under the Defendant USOC's policies, procedures and rules. Subsequent to NASSAR's initial arrest in 2016, thousands of images of child pornography were located by Federal law enforcement on his electronic devices, and Defendant NASSAR pleaded guilty to such possession of child pornography in July of 2017. Had Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 effectively implemented their safety policies and procedures, damage to the Plaintiff could have been minimized and NASSAR's conduct could have been stopped carlier, but it was not.

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Because of the relationship between Plaintiff and Defendants, Defendants had an 49. obligation and duty under the law not to hide material facts and information about NASSAR's past, and his deviant sexual behavior and propensities. Additionally, Defendants had an affirmative

duty to inform, warn, and institute appropriate protective measures to safeguard minors who were reasonably likely to come in contact with Defendant NASSAR, including Λ LY RAJSMAN at the time. Defendants willfully refused to notify, give adequate warning and implement appropriate safeguards, thereby creating the peril that ultimately damaged Λ LY RAJSMAN.

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MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI 19100 Von Kriman Ave. Suite 800 1/2/ine. California 92612 Telanhoner 1040) 757-9000 50. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that prior to ALY RAISMAN's sexual abuse by Defendant NASSAR, Defendants engaged in a pattern and practice of employing sexual abusers. Defendants concealed these facts from participants and members, their parents, the Plaintiff's community, the gymnastics community, the public at large, other NGB's, the United States government, various local governments, and law enforcement agencies. 51. As is set forth herein, Defendants and each of them have failed to uphold numerous

mandatory duties required of them by state and federal law, as well as their own internal written policies and procedures, including:

- Duty to use reasonable care to protect participants and members from known or foreseeable dangers
- Duty to inform the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and her parents of the known risks to the health and well-being of their daughter while in Defendant's USAG and/or USOC sponsored, authorized, and supervised programs, events and trainings;
- Duty to chact policies and procedures that are not in contravention of the Federal Civil Rights Act, section 1983 and the 14th amendment of the United States Constitution;
- · Duty to protect participants and members and staff, and provide adequate supervision;
- Duty to ensure that any direction given to participants and members is lawful, and that adults act fairly, responsible and respectfully towards participants and members;
- Duty to properly train staff so that they are aware of their individual responsibility for creating and maintaining a safe environment;
- Duty to review the criminal history of applicants and current employees;
- Duty to provide diligent supervision over minors;
- Duty to act promptly and diligently and not ignore or minimize problems.
- Duty to report suspected incidents of child abuse and more specifically childhood sexual abuse (*Penal Code* sections 11166, 11167).
- Duty to provide adequate and safe medical care pursuant to 36 U.S.C. §§220525(b)(4)(E).



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52. Defendants and each of them had and have a duty to protect participants and members, including ALY RAISMAN. Defendants were required to, and failed, to provide adequate supervision, and failed to be properly vigilant in seeing that supervision was sufficient at Defendants USAG and USOC to ensure the safety of ALY RAISMAN and others.

Despite having a duty to do so, Defendants failed to adequately train and supervise 53. all staff to create a positive and safe environment, specifically including training to perceive, report and stop inappropriate sexual conduct by other members of the staff, specifically including NASSAR with children.

54. Defendants failed to enforce their own rules and regulations designed to protect the health and safety of the participants and members. Further, they failed to adopt and implement safety measures, policies and procedures designed to protect minor children such as Plaintiff's child from the sexually exploitive and abusive acts of their agents and employees such as NASSAR.

55. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that as part of Defendants' conspiratorial and fraudulent attempt to hide NASSAR's propensity to sexually abuse children, and prior sexual misconduct with children, from public scrutiny and criminal investigation, Defendants implemented various measures designed to make NASSAR's conduct harder to detect and ensure minors with whom he came into contact, such as ALY RAISMAN, would be sexually abused, including:

> Permitting NASSAR to remain in a position of authority and trust after Defendants knew or should have known that he was a molester of children;

Placing NASSAR in a separate and secluded environment, at USAG and USOC b. authorized camps and events, including assigning him unfettered access and control over minor participants and members that included individual and private examinations, private osteopathic adjustments without a chaperone, and allowing NASSAR to physically and sexually interact with the children, including ALY RAISMAN;

Failing to disclose NASSAR's prior record of misconduct, sexual abuse, c. harassment and molestation and his propensity to commit such acts towards participants and members in USAG's and USOC's program, the public at large, and law enforcement;

Allowing NASSAR's unsupervised and un-controlled access to minors including d. ALY RAISMAN:

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NLY, STEWART & FINALUI Vor Kannan Ave. Suite 800 Irvine, Califernia 92612 Fireneer (949) 343-9900	1	e.	Holding out NASSAR to ALY RAISMAN, other participants and members of USAG and USOC, and the public at large as a trustworthy and honest person of high ethical and moral repute who was capable and worthy of being granted unsupervised access to the children of USAG;			
	3	f.	Failing to investigate or otherwise confirm or deny such facts about NASSAR including prior arcests, charges, claims and investigations for sexual abuse;			
	4	g.	Failing to inform or concealing from Plaintiff and law enforcement officials the			
	5	G.	fact that ALY RAISMAN and others were or may have been sexually abused,			
	6		NASSAR may have sexually abused ALY RAISMAN or others, thereby enabling ALY RAISMAN to continue to be endangered and sexually abused, harassed,			
	7 I 8		molested, and/or creating the circumstance where ALY RAISMAN and others were less likely to receive proper medical treatment, thus exacerbating the harm to ALY RAISMAN;			
	9	h.	Holding out NASSAR to Plaintiff and to the community as being in good standing and trustworthy;			
	10] 11	i.	Cloaking NASSAR's prior sexual misconduct with children within the facade of normalcy, thereby disguising the nature of his sexual abuse and contact with			
	12		minors; Failing to take reasonable steps and to implement reasonable safeguards to avoid			
	13 ₁ 141	j.	acts of unlawful sexual conduct by NASSAR such as avoiding placement of NASSAR in functions or environments in which his solitary contact with children was inherent;			
	15 16	k.	Failing to put in place a system or procedure to supervise or monitor physicians, athletic trainers, and agents to insure they do not molest or abuse minors in Defendants' care.			
VW 161	17	ł.	Failing to investigate Nassar's hackground adequately.			
	18 191	m.	Allowing NASSAR to practice medicine without a Texas medical license at the National Training Center.			
	20 ¹ 21	n.	Failing to implement any reasonable, meaningful, or adequate supervision policies, practices or procedures at the National Training Center, which would have prevented NASSAR solitary access to minors, including the Plaintiff.			
	22	56.	By his position within the Defendants' institutions, NASSAR attained a position of			
	23	influence over	ALY RAISMAN, her parents, and others. Defendants' conduct created a situation			
	24	of peril that was not, and could not be appreciated by ALY RAISMAN. By virtue of Defendants'				
	25	conspiratorial and fraudulent conduct, and in keeping with their intent to fail to disclose and hide				
	26	NASSAR's past and present conduct from the community, the public at large and law enforcement.				
	27	Defendants allowed NASSAR to remain in a position of influence where his unsupervised or				
	28	negligently supervised conduct with minor participants and members made the molestation and				
		abuse of minor participants and members possible.				
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57. During the period ALY RAISMAN was being sexually abused and harassed by NASSAR, Defendants had the authority and ability to prevent such abuse by removing Defendant NASSAR from his position as team physician at Team USA, USAG and in his status with the USOC. They failed to do so, allowing the abuse to occur and to continue unabated. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that this failure was a part of Defendants' conspiratorial plan and arrangement to conceal NASSAR's wrongful acts, to avoid and inhibit detection, to block public disclosure, to avoid scandal, to avoid the disclosure of their tolerance of child sexual molestation and abuse, to preserve a false appearance of propriety, and to avoid investigation and action by public authority including law enforcement. Such actions were motivated by a desire to protect the reputation of Defendants and protect the monetary support of Defendants, while fostering an environment where such abuse could continue to occur.

58. As a direct result of the sexual harassment and abuse that ALY RAISMAN suffered from Defendant NASSAR, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failing to inform the ALY RAISMAN (or her parents) of the danger posed to her by NASSAR, Plaintiff has had difficulty in meaningfully interacting with others, including those in positions of authority over Plaintiff including physicians, athletic supervisors, athletic trainers, as well as their servants and agents. Plaintiff has been limited in her ability to meaningfully interact with others due to the trauma of childhood sexual abuse, and the upset of having known that they could have prevented such, had Defendants conveyed the appropriate information. This inability to interact creates conflict with Plaintiff's values of trust and confidence in others, and has caused Plaintiff substantial emotional distress, anxiety, nervousness and fear. As a direct result of this conduct, Plaintiff suffered immensely, including, but not limited to, encountering issues with a lack of trust, various negative psychological and emotional sequelae, depressive symptoms, anxiety, and nervousness. Having been one of the most famous gymnasts in United States (and World) history, ALY RAISMAN lost millions of dollars in economic damages, as a result of her sexual abuse at the hands of NASSAR, and continues to suffer from such loss.

27 59. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' tortious acts, omissions, wrongful
28 conduct and breaches of their duties, Plaintiff's employment and professional development has

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been adversely affected. Plaintiff has lost wages, endorsements, and many financial opportunities and will continue to lose wages in an amount to be determined at trial. Plaintiff has suffered substantial economic injury, all to Plaintiff's general, special and consequential damage in an amount to be proven at trial, but in no event less than the minimum jurisdictional amount of this Court.

As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful actions, as herein 60. alleged. Plaintiff has been hurt in their health, strength and activity. Plaintiff has sustained permanent and continuing injury to their nervous system and person, which has caused and continues to cause great mental, physical and nervous pain, suffering, fright, upset, grief, worry and shock in an amount according to proof at trial but in no event less than the jurisdictional minimum requirements of this Court.

In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants 12 61. 13 USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as 14 15 to constitute malice and/or oppression under California Civil Code section 3294. Plaintiff is 16 informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that specifically, the Defendants acted in concert, 17 and under their authority as child care providers, with reckless disregard for the concern of the 18 minor participants in its charge, in order to further financially benefit their respective business' 19 growth. The Defendants acted intentionally in creating an environment that harbored molesters, 20 put the vulnerable minor participants at-risk of harm, ignored clear warning signs and their duties to report sexual abusers and molesters in their ranks, to maintain a facade of normalcy, in order to maintain its funding and provide further financial growth of Defendants USAG, USOC, and 22 PENNY and PARILLA, individually, on the international level. The safety of the minor participants that were entrusted to Defendant USAG and represented as being protected through Defendant USOC, was compromised due to Defendants desire to maintain the status quo of the 26 Defendants USAG and USOC organizations, and avoid any public scrutiny for its misconduct. Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis alleges, that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of the

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Defendants. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to recover punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION SEXUAL HARASSMENT: CIVIL CODE § 51.9 (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USAG, USOC, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500)

62. The Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

63. During the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's time as a minor gymnast under the care, control and/or mandate of Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500, NASSAR recklessly and wantonly made sexual advances, solicitations, requests, demands for sexual compliance of a hostile nature based on the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's gender that were unwelcome, pervasive and severe. NASSAR intentionally, recklessly and wantonly did acts which resulted in harmful and offensive contact with intimate parts of the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's person, including but not limited to NASSAR using the authority and trust inherent in his position as an Olympic Doctor to exploit her physically, psychologically and emotionally. These acts were done for NASSAR's sexual gratification; all while NASSAR was acting in the course and scope of his agency/employment with Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500.

64. The incidents of abuse outlined herein above took place while the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was under the care of NASSAR, in his capacity and position as an Olympic Doctor, while acting specifically on behalf of Defendants USOC, and DOES 1 through 500.

65. Because of the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's young age, nature of her competitive sport, and relationship with NASSAR as a gymnast at Defendant USAG (under the control and authority of Defendants USOC and USAG), the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was unable to easily terminate her doctor-patient relationship with NASSAR.

66. Because of NASSAR's position of authority over Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, and the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's mental and emotional state, and her young age under the age of consent, Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was unable to, and did not give meaningful consent to such acts.

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67. Even though Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known of these activities by NASSAR, Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 did nothing to investigate, supervise or monitor NASSAR to ensure the safety of Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN. Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500 ratified the sexual misconduct of NASSAR by retaining him in employment after discovering, or ignoring the facts that would have led them to discover, his misconduct.

68. Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct was a breach of their duties to the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN.

69. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; have suffered and continue to suffer and were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and carning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

70. In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500, acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and/or oppression under California *Civil Code* section 3294. Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis alleges, that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of the Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500. Plaintiff is therefore entitled, to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500.

<u>SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION</u> MASHA'S LAW (18 <u>U.S.C.</u> §§2255, 2423(b), 2423(c)) (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USAG, USOC, NASSAR and DOES 1. <u>through 500)</u>

71. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

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72. Under 18 U.S.C. §§2255, the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN has a private right of action against NASSAR, and any defendants who are vicariously and/or strictly responsible for NASSAR while abroad perpetrating his sexual assaults against ALY RAISMAN, including Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500. See Doe v. Celebrity Cruises, Inc. (11th Cir. 2004) 394 F.3d 891, 894.

73. Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN is a victim of the federal crime codified as 18 U.S.C. §2423(b), which was perpetrated by NASSAR and provides, "[a] person who travels in interstate commerce or travels into the United States, or a United States citizen ... who travels in foreign commerce, for the purpose of engaging in any illicit sexual conduct with another person shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 30 years, or both."

74. Furthermore, Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN is a victim of the federal crime codified as 18 U.S.C. §2423(c), which was perpetrated by NASSAR and provides, "[a]ny United States citizen ... who travels in foreign commerce or resides, either temporarily or permanently, in a foreign country, and engages in any illicit sexual conduct with another person shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 30 years, or both."

75. As alleged herein, Defendant NASSAR travelled with ALY RAISMAN to Europe, Australia, Japan, and across state lines, wherein he sexually harassed, abused, and molested her, when she was under the age of 18 years old and as previously stated herein. Defendant NASSAR travelled with ALY RAISMAN for the sole purpose of engaging in this elicit sexual conduct with her.

76. As a result of the above-described conduct, the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings and earning capacity, and have incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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77. In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500, acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and/or oppression under California *Civil Code* section 3294. Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis alleges, that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of the Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500. Plaintiff is therefore entitled, upon proper application to the court, to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defondants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

78. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

79. Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct toward Plaintiff, as described herein, was outrageous and extreme.

80. A reasonable person would not expect or tolerate Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 putting NASSAR in positions of authority at Defendants USAG, USOC, or DOES 1 through 500, which enabled NASSAR to have access to minors including Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, so that he could commit wrongful sexual acts with her, including the conduct described herein above. Plaintiff had great trust, faith and confidence in in Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, which, by virtue of NASSAR and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's wrongful conduct, turned to fear.

81. Moreover, by failing to report NASSAR or honor any of their legal reporting obligations and by failing to promptly notify the parents of Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN of the abuse of their daughter, Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500 knew that Plaintiff would be directly harmed. Under the holding in *Phyllis P*. case, a special relationship and a duty to notify the parents of Plaintiff was stated. Such duty being independent of any duty Defendants USOC, USAG,

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PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed to Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and is a direct duty owed to the Plaintiff's parents and was thereby created with Plaintiff's parents, whereby Plaintiff's parents are intended or direct victims of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failures and can recover for any emotional distress proximately caused thereby. Specifically, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had knowledge of NASSAR's dangerous propensities to sexually abuse children, yet concealed and failed to disclose to Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN this information.

82. A reasonable person would not expect or tolerate Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 to be incapable of supervising and preventing employees of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, including NASSAR, from committing wrongful sexual acts with minor gymnasts including Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, or to properly supervise NASSAR to prevent such abuse from occurring, or to promptly notify parents or authorities.

83. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct described herein was intentional and malicious and done for the purpose of causing, or with the substantial certainty that it would cause Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and her parents, to suffer humiliation, mental anguish and emotional and physical distress.

18 84. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer 19 great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional 20 distress, embatrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; 21 have suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from 22 performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings 23 and earning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and 24 psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

85. In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants
USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and
maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, and in conscious disregard of
Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and oppression under California *Civil Code* section

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3294. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1

through 500, in a sum to he shown according to proof.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES (BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE §17200) (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

86. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

87. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis,, alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 have engaged in unlawful, unfair and/or deceptive business practices including allowing NASSAR to engage in repeated harassment of participants and members, including Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, and failing to take all reasonable steps to prevent harassment and abuse from occurring. The unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices also included failing to adequately investigate, vet, and evaluate individuals for employment with Defondants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, refusing to design, implement, and oversee policies regarding sexual harassment and abuse of children in a reasonable manner that is customary in similar educational environments. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 have engaged in unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices including and or that basis alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 have engaged in unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices including concealing sexual harassment, abuse and/or molestation claims by participants and members, such as Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, so as to retain other participants and members within Defendants USAG, who were not apprised of such illicit sexual misconduct by NASSAR.

88. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that Defendants USOC USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 engaged in a common scheme, arrangement or plan to actively conceal allegations against sexual abusers who were employees, agents, members, and/or participants at Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, such that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 could maintain their public image, and avoid detection of such abuse and abusers. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 actively concealed

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these allegations, such that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 would be insulated from public scrutiny, governmental oversight, and/or investigation from various law enforcement agencies, all done in order to maintain the false sense of safety for participants and their families and to perpetuate the program financially.

By engaging in unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices, Defendants 89. USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARJLLA, and DOES 1 through 500 benefitted financially to the detriment of its competitors, who had to comply with the law.

90 Unless restrained, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 will continue to engage in the unfair acts and business practices described above, resulting in great and irreparable harm to Plaintiff and/or other similarly situated participants and members.

91. Plaintiff seeks restitution for all amounts improperly obtained by Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 through the use of the abovementioned unlawful business practices, as well as the disgorgement of all ill-gotten gains and restitution on behalf of Plaintiff and all other similarly situated participants and members who were also subjected to Defendant's illegal and unfair business practices.

17 92. Pursuant to section 17203 of the California Business and Professions Code and available equitable powers, Plaintiff is entitled to a preliminary and permanent injunction, 19 enjoining Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 from continuing the unlawful and 20 unfair business practices described above. Further, Plaintiff seeks the appointment of a court monitor to enforce its orders regarding client safety. In addition, Plaintiff is entitled to recover 22 reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code and section 1021.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation 93. contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

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94. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, as childcare custodians representing that they would keep Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN safe, were in a fiduciary relationship with Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, owing her a special duty of due care. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 are mandated reporters, or organizations required to comply with Mandated Reporting laws, with respect to claims of child abuse and child safety.

95. Moreover, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN a statutory, common law and constitutional duty to protect her and guarantee her safety while in their custody, care, and control.

96. The Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 also owed a special duty to ALY RAISMAN's parents. As direct victime for failure to notify of abuse of their minor child (*See Phyllis P. v. Claremont Unified School District*, 183 Cal. App. 3d at 1193) which held that a school district had a special relationship with a parent because the parent was the "teal and foresecable" victim of the defendants' negligent conduct. Direct victims may bring claims where there was a negligent breach of a duty arising out of a preexisting relationship. Any breach committed by the Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 violates this special relationship and duty owed to Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's parents.

97. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their fiduciary duty by failing to properly supervise NASSAR and take appropriate steps to prevent the lewd and lascivious conduct perpetrated by NASSAR against ALY RAISMAN. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 also failed to report NASSAR pursuant to USOC and USAG policy. Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 also failed to implement or follow appropriate policies and procedure sto protect minors, including ALY RAISMAN. In addition, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failed to report NASSAR's abuse or promptly notify ALY RAISMAN's parents.

98. The employees, servants, agents, volunteers or other representatives of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, respectively, willfully and

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intentionally ignored behavior in NASSAR and complaints against NASSAR that they should have reported due to their responsibility as mandated reporters.

As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer 99. great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants 100. USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and oppression under California Civil Code section 3294. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, in a sum to be shown according to proof.

CAUSE OF ACTION

STRUCTI **VE FRAUD** (Plointiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

101. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

21 By holding NASSAR out as an agent of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, 102. 22 PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and by allowing him to undertake the physical care and 23 athletic training of minor children such as ALY RAISMAN, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 entered into a confidential, fiduciary, and special relationship 25 with Plaintiff. 26

By holding themselves out as professional organizations for woman's gymnastics, 103. 27 undertaking to select and train national gymnastics teams, enforcing policies, rules, and procedures 28 for gymnasts' safety and facilitating competition both nationally and internationally of ALY

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RAISMAN and other minor team participants and members, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 entered into a confidential, fiduciary and special relationship with Plaintiff and other minor gymnasts (as well as their families).

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MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI 19101 Von Karman Ave., Suite 800 11vine, California 926.12 Telenhore 79491 75: 9900 104. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their confidential, fiduciary duty and special duties to Plaintiff by the wrongful and negligent conduct described above and incorporated into this cause of action, and in so doing, gained an advantage over Plaintiff in matters relating to Plaintiff's safety, security and health. In particular, in breaching such duties as alleged, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were able to sustain their status as institutions (or individuals) of high moral repute, and preserve their reputation, all at the expense of Plaintiff's further injury and in violation of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's mandatory duties.

105. By virtue of their confidential, fiductory and special relationship with Plaintiff. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to:

to: Investigate or otherwise confirm or deny such claims of sexual abuse; ۵. Reveal such facts to Plaintiff, the gymnastics community, the community at large, b. and law enforcement agencies; Refuse to place NASSAR and other molesters in positions of must and authority C. within Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500's institutions; d. Refuse to hold out NASSAR and other molesters to the public, the community, minors, patents and law enforcement agencies as being in good standing and, trustworthy in keeping with him and his position as a team physician and authority figure; Refuse to assign NASSAR and other molesters to positions of power within e. Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 and over minors; and f. Disclose to Plaintiff, the public, the school community, minors, and law enforcement agencies the wrongful, tortious, and sexually exploitive acts that NASSAR had engaged in with children. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's breach 106. of their respective duties included: Not making reasonable investigations of NASSAR; a.

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Issuing no warnings about NASSAR; b.

Permitting NASSAR to routinely be alone with and in control of minors, c. unsupervised;

Not adopting a policy to prevent NASSAR from routinely having minors and d, participants and members in his unsupervised control;

- Making no reports of any allegations of NASSAR's abuse of participants and C. members, or of minors prior to or during his employment and/or agency at Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500; and
- Assigning and continuing to assign NASSAR to duties which placed him in f. positions of authority and trust over minors, positions in which NASSAR could easily isolate and sexually abuse minors.

At the time that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 107.

through 500 engaged in such suppression and concealment of acts, such acts were done for the purpose of causing Plaintiff to forbear on her rights.

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's 108. misconduct did reasonably cause Plaintiff to forbear on her rights.

109 The misrepresentations, suppressions and concealment of facts by Defendants USOC, USAO, FENNY, PARJELA, and DOES 1 through 500 were intended to and were likely to mislead Plaintiff and others to bolieve that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had no knowledge of any charges, claims or investigations against NASSAR, or that there were no other charges, claims or investigations of unlawful or sexual misconduct against NASSAR or others and that there was no need for them to take further action or procaution. 110. The misrepresentations, suppressions and concealment of lacts by Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 was likely to mislead Plaintiff and others to believe that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had no knowledge of the fact that NASSAR was a molester, and was known to commit wrongful

sexual acts with minors, including with ALY RAISMAN.

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew 111. or should have known at the time they suppressed and concealed the true facts regarding others' sexual molestations, that the resulting impressions were misleading.

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Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 112. suppressed and concealed the true facts regarding NASSAR with the purpose of: preventing

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Plaintiff, and others, from learning that NASSAR and others had been and were continuing to sexually harass, molest and abuse minors and others under NASSAR's and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's control, direction, and guidance, with complete impunity; inducing people, including ALY RAISMAN and other benefactors and donors to participate and financially support Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500; USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's program and other enterprises of Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500; preventing further reports and outside investigations into NASSAR and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct: preventing discovery of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's own conduct, avoiding damage to the reputations of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500; protecting Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's power and status in the community and the gymnastics community; avoiding damage to the reputation of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, or Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's institutions; and avoiding the civil and criminal liability of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, of NASSAR, and of others.

17 113. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and
18 DOES 1 through 500, with knowledge of the tortious nature of their own and NASSAR's conduct,
19 knowingly conspired and gave each other substantial assistance to perpetrate the
20 misrepresentations, fraud and deceit alleged herein—covering up the past allegations of sexual
21 misconduct lodged against NASSAR, and allowing NASSAR to remain in his position as a team
22 physician so they could maintain their reputations and continue with their positions within the
23 organization.

114. The Plaintiff and others were misled by Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY,
PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's suppressions and concealment of facts, and in reliance
thereon, were induced to act or induced not to act, exactly as intended by Defendants USOC,
USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500. Specifically, Plaintiff were induced to
believe that there were no allegations of criminal or sexual abuse against NASSAR and that he

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was safe to be around children. Had Plaintiff known the true facts about NASSAR, they would have not participated further in activities of NASSAR, or continued to financially support Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500's activities. They would have reported the matters to the proper authorities, to other minor participants and members and their parents so as to prevent future recurrences; they would not have allowed children, including the Plaintiff, to be alone with, or have any relationship with NASSAR; they would not have allowed children, including the Plaintiff, to attend or be under the control of Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500; they would have undertaken their own investigations which would have led to discovery of the true facts; and they would have sought psychological counseling for the Plaintiff, 10 and for other children molested and abused by NASSAR.

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By giving NASSAR the position of team physician, Defendants USOC, USAG, 115. PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 impliedly represented that NASSAR was safe and morally fit to give children care and provide osteopathic adjustments.

When Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 116. made these affirmative or implied representations and non-disclosures of material facts, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known that the facts were otherwise. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knowingly and intentionally suppressed the material facts that NASSAR had on numerous, prior occasions sexually, physically, and mentally abused minors and participants and members of Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500, including the Plaintiff, and knew of or learned of conduct, or should have known of conduct by NASSAR which placed Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES I through 500 on notice that NASSAR had previously been suspected or felonies, including unlawful sexual conduct with minors, and was likely abusing children.

24 Because of Plaintiff's position on the outside of these organizations, and because 117. of the status of NASSAR as a trusted, authority figure to Plaintiff and her family, ALY RAISMAN 25 was vulnerable to NASSAR and the representations of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, 26 PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, both express and implied. NASSAR sought the Plaintiff out,

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and was empowered by and accepted ALY RAISMAN's vulnerability. Plaintiff's vulnerability also prevented her from effectively protecting herself from the sexual advances of NASSAR.

118. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had the duty to obtain and disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

119. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 misrepresented, concealed or failed to disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

120. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew that they had misrepresented, concealed or failed to disclose information related to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

121. Plaintiff justifiably relied upon Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 for information relating to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

122. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, in concert with each other and with the intent to conceal and defraud, conspired and came to a meeting of the minds whereby they would misrepresent, conceal or full to disclose information relating to the sexual misconduct of NAS3AR, the inability of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 to supervise or stop NASSAR from sexually harassing, molesting and abusing ALY RAISMAN, and their own failure to properly investigate, supervise and monitor his conduct with minor participants and members.

123. By so concealing, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 committed at least one act in furtherauce of the conspiracy.

124. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress including embartassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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125. In addition, when Plaintiff finally discovered the fraud of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced recurrences of the above-described injuries. Plaintiff experienced extreme and severe mental anguish and emotional distress that Plaintiff had been the victim of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's fraud; that Plaintiff had not been able to help other minors being molested because of the fraud, and that Plaintiff had not been able, because of the fraud, to receive timely medical treatment needed to deal with the problems Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer as a result of the sexual harassment, molestation and abuse of ALY RAISMAN.

126. In subjecting ALY RAISMAN to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and/or oppression under California *Civil Code* section 3294. Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis, allege that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of these Defendants. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to recover punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE

(Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

127. Plaintiff re alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

128. Prior to and after the first incident of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) sexual harassment, molestation and abuse of Plaintiff, through the present, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, knew and/or should have known that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had and was capable of sexually, physically, and mentally abusing and harassing Plaintiff or other victims.

129. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 and each of them had special duties to protect the minor Plaintiff and the other participants and

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inembers, when such minors were entrusted to Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's care by their parents. Plaintiff's care, welfare and physical custody was entrusted to Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 voluntarily accepted the entrusted care of Plaintiff. As such, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 o wed Plaintiff, a minor child, a special duty of care that adults dealing with children owe to protect them from harm. The duty to protect and warn arose from the special, trusting, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 and Plaintiff.

130. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duties of care to the minor Plaintiff by allowing the Perpetrator (NASSAR) to come into contact with the minor Plaintiff and other participants and members, without supervision; by failing to adequately hire, supervise and retain the Perpetrator (NASSAR) whom they permitted and enabled to have access to Plaintiff; by concealing from Plaintiff, her family, and law enforcement that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was sexually harassing, molesting and abusing minors; and by holding the Perpetrator (NASSAR) out to Plaintiff and her family as being of high moral and ethical repute, in good standing and trustworthy.

131. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duties to Plaintiff by failing to investigate or otherwise confirm or deny such facts of sexual abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), failing to reveal such facts to Plaintiff, her parents, the community and law enforcement agencies, and by placing the Perpetrator (NASSAR) into a position of trust and authority, holding him out to Plaintiff, her parents, and the public as being in good standing and trustworthy.

132. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duty to Plaintiff by failing to adequately monitor and supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and failing to prevent the Perpetrator (NASSAR) from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors including Plaintiff. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's voluminous past records of sexual misconduct by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) caused Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 to know, or

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gave them information where they should have known, of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) incapacity to serve as a team physician, providing for the physical carc of minor females.

133. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to he prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION

(Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

134. Plaintiff rc-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

135. By virtue of Plaintiffs special relationship with Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's relation to the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to provide reasonable supervision of the Perpetrator (NASSAR), to use reasonable care in investigating the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) background, and to provide adequate warning to Plaintiff, Plaintiff's family, and minor participants and members of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) dangerous propensities and unfitness. As organizations and individuals responsible for, and entrusted with, the welfare of minor children, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had a duty to protect, supervise, and monitor both the Plaintiff from being preyed upon by sexual predators, and to supervise and monitor the Perpetrator (NASSAR) such that he would not be placed in seclusion with minor children, including the Plaintiff.

136. As representatives of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, where many of the participants and members thereof are vulnerable minors entrusted to these Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, these



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Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's agents expressly and implicitly represented that team physicians and staff, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), were not a sexual threat to children and others who would fall under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) influence, control, direction, and care.

137. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, by and through their respective agents, servants and employees, knew or should have known of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) dangerous and exploitive propensities and that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was an unfit agent. Despite such knowledge, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 negligently failed to supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) in his position of trust and outhority as a team physician and authority figure over children, where he was able to commit wrongful acts of sexual misconduct against Plaintiff. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failed to provide reasonable supervision of the Perpetrator (NASSAR), failed to use reasonable care in investigating the Perpetrator (NASSAR), and failed to provide attequate warning to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's family of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) dangerous propensities and unfitness. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 further failed to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of minora, including Plaintiff, from sexual hirassment, molestation, and abuse.

138. At no time during the periods of time alleged did Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 have in place a reasonable system or procedure to investigate, supervise and monitor the team physician or staff, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), to prevent pre-sexual grooming and sexual harassment, molestation and abuse of children, nor did they implement a system or procedure to oversee or monitor conduct toward minors and others in Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's care.

139. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were aware or should have been aware of how vulnerable children were to sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by teachers and other persons of authority within Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500's entities.

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Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 140. put on notice, knew and/or should have known that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had previously engaged and was continuing to engage in unlawful sexual conduct with minors, and had committed other felonies, for his own personal sexual gratification, and that it was foreseeable that he was engaging, or would engage in illicit sexual activities with Plaintiff, and others, under the cloak of the authority, confidence, and trust, bestowed upon him through Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500.

Detendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 141 placed on actual or constructive notice that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had molested other minors and participants and members during his employment with Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500 Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were informed of molestations of minors committed by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) prior to Plaintiff's sexual abuse, and of conduct by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) that would put a reasonable person on notice of such propensity to molest and abuse children.

Even though Defendants USOC, USAO, FENNY, PARILLA, and DOFS 1 through 142. 500 knew or should have known of these illicit sexual activities by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC. USAG. PENNY, PARILLA, and DOHS 1 through 500 did not reasonably investigate, supervise or monitor the Perpetrator (NASSAR) to ensure the safety of the minor participants and members.

143. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct was a breach of their duties to Plaintiff.

22 Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and 144. each of them, breached their duty to Plaintiff by, inter alia, by failing to adequately monitor and 24 supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and stop the Perpetrator (NASSAR) from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors including Plaintiff.

26 As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to 145 suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional 27 distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteetn, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of 28

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enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

NEGLIGENCE PER SE-CONDUCT IN VIOLATION OF MANDATED REPORTING LAWS

146. Under applicable law, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, by and through their employees and agents, were child care custodians and were under a duty to report known or suspected incidents of sexual molestation or abuse of minors to a child protective agency, and not to impede the filing of any such report.

147. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known that their team physician, the Perpetrator (NASSAR), and other staff of Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500, had sexually molested, abused or caused touching, battery, harm, and/or other injuries to minors, including Plaintiff, giving rise to a duty to report such conduct.

148. Defendants USOC, USAO, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 kncw. or should have known, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, that an undue risk to minors, including Plaintiff, existed because Defendants USOC, USAO, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 did not comply with California's mandatory reporting requirements.

149. By failing to report the continuing molestations and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), which Defendants USOC, USAO, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOLS 1 through 300 knew or should have known about, and by ignoring the fulfillment of the mandated compliance with the reporting requirements, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 created the risk and danger contemplated by the applicable mandated reporting laws, and as a result, unreasonably and wrongfully exposed Plaintiff and other minors to sexual molestation and abuse.

150. Plaintiff was a member of the class of persons for whose protection applicable mandated reporting laws were specifically adopted to protect.

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Had Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 151. adequately reported the molestation of Plaintiff and other minors as required by applicable mandated reporting laws, further harm to Plaintiff and other minors would have been avoided.

As a proximate result of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and 152. DOES 1 through 500's failure to follow the mandatory reporting requirements, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 wrongfully denied Plaintiff and other minors the intervention of child protection services. Such public agencies would have changed the then-existing arrangements and conditions that provided the access and opportunities for the molestation of Plaintiff by the Perpetrator (NASSAR).

The physical, mental, and emotional damages and injuries resulting from the sexual 153 molestation of Plaintiff by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), were the type of occurrence and injuries that the applicable mandated reporting laws were designed to prevent.

As a result, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 1.54. 500's failure to comply with the mandatory reporting requirements constituted a per se breach of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's duties to Plaintiff.

Defendants USOC, USAG, MENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and 155 such of them, breached their duty to Plaintiff by, inter alin, by failing to adequately monitor and supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and stop the Perpetrator (NASSAR) from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors including Plainriff.

20 As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to 1.56. 21 suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional 22 distress including embarracement, loss of self-esteeut, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of 23 enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be 24 prevented from performing dally activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for 25 medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

27 NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION **NEGLIGENT IIIRING/RETENTION** Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and 28 DOES 1 through 500)

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Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation 157. contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

By virtue of Plaintiff's special relationship with Defendants USOC, USAG, 158. PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's relation to the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to not hire or retain the Perpetrator (NASSAR), given his dangerous and exploitive propensities, which Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known about had they engaged in a reasonable, meaningful and adequate investigation of her background prior to her hiring or retaining her in subsequent positions of employment.

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 159. expressly and implicitly represented that the team staff, trainers, and team physicians, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), were not a sexual threat to children and others who would fall under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) influence, control, direction, and guidance.

160. At no time during the periods of time alleged did Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 have in place a reasonable system or procedure to investigate, supervise and monitor team staff, trainers, and team physicians, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), to prevent pre-sexual grooming or sexual hurassment, molestation and abuse of children, nor did they implement a system or procedure to oversee or monitor conduct toward minors, participants and members and others in Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's care.

22 161. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 23 aware or should have been aware and understand how vulnerable children were to sexual 24 harassment, molestation and abuse by teachers and other persons of authority within the control of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 prior to Plaintiff's 26 sexual abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR).

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 162. put on notice, and should have known that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had previously engaged and

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continued to engage in unlawful sexual conduct with minors and was committing other felonics, for his own personal gratification, and that it was, or should have known it would have been foreseeable that he was engaging, or would engage in illicit sexual activities with Plaintiff, and others, under the cloak of his authority, confidence, and trust, bestowed upon her through Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500.

163. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were placed on actual or constructive notice that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had molested or was molesting uninors and participants and members, both before his employment within Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and during that employment Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had knowledge of inappropriate conduct and molestations committed by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) before and during his employment, yet chose to allow him to remain unsupervised where she sexually abused Plaintiff.

164. Even though Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known of these sexually illicit activities by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failed to use reasonable care in investigating the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and did nothing to reasonably investigate, supervise or monitor the Perpetrator (NASSAR) to ensure the safety of the minor participants and members.

165. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct was a breach of their duties to Plaintiff.

166. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO WARN, TRAIN, or EDUCATE (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation 167. contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

168. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiff and other minor participants and members from the risk of childhood sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) by properly warning, training or educating Plaintiff and other about how to avoid such a risk.

169. Detendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiff and other minor participants and members from the risk of childhood sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), such as the failure to properly warn, train or educate Plaintiff and other minor participants and members about how to avoid such a particular risk that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) posed—of sexual misconduct.

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 170. breached their duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiff and other minor participants and members from the risk of childhood sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), by failing to supervise and stop employees of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors, including Plaintiff.

22 171. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to 23 suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional 24 distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of 25 enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be 26 prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION SEXUAL BATTERY: Civil Code § 1708.5 (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against DEFENDANT NASSAR)

172. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

173. NASSAR, in doing the things herein alleged, including intending to subject Plaintiff to numerous instances of sexual abuse and harassment by NASSAR, during Plaintiff's time with USAG and USOC, beginning on or around 2010 to in or around 2012, and in or around 2015, including but not limited to instances of NASSAR groping and fondling the Plaintiff's vagina all while NASSAR acted in the course and scope of his agency/employment with Defendants, and each of them and were intended to cause harmful or offensive contact with Plaintiff's person, and did cause such harmful or offensive contact.

174. NASSAR did the aforementioned acts with the intent to cause a harmful or offensive contact with an intimate part of Plaintill's person, and would offend a reasonable sense of personal dignity. Further, said acts did cause a harmful or offensive contact with an intimate part of Plaintiff's person that would offend a reasonable sense of personal dignity.

175. Because of NASSAR's position of authority over Plaintiff, and Plaintiff's mental and emotional state, and Plaintiff's young age under the age of consent, Plaintiff was unable to, and did not, give meaningful consent to such acts.

176. As a direct, legal and proximate result of the acts of NASSAR, Plaintiff sustained serious and permanent injuries to her person, all of his damage in an amount to be shown according to proof and within the jurisdiction of the Court.

177. As a direct result of the sexual abuse by NASSAR, Plaintiff has difficulty in reasonably or meaningfully interacting with others, including those in positions of authority over Plaintiff including teachers, and supervisors, and in confidential, business, and familial relationships, due to the trauma of childhood sexual abuse inflicted upon her by NASSAR. This inability to interact creates conflict with Plaintiff's values of trust and confidence in others, and has caused Plaintiff substantial emotional distress, anxiety, nervousness and fear. As a direct result of the sexual abuse and harassment by NASSAR, Plaintiff suffered immensely, including, but not

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1	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for a jury trial and for judgment against Defendants as			
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3	FOR ALL CAUSES OF ACTION			
4	1. For past, present and future non-economic damages in an amount to be			
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6	2. For past, present and future special damages, including but not limited to past,			
7	present and future lost earnings, economic damages and others, in an amount to be determined at			
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9	3. Any appropriate statutory damages;			
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11	5. Punitive damages, according to proof, though not as to the Negligence Causes of			
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15	7. For attorney's fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure sections			
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17	8. For declaratory and injunctive relief, including but not limited to court			
18	supervision of Defendants USAO, and USOC; and			
19 20	9. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.			
21	Dated: February 28, 2018 MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI			
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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS AS TO THE PARTIES

This case arises from the serial molestation, sexual abuse and harassment of ALY 1. RAISMAN, three-time Olympic gold medalist, by her trusted team physician and former Olympic Team Doctor Defendant Lawrence "Larry" Gerard Nassar ("NASSAR"), while ALY RAISMAN was a young girl and woman, competing for the honor of her country. These molestations of the Plaintiff occurred over several continents, on numerous occasions, and could have been prevented, had Defendants USA Gymnastics ("USAG"), the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") or former president of USAG, Defendant STEVE PENNY ("PENNY") had taken the mandate of ALY RAISMAN's safety, and numerous other minors in their care, seriously. Despite having knowledge that NASSAR had been sexually abusive towards minor, been left in solitary contact with minor girls, and having been notified that NASSAR was a pedophile (or could have learned of such through reasonable diligence), Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500 instead put their quest for money and medals, above the safety of the Plaintiff and other minor competitive athletes; athletes who were responsible for the financial success and prosperity of those Defendants. The Plaintiff, ALY RAISMAN, began her gymnastics career at the tender age of two (2) years old, and gained her inspiration from watching and re-watching a VHS tape of the "Magnificent Seven" at the 1996 Olympics held in Atlanta, Georgia and who won the Women's Team Final. Since that time, ALY RAISMAN dedicated her childhood to the pursuit of honoring that legacy, competing in the Olympics, and winning a gold medal for her country. The Plaintiff accomplished this monumental goal by the age of eighteen (18) years old, all while being serially molested by her confident and trusted physician, NASSAR, under the watch of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500.

23 2. Despite having the power, authority, and mandate to do so, the Defendants USAG,
 24 USOC, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500 never intervened to discipline Defendant NASSAR,
 25 never ensured that Defendants USAG and NASSAR were following Defendant USOC rules and
 26 mandates, and through the express disregard for the safety of minors, allowed Defendant NASSAR
 27 to continue in his position of trust, power and access to ALY RAISMAN, as well as numerous
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other elite minor athletes who competed with ALY RAISMAN. After Defendant NASSAR was only finally removed from his position at USAG, he continued to sexually abuse minors in his role as a physician for over a year.

To this day, ALY RAISMAN continues to suffer depression, anxiety and fear 3. steruning from her abuse by Defendant NASSAR, which affects her daily life, including but not limited to the Plaintiff not trusting medical professionals, not trusting adult males, and constantly suffering from feelings of fear, anxiety, and depression. In addition to this psychological and physical trauma suffered by ALY RAISMAN, the Plaintiff continued to train for years in pain. believing that Defendant NASSAR was properly treating her physical ailments associated with her sport. When she was young, ALY RAISMAN always felt guilty for thinking NASSAR was weitd, and questioned why she did not like the purported best gymnastics doctor in the world, though she did not understand the purported medical treatment she was receiving, at that time, was sexual abuse. Upon learning that this was not legitimate treatment, the Plaintiff suffered further humiliation, guilt, shame, and disgust.

THE PLAINTIFF

ALY RAISMAN

4. The Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN is now a young adult female who currently resides 18 in the State of Massachusetts, who was born on May 25, 1994. The Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was 19 formerly an elite minor gymnast who was sexually abused by NASSAR believing this was medical 20 treatment, while competing in National and International Competitions, including but not limited to competitions in California, Japan, the Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas (and other locations across the United States and internationally, including in Europe, Asia and Australia) that were 22 hosted, sanctioned, supervised, and/or endorsed by, under the supervision of, chartered, and/or under the mandate of Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500. During many of these events, the Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, and DOES 1 through 500, took care, custody and control of Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and stood in loco parentis with her and her parents. Defendants USOC, PENNY and USAG had a duty to protect ALY RAISMAN from known or foreseeable dangers, such as Defendant NASSAR, and to promptly investigate, censure, discipline,

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and/or remove Defendant NASSAR; and/or take remedial actions; actions they never took until after the cessation of ALY RAISMAN's abuse.

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The Plaintiff was an elite level gymnast and member of Team USA who competed 5. and trained in National and International competitions on behalf of the United States. These National and International competitions and trainings occurred in places including, but not limited to: Santa Clara County in California, the "Karolyi Ranch" located in Huntsville, Texas and other locations across the United States and internationally, including the most elite competitions occurred in Asia, Australia, and Europe. During many of these competitions, the Plaintiff was subjected to sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse and molestation by Defendant NASSAR, including but not limited to competitions and trainings that occurred in Santa Clara County in California, at the Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas, in Japan, and other locations across the United States and internationally, including Europe and Australia. The Plaintiff was sexually abused on numerous occasions and at numerous locations in or around 2010 through in or around 2012, and in 2015. This sexual abuse of the Plaintiff occurred at events where Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500 were responsible to supervise the Plaintiff, ensure proper medical procedures and protocols were followed, warn the Plaintiff of known dangers, and to provide for her safety.

6. This action is brought pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §340.1, which governs
the statutes of limitations arising from childhood sexual abuse. As a victim of childhood sexual
abuse, and a young adult under the age of 26 years old, thus, ALY RAISMAN's action is timely.

DEFENDANTS

DEFENDANT, UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ("USOC")

7. Defendant USOC, at all times mentioned herein, was and is a business entity of
form unknown, having its principal place of business in the State of Colorado and is headquartered
in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The USOC is a federally chartered nonprofit corporation, which
was reorganized by the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, originally enacted in 1978. As advertised
on its website, "[t]he USOC has two primary responsibilities in its oversight of Olympic and
Paralympic sport in the United States. The first is to generate resources in support of its mission,

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which is to help American athletes achieve sustained competitive excellence. The second is to ensure organizational resources are wisely and effectively used to that end." Furthermore, Defendant "... USOC is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for athletes' physical, emotional and social development and to ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct." Under the Ted Stevens Aniateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. §§220501, el seq. (hereinafter, "Ted Stevens Act") Defendant USOC had a mandatory obligation to ensure that before granting NGBs, including USAG, a sanction to host National or International events, that they provide "proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who will participate in the competition." 36 U.S.C. §§220525(b)(4)(E).

For in or around 2011 through the cessation of the Plaintiff's sexual abuse by 8. Defendant NASSAR, the "Karolyi Ranch" was designated as being the United States' Olympic Training Center, thus, was required to follow all protocols, mandates, policies, bylaws, rules, and/or practices of Defendant USOC (as well as Defendant USAG).

9. During all relevant times during ALY RAISMAN's abuse, Defendant USOC was responsible for ensuring that the Karolyi Ranch, provided adequate supervision for the minors competing thereat, reasonable safety protocols ensuring the safety of those minors, and reasonable supervision, training, and oversight procedures for all medical care provided to gymnasts at the Karolyi Ranch, including training of staff on identification of sexual abuse, proper procedures, use of proper medical care, and staffing of ample medical personnel to ensure proper care of all minor gymnasts, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN. Despite these duties under the law, Defendant USOC implemented virtually no safety protocols or procedures at the Karolyi Ranch, and failed to provide any supervision for minor gymnasts training at the Karolyi Ranch.

23 10. At all times relevant to the Plaintiff's sexual abuse at the hands of NASSAR, 24 Defendant USOC was responsible for the Plaintiff's supervision while competing at the Olympics, 25 the Olympic Trials, and the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships and trainings for such. 26 Despite being the body responsible for the Plaintiff's safety during these events, including, being 27 responsible for her supervision, medical carc, and well-being, Defendant USOC provided entirely 28 inadequate or effective measures to ensure her protection from the risk of sexual abuse, either at

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the events or in her living quarters, where sexual abuse by NASSAR occurred. Despite competing in Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands (among other international sites), the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was either provided no supervision while medical treatment was performed in her living guarters by NASSAR or USAG employee Debbie Van Hom was present for such treatment. Based on information, and therefore belief, despite Ms. Van Horn being represented as a qualified medical professional, she was not properly trained to supervise NASSAR, not given mandate to do so, and was otherwise present for sexually abusive treatments that NASSAR would perform, without reporting such to law enforcement or the proper authorities. This is how and why NASSAR was allowed solitary access to these minors, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, or alternatively, was allowed to abuse minors (such as the Plaintiff) in the 11 presence of USAG staff (Ms. Van Horn).

121 11. In 2010, during the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's sexual abuse at the hands of NASSAR, Defendant USOC convened what it termed the "Working Group for Safe Training Environments" in order to address, among many things, physical and sexual abuse of amateur athletes in National Governing Bodies ("NGB"). It was not until 2011, after this commission met, that Defendant USOC hired an individual to head its "SafeSport" program and not until 2012 that a "SafeSport" Handbook was adopted and promulgated safeguards and safety protections for minor athletes, from the ravages of sexual abuse. Despite only instituting these SafeSport policies in 2012, Defendant USOC was acutely aware of the ravages of sexual abuse posed to minors in amateur sports, for at least a decade prior to this SafeSport program being created, as they were informed by former Defendant USAG President, Robert "Bob" Colarossi. See infra.

22 As a requirement for NGBs, such as Defendant USAG, to remain in "good 12. 23 standing" with Defendant USOC, Defendant USOC policies require that USAG "...l) comply with 24 the safe sport policies of the corporation and with the policies and procedures of the independent 25 safe sport organization designated by the corporation to enhance safe sport practices and to 26 investigate and resolve safe sport violations (no exceptions to this requirement shall be allowed 27 unless granted by the CEO, or his or her designee, after allowing the [NGB] or PSO to present the 28 reasons for such exception)..." The Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges,

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that the Safe Sport program was introduced in or around 2011, and that such policies have become more stringent over the years. Nevertheless, the Defendant USOC continued to fail to adequately enforce these policies against Defendant NASSAR, and has continually failed to uphold said policies through proper reporting, supervision, mandates on NGBs (including Defendant USAG), 4 and other preventative procedures. Even as the SafeSport policies state today herein, Defendant 5 USOC still failed to uphold these policies and procedures, had they been in-place at the б commencement of ALY RAISMAN's sexual abuse. Defendant USOC has and had a culture and 7 atmosphere that conceals known and suspected sexual abusers, which transcends all policies and 8 procedures that are set in-place. For this reason, Defendant USOC has a practice and culture of 9 ignoring its own internal rules and mandates for NGBs, in order to protect its reputation and blind 10 11 itself to known abusers within the ranks of NGBs for which it is responsible.

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Moreover, the Defendant USOC currently promulgates the SafeSport policies that 13. prevent "... USOC employees, coaches, contracted staff, volunteers, board members, committee and task force members, and other individuals working with athletes or other sport participants while at an OTC, whether or not they are employees of the USOC" and "...[a]thletes training and/or residing at a USOC Olympic Training Center" from engaging in sexually abusive misconduct, including "child sexual abuse" and "sexual misconduct." See USOC Safe Sport Policies, Section II(c). SafeSport policy also has policies for identifying "grooming" behaviors, which it defines as, "... the most common strategy used by offenders to seduce their victims."

20 14. Subsequent to sometime in 2012, Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that these policies (or prior versions that were similar or less restrictive) were in effect 21 at Defendant USOC, and applied to Defendant USAG. Despite the existence of these policies after 22 23 2012, Defendant USOC allowed Defendant NASSAR to continue to participate with minor children at Defendant USAG, the NGB for Women's Gymnastics, and failed to adequately enforce 24 25 these policies, or mandate that Defendant USAG enforce these policies. Due to its systemic and 26 knowing failure to enforce these policies, the Plaintiff was sexually harassed, abused, and molested 27 by Defendant NASSAR; an individual who was subject to these policies. Plaintiff is informed, and 28 on that basis, believes that Defendant USAG was at all times in "good standing" with Defendant

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USOC, despite failing to adhere to, and enforce the SafeSport policies, which it violated by allowing Defendant NASSAR access to minor gymnasts, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN. Furthermore, in failing to report suspected child abuse of Defendant NASSAR and/or failing to enforce policies and procedures to prevent said sexual abuse of minors, the Defendant USOC prevented the Plaintiff and her parents from avoiding the sexual abuse of the Plaintiff and/or ceasing it sooner.

Further, Defendant USOC was required to ensure that NGBs, including Defendant 15. USAG, ensure that "proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletics and spectators at the competition." 36 U.S.C. §§220525(b)(4)(F). Moreover, as part of an NGB's mandate from the Defendant USOC, it was to, "encourage and support research, development, and dissemination of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety." 36 U.S.C. §220524(9). Had Defendant USOC performed its mandate reasonably, diligently, and in accord with its duty to protect minor children under both Federal and California Law, Defendant NASSAR would have been investigated, sanctioned, and/or removed from Defendants USAG, USOC, and others, and never have been placed in solitary contact with the Plaintiff. Defendant USOC never adequately or reasonably enforced these policies, thus, the sexual abuse perpetrated by Defendant NASSAR on the Plaintiff, as well as hundreds of other minor girls, was a natural, probable and foreseeable outgrowth of Defendant USOC's dereliction of its duties. Defendant USOC willfully blinded itself and its officers, agents, employees, and servants, to ravages of sexual abuse that were rampant in amateur sports and in organizations for which it was responsible to supervise, including Defendant USAG.

22 16. In March of 2017, under the United States Senate Judiciary Committee's inquiry 23 into the failure of the Defendants USAG and USOC in protecting gymnasts from sexual assault, 24 specifically centered around Defendant NASSAR, the Defendant USOC's president publicly 25 admitted, "It he Olympic community failed the people it was supposed to protect."

26 17. Plaintiff is informed, and believes, and on that basis alleges that Defendant USOC 27 was aware, at the highest levels of its organization, that Defendant NASSAR had molested 28 Olympian and National Team level gymnasts who participated with Defendant USAG, an NGB

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under Defendant USOC's charter, while Defendant NASSAR was permitted to return to his medical practice at Michigan State University ("MSU") without MSU being warned, advised or otherwise contacted by Defendants USOC or USAG regarding Defendant USOC's knowledge of 3 NASSAR's sexual abuse of elite, minor gymnasts. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that 4 5 basis alleges that despite having actual knowledge of Defendant NASSAR's molestation of minor gymnasts as early as 2015, Defendant USOC concealed their involvement with Defendant USAG, 6 concealed its knowledge of Defendant NASSAR's sexual misconduct with minor children, and 7 8 ultimately, misdirected the United States Senate into believing that Defendant USOC had only 9 failed to protect minor gymnasts through lack of oversight. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and 10 on that basis alleges, that Defendant USOC knew that NASSAR had been removed from Defendant USAG for allegations of child molestation as early as 2015 (as it was Defendant 11 12 USOC's custom and practice to necessarily learn of reports of child molestation by a NGB 13 employee, like those made to Defendant USAG in 2015) given that Defendant USOC was 14 responsible for the supervision of Defendant USAG. Nonetheless, Defendant USOC had representatives present at the March 2017 Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing and concealed their 16 prior knowledge of Defendant NASSAR being a pedophile and sexual abuser; leaving the 17 Senators, those present, and the public with the false impression that Defendant USOC simply 18 failed to implement proper procedures to prevent abuse. During this hearing, and as early as 2015, 19 Defendants USOC, USAG and PENNY had knowledge that Defendant NASSAR had abused 20 young girls, and that he continued to sexually abuse young girls for over another year at MSU, 21 without notifying, informing, or otherwise communicating this knowledge to MSU.

22 18. Under California Penal Code § 11165.7, Defendant USOC is an organization 23 whose employees, agents, and/or servants are legally "mandated reporters", considering that 24 Defendant USOC is a youth recreational program and Defendant USOC's employees' duties 25 require direct contact and supervision of children.

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DEFENDANT, USA GYMNASTICS ("USAG")

27 19. USAG, at all times mentioned herein, was and is a business entity of form unknown, having its principal place of business in the State of Indiana. Plaintiff is informed and believes, 28

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and on that basis alleges that USAG was incorporated in the state of Texas and/or Anzona. Defendant USAG is the NGB for gymnastics in the United States, as designated and permitted by Defendant USOC under the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, and selects and trains the United States gymnastics teams for the Olympics and World Championships, promotes and develops gymnastics locally and nationally, and serves as a resource center for members, clubs, fans and gymnasts throughout the United States, USAG has more than 174,000 athletes and professional members, more than 148,000 athletes registered in competitive programs, as well as more than 25,000 professional, instructor and club members. Approximately 4,000 competitions and events throughout the United States are sanctioned annually by USAG. USAG was the primary entity 10 owning, operating and controlling the activities and behavior of its employee agents, including, but not limited to NASSAR. USAG is also the entity that selects gymnasts for the US National and Olympic Teams.

20. The bylaws of Defendant USAG, or similar bylaws previously enacted, were made in conformance and under the mandate of Defendant USOC, and were intentioned at protecting minor gymnasts, including ALY RAISMAN from the ravages of sexual abuse, molestation and harassment; a known, foreseeable and palpable risk posed to minor athletes in amateur sports. Nevertheless, despite these bylaws, rules, policies and procedures purportedly being in effect at Defendant USAG, Defendant USOC never ensured, audited or checked to confirm that these policies were effective and being implemented properly, adequately and in conformance with the standard of care. Had Defendant USOC upheld its duties under Federal Law (specifically, the Ted Stevens Act) in ensuring National Team members, including the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, were provided proper medical care and supervision, and that they were properly supervised at competitions and the National Training Center (the Karolyi Ranch in Huntsville, Texas), then the dozens of molestations suffered by ALY RAISMAN and numerous other gymnasts could have been avoided.

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DEFENDANT, STEPHEN "STEVE" PENNY

Defendant STEVE PENNY (hereinafter "PENNY") at all times mentioned herein 22. was and is an adult male individual, who Plaintiff is informed and believes lived in the State of Indiana during the period of time during which the sexual abuse and harassment alleged herein took place and is currently a citizen of the State of Indiana. Defendant PENNY was the President of Defendant USAG charged with the overall management and strategic planning for the organization. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that Defendant PENNY oversaw a wide-ranging, calculated concealment of numerous instances, complaints, and allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct among the participants and members of Delendant USAG. Through this conduct, Defendant PENNY's actions and inactions enabled and ratified the sexual abuse by Defendant NASSAR against Plaintiff and other participants and members of Defendant USAG and fucled the ongoing concealment of abuse at Defendant USAG, making it more unlikely for victims (such as the Plaintiff) to obtain much needed medical and/or psychological treatment. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant PENNY served as President of Defendant USAG from in or around 2005 to 2017. At all times herein alleged, Defendant PENNY was an employee, agent, and/or scrvant of Defendant USAG, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision.

DEFENDANT, PAUL PARILLA

23. Defendant PAUL PARILLA (hereinafter "PARILLA") at all times mentioned 22 herein was and is an adult male individual, who Plaintiff is informed and believes lived in the State 23 of California, County of Orange, during the period of time during which the sexual abuse and 24 harassment of ALY RAISMAN by NASSAR alleged herein took place and is currently a citizen of the State of California. Defendant PARILLA was a board member of USAG from in or around 25 26 1999 to 2018, and was Chairman of the USAG board from approximately 2015 to in or around January of 2018. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that Defendant 27 PARILLA oversaw a wide-ranging, calculated concealment of numerous instances, complaints, 28

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and allegations of sexual abuse and misconduct among the participants and members of Defendant USAG. Through this conduct, Defendant PARILLA's actions and inactions enabled and ratified the sexual abuse by Defendant NASSAR against Plaintiff and other participants and members of Defendant USAG and fueled the ongoing concealment of abuse at Defendant USAG, making it more unlikely for victims (such as the Plaintiff) to obtain much needed medical and/or psychological treatment. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant PARILLA served as Chairman of the Board from 2015 to present. At all times herein alleged, Defendant PARILLA was an employee, agent, and/or servant of Defendant USAG, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision.

DEFENDANT, LARRY NASSAR

24. Defendant NASSAR, the Perpetrator, at all times mentioned herein was and is an adult male individual, who lived in the State of Michigan during the period of time during which the sexual abuse, harassment, and molestation of the Plaintiff alleged herein took place and is currently a citizen of the State of Michigan. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the NASSAR was accepted onto the staff of USAG as a trainer in 1986 and then as the National Medical Director and the National Team Physician for the women's gymnastics team in 1996. NASSAR was also responsible for coordinating the care for USAG and for participants and members at every national and international competition, and would routinely travel to National and International competitions. NASSAR continued to function in this capacity at USAG until in or around the middle of 2015. Moreover, it is upon information and belief, that as the National Team Doctor for USAG, which was chartered via Defendant USOC, NASSAR was the individual responsible for maintaining USAG's compliance with the medical requirements, policies and procedures set forth by Defendant USOC. Nevertheless, Defendant USOC failed to provide supervision, oversight, and any meaningful inhibition to limit NASSAR's access to minor children. Defendant NASSAR was retained by Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 as an Osteopathic Physician and certified athletic trainer to provide care, treatment, and athletic training to the Defendants USAG and USOC, and its participants, many of which were minors while in his care. It was through this position of trust and confidence, that Defendant NASSAR exploited ALY

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RAISMAN, in perpetrating his sexual abuse and harassment upon her. All of the sexually abusive and harassing conduct alleged herein was done for Defendant NASSAR's sexual gratification and was based upon the gender of ALY RAISMAN.

It is on information and reasonable belief that NASSAR, using his apparent 25. authority and position within Defendant USAG and USOC over the minor participants in his charge, that Defendant NASSAR sexually abused and harassed multiple other members of the United States Women's Olympic Gymnastics Team and National teams, over the nearly 30 years in which Defendant NASSAR has been affiliated with Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500.

At all times herein alleged, NASSAR was an employee, agent, and/or servant of 26. USAG, Defendant USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision.

In the event DOE 1 be prosecuted and convicted of a felony for the conducted 27. alleged herein, the Plaintiff requests leave to amend the instant Complaint, such that a request for attorneys' fees can be made against DOE 1 pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.4.

DEFENDANTS, DOE 1 THROUGH 500

28. Defendants DOES 1 through 500, inclusive, and each of them, are sued herein under said fictitious names. Plaintiff is ignorant as to the true names and capacities of DOES 1 through 500, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, and therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. When their true names and capacities are ascertained, Plaintiff will request leave of Court to amend this Complaint to state their true names and capacities herein.

23 29. Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 24 500, inclusive, are sometimes collectively referred to herein as "Defendants" and/or as "All 25 Defendants"; such collective reference refers to all specifically named Defendants as well as those 26 fictitiously named herein.

Plaintiff is informed and believe, and on that basis, allege that at all times 30. mentioned herein, each Defendant was responsible in some manner or capacity for the occurrences

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herein alleged, and that Plaintiff's damages, as herein alleged, were proximately caused by all said Defendants.

31. At all times mentioned herein, each and every Defendant NASSAR was an employee, agent, and/or servant of USAG, Defendant USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, inclusive, and/or was under their complete control and/or active supervision. Defendants and each of them are individuals, corporations, partnerships and/or other entities that engaged in, joined in, and conspired with other Defendants and wrongdoers in carrying out the tortuous and unlawful activities described in this Complaint.

32. Plaintiff is informed and believe, and on that basis, allege that at all times mentioned herein, there existed a unity of interest and ownership among Defeudants and each of them such that any individuality and separateness between Defendants, and each of them, ceased to exist. Defendants and each of them were the successors-in-interest and/or alter egos of the other Defendants, and each of them, in that they purchased, controlled, dominated and operated each other without any separate identity, observation of formalities, or other manner of division. To continue maintaining the facade of a separate and individual existence between and among Defendants, and each of them, would serve to perpetrate a fraud and injustice.

^{33.} Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis, alleges that at all times mentioned herein, Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were the agents, representatives and/or employees of each and other. In doing the things hereinafter alleged, Defendants and each of them were acting within the course and scope of said alternative personality, capacity, identity, agency, representation and/or employment and were within the scope of their authority, whether actual or apparent.

^{34.} Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that at all times mentioned herein, Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were the trustees, partners, servants, joint venturers, shareholders, contractors, and/or employees of each other, and the acts and omissions herein alleged were done by them, acting individually, through such capacity and within the scope of their authority, and with the permission

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and consent of each and every other Defendant and that said conduct was thereafter ratified by each and every other Defendant, and that each of them is jointly and severally liable to Plaintiff. <u>SEXUAL ABUSE OF ALY RAISMAN AND RESULTING LIFELONG DAMAGES</u>

35. By his position within the Defendants' institutions, Defendants and NASSAR demanded and required that Plaintiff respect Defendant NASSAR, in his position as team physician for USAG, authorized by USOC.

36. NASSAR did sexually abuse, harass and molest the ALY RAISMAN, who was a minor child at the time of the acts at-issue.

37. The sexual harassment and abuse of Plaintiff by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), outlined below, took place while Defendant the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was the team physician of Defendant USAG and under the control of Defendants USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500. Plaintiff was a participant and member of Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, while the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was serving as an agent and employee of Defendants in his capacity as team physician:

- a. In his capacity as a team physician with Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was given custody and supervision of minors, including Plaintiff. The Perpetrator (NASSAR) used this position to coerce children to concede to his sexual suggestions, using his authority and position of trust to exploit them physically, sexually, and emotionally;
- b. Plaintiff became a member and participant of USAG, and a part of the Junior-National Team for USAG in 2009. Plaintiff soon formed a relationship with the Perpetrator (NASSAR), USAG's team physician. At this time, in or around 2010, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) commenced the process of "grooming" Plaintiff for later physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Plaintiff is informed and believes the Perpetrator (NASSAR) would use the guise of care, athletic training, osteopally, and kinesiology to normalize intimate, inappropriate, and sexually abusive contact with Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes the Perpetrator (NASSAR) would enter the living quatters of the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and other gynnasts at the Karolyi Ranch, hotel rooms at meets, in training rooms, and at other locations, placing Plaintiff under the impression this inappropriate contact was part of treatment. During this period, Plaintiff was a patient under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) direct supervision and control.

c. Plaintiff is informed and believes the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) physical and sexual abuse of Plaintiff commenced after the grooming of Plaintiff began, and occurred dozens of times while the team was traveling and before and after competitive meets from in or around 2010 to 2012, and in or around 2015. Specifically, the Plaintiff was sexually abused by NASSAR in Texas at the Karolyi Ranch, in Santa Clara County in California, and at numerous locations around the country, as well as internationally in Australia, Japan, in the United Kingdom and in the Netherlands. During this period, Plaintiff was a participant, member, and patient under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) and Defendants' direct supervision and control.

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Using his position as team physician, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) would interact with Plaintiff under the guise of providing her care and treatments necessary for her to compete as a world-class, Olympic medal-winning gymnast. Under these circumstances, the Perpetrator (NASSAR) placed his bare hand on and near the Plaintiff's unclothed vagina and anus, on multiple occasions, in Plaintiff's assigned living quarters, without any supervision or a chaperone. Further, NASSAR, on numerous occasions, had an crection while performed the claimed medical treatment. Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) sexual abuse, molestation, and harassment of Plaintiff occurred on the premises of Defendants USAG, USOC, in hotels around the world, and various other locations including, but not limited to in living quarters, in training facilities, in gyrns.

Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that such conduct by 38. Defendant NASSAR was based upon Plaintiff's gender, and was done for Defendant NASSAR's sexual gratification. These actions upon ALY RAISMAN were performed by Defendant NASSAR without the free consent of Plaintiff, as ALY RAISMAN was a young child, and could therefore not give valid legal consent.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS BY PLAINTIFF

39. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff was a minor participant and member of Defendant USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500, and was under their complete control, dominion, and supervision. Defendant NASSAR worked for, was employed by, and an agent/servant of Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500 when NASSAR came into contact with ALY RAISMAN.

18 40. At all times material hereto, Defendant NASSAR was under the direct supervision, 19 management, agency and control of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 20 1 through 500, inclusive. Defendant NASSAR was the team physician of Defendant USAG and 21 for Team USA, under the dominion of Defendant USOC. While a team physician at Defendant 22 USAG, NASSAR's employment duties included coordinating the care for Defendant USAG at 23 every national and international competition, providing individual care and providing for the 24 physical needs and well-being of participants and members of Defendant USAG (and in accord 25 with Defendant USOC policies, procedures, and mandates), and care including but not limited to 26 osteopathic adjustments and kinesiology treatment to participants and members of Defendant USAG, which included ALY RAISMAN. ALY RAISMAN was a participant and member of Defendant USAG, and it is under these circumstances that ALY RAISMAN came to be under the

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direction and control of Defendant NASSAR, who used his position of authority and trust to molest and sexually abuse ALY RAISMAN.

As a member and participant of Defendant USAG and USOC while NASSAR was 41. a team physician, the ALY RAISMAN was under Defendant NASSAR's direct supervision, control and care, which created a special, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between ALY RAISMAN, her parents, and Defendant NASSAR. Because of such relationship, Defendant NASSAR owed Plaintiff a special duty of carc. Additionally, as the employers and supervisors of NASSAR, with knowledge that he was in contact with and providing care to children, Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were also in a special, confidential, 10 and fiduciary relationship with Plaintiff, owing her a duty of care.

By assigning Defendant NASSAR as team physician of Defendant USAG under 42. the mandated and control of Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500, Defendant USOC represented to the community and participants and members of Defendant USAG that NASSAR was safe, trustworthy, and of high moral and ethical repute, such that parents of participants and members need not worry about having NASSAR interact with, and provide carc to their minor children. Defendants did so in order to preserve their own public image and reputation, so they could retain past participants and members and recruit new participants and members, thus allowing donations and other financial support to continue flowing into their coffers for financial gain.

20 Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis, alleges that Defendants USAG, 43. USOC and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known that Defendant NASSAR had 21 22 engaged in unlawful sexually-related conduct in the past, and/or was continuing to engage in such conduct. Defendants had a duty to disclose these facts to ALY RAISMAN and her parents, but 23 negligently and/or intentionally suppressed, concealed or failed to disclose this information. The 24 25 duty to disclose this information arose by the special, trusting, confidential, fiduciary relationship 26 between Defendants and Plaintiff.

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Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis, alleges that Defendants knew 44. or should have known that sexually abusive staff, such as Defendant NASSAR, were violating

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Defendants USOC and USAG policies, without enforcement or abatement, and were continually allowed to be in contact with minor children, such as ALY RAISMAN. As early as 1999, Defendant USOC was placed on notice by former Defendant USAG president Bob Colarossi, who wrote a letter to the USOC, explaining that the safety procedures and policies that USOC required USAG to follow, were part of a "...fundamentally flawed process..." and that at USOC there was an "...apparent indifference to the welfare of young children manifest in the Committee's actions." See Exhibit A as the Letter from Robert Colarossi to USOC. It was not until 11 years later, that Defendant USOC created the SafeSport program and issued a handbook detailing specific procedures for preventing sexual abuse of minors, and access to minors by sexual abusers. Despite instituting this handbook and program, Defendant USOC maintained its course and culture of ignoring abuse, ignoring its internal policies and procedures, and placing minors in the way of danger.

45. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges Defendants knew of, or should have known of, Defendants NASSAR's propensity and disposition to engage in sexual misconduct with minors before he sexually abused and molested ALY RAISMAN, and knew of the probability that NASSAR would molest minors with whom he came into contact, such as ALY RAISMAN.

46. Defendant failed to implement reasonable safeguards to avoid acts of unlawful sexual conduct by Defendant NASSAR in the future, including avoiding placement of Defendant NASSAR in a position where contact and interaction with children is an inherent function. Defendants ignored and suppressed the past sexual misconduct Defendant NASSAR had engaged in, and concealed that information from ALY RAISMAN and her family.

47. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendants were apprised, knew or should have known of and/or were put on notice of Defendant NASSAR's past sexual abuse of children, past claims and/or investigations, and his propensity and disposition to engage in such unlawful activity and unlawful sexual activity with minor participants and members such that Defendants knew or should have known that Defendant NASSAR would commit wrongful sexual acts with participants and members, including ALY RAISMAN. Plaintiff is

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informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that personnel and/or employment records and other records of Defendants' reflect numerous incidents of inappropriate sexual contact and conduct with minor participants and members by Defendant NASSAR and other professionals, employees, assistants, agents, supervisors and others, including incidents occurring both on and off the physical premises of such Defendants and at national and international meets. Based on these records, Defendants knew and/or should have known of Defendant NASSAR's history of sexual abuse, past claims and/or past investigations, and his propensity and disposition to engage in unlawful activity and unlawful sexual activity with participants and members such that Defendants knew or should have known that Defendant NASSAR would commit wrongful sexual acts with those minor participants and members, including ALY RAISMAN.

48. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Defendant NASSAR was repeatedly informally censured, disciplined and/or reprimanded by Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, for taking an inordinate number of photographs of young girls, who were gymnasts. This conduct by Defendant NASSAR was in direct contravention of his duties set forth by the Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and was not communicated to the Plaintiff or her family. This conduct was not further investigated, was not reported to law enforcement or child welfare authorities, and was never communicated to the Plaintiff, her parents or other gymnasts, in direct violation of Defendant USAG's mandate under the Defendant USOC's policies, procedures and rules. Subsequent to NASSAR's initial arrest in 2016, thousands of images of child pornography were located by Federal law enforcement on his electronic devices, and Defendant NASSAR pleaded guilty to such possession of child pornography in July of 2017. Had Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 effectively implemented their safety policies and procedures, damage to the Plaintiff could have been minimized and NASSAR's conduct could have been stopped carlier, but it was not.

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Because of the relationship between Plaintiff and Defendants, Defendants had an 49. obligation and duty under the law not to hide material facts and information about NASSAR's past, and his deviant sexual behavior and propensities. Additionally, Defendants had an affirmative

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duty to inform, warn, and institute appropriate protective measures to safeguard minors who were reasonably likely to come in contact with Defendant NASSAR, including Λ LY RAISMAN at the time. Defendants willfully refused to notify, give adequate warning and implement appropriate safeguards, thereby creating the peril that ultimately damaged Λ LY RAISMAN.

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MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI 19100 Von Kriman Ave. Suite 800 1/2/ine. California 92612 Telanhoner 1040) 757-9000 50. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that prior to ALY RAISMAN's sexual abuse by Defendant NASSAR, Defendants engaged in a pattern and practice of employing sexual abusers. Defendants concealed these facts from participants and members, their parents, the Plaintiff's community, the gymnastics community, the public at large, other NGB's, the United States government, various local governments, and law enforcement agencies.
51. As is set forth herein, Defendants and each of them have failed to uphold numerous

mandatory duties required of them by state and federal law, as well as their own internal written policies and procedures, including:

- Duty to use reasonable care to protect participants and members from known or foreseeable dangers
- Duty to inform the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and her parents of the known risks to the health and well-being of their daughter while in Defendant's USAG and/or USOC sponsored, authorized, and supervised programs, events and trainings;
- Duty to cnact policies and procedures that are not in contravention of the Federal Civil Rights Act, section 1983 and the 14th amendment of the United States Constitution;
- Duty to protect participants and members and staff, and provide adequate supervision;
- Duty to ensure that any direction given to participants and members is lawful, and that adults act fairly, responsible and respectfully towards participants and members;
- Duty to properly train staff so that they are aware of their individual responsibility for creating and maintaining a safe environment;
- Duty to review the criminal history of applicants and current employees;
- Duty to provide diligent supervision over minors;
- Duty to act promptly and diligently and not ignore or minimize problems.
- Duty to report suspected incidents of child abuse and more specifically childhood sexual abuse (*Penal Code* sections 11166, 11167).
- Duty to provide adequate and safe medical care pursuant to 36 U.S.C. §§220525(b)(4)(E).



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52. Defendants and each of them had and have a duty to protect participants and members, including ALY RAISMAN. Defendants were required to, and failed, to provide adequate supervision, and failed to be properly vigilant in seeing that supervision was sufficient at Defendants USAG and USOC to ensure the safety of ALY RAISMAN and others.

Despite having a duty to do so, Defendants failed to adequately train and supervise 53. all staff to create a positive and safe environment, specifically including training to perceive, report and stop inappropriate sexual conduct by other members of the staff, specifically including NASSAR with children.

54. Defendants failed to enforce their own rules and regulations designed to protect the health and safety of the participants and members. Further, they failed to adopt and implement safety measures, policies and procedures designed to protect minor children such as Plaintiff's child from the sexually exploitive and abusive acts of their agents and employees such as NASSAR.

55. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that as part of Defendants' conspiratorial and fraudulent attempt to hide NASSAR's propensity to sexually abuse children, and prior sexual misconduct with children, from public scrutiny and criminal investigation, Defendants implemented various measures designed to make NASSAR's conduct harder to detect and ensure minors with whom he came into contact, such as ALY RAISMAN, would be sexually abused, including:

> Permitting NASSAR to remain in a position of authority and trust after Defendants knew or should have known that he was a molester of children;

Placing NASSAR in a separate and secluded environment, at USAG and USOC b. authorized camps and events, including assigning him unfettered access and control over minor participants and members that included individual and private examinations, private osteopathic adjustments without a chaperone, and allowing NASSAR to physically and sexually interact with the children, including ALY RAISMAN;

Failing to disclose NASSAR's prior record of misconduct, sexual abuse, c. harassment and molestation and his propensity to commit such acts towards participants and members in USAG's and USOC's program, the public at large, and law enforcement;

Allowing NASSAR's unsupervised and un-controlled access to minors including d. ALY RAISMAN:

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	1	e .	Holding out NASSAR to ALY RAISMAN, other participants and members of USAG and USOC, and the public at large as a trustworthy and honest person of high ethical and moral repute who was capable and worthy of being granted unsupervised access to the children of USAG;	
	3	f.	Failing to investigate or otherwise confirm or deny such facts about NASSAR including prior arcests, charges, claims and investigations for sexual abuse;	
	4	g.	Failing to inform or concealing from Plaintiff and law enforcement officials the	
	5	G.	fact that ALY RAISMAN and others were or may have been sexually abused,	
	6		NASSAR may have sexually abused ALY RAISMAN or others, thereby enabling ALY RAISMAN to continue to be endangered and sexually abused, harassed,	
	7 I 8		molested, and/or creating the circumstance where ALY RAISMAN and others were less likely to receive proper medical treatment, thus exacerbating the harm to ALY RAISMAN;	
	9	h.	Holding out NASSAR to Plaintiff and to the community as being in good standing and trustworthy;	
	10] 11	i.	Cloaking NASSAR's prior sexual misconduct with children within the facade of	
101 ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° °	12		normalcy, thereby disguising the nature of his sexual abuse and contact with minors;	
A FINAL vc Suite ia 92612	13	ĵ.	Failing to take reasonable steps and to implement reasonable safeguards to avoid acts of unlawful sexual conduct by NASSAR such as avoiding placement of	
EWAR1 arman A Califern	141		NASSAR in functions or environments in which his solitary contact with children was inherent;	
VLY, STE 0 Vor Kar Irvine Ca	15 16	k.	Failing to put in place a system or procedure to supervise or monitor physicians, athletic trainers, and agents to insure they do not molest or abuse minors in Defendants' care.	
N W N 01	17	ł.	Failing to investigate Nassar's hackground adequately.	
	18 191	m.	Allowing NASSAR to practice medicine without a Texas medical license at the National Training Center.	
	20 21	n.	Failing to implement any reasonable, meaningful, or adequate supervision policies, practices or procedures at the National Training Center, which would have prevented NASSAR solitary access to minors, including the Plaintiff.	
	22	56.	By his position within the Defendants' institutions, NASSAR attained a position of	
	23	influence over	ALY RAISMAN, her parents, and others. Defendants' conduct created a situation	
	24	of peril that was not, and could not be appreciated by ALY RAISMAN. By virtue of Defendants'		
	25	conspiratorial and fraudulent conduct, and in keeping with their intent to fail to disclose and hide		
	26	NASSAR's pa	ist and present conduct from the community, the public at large and law enforcement.	
	27	Defendants all	lowed NASSAR to remain in a position of influence where his unsupervised or	
	28	negligently sup	pervised conduct with minor participants and members made the molestation and	
			participants and members possible.	
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57. During the period ALY RAISMAN was being sexually abused and harassed by NASSAR, Defendants had the authority and ability to prevent such abuse by removing Defendant NASSAR from his position as team physician at Team USA, USAG and in his status with the USOC. They failed to do so, allowing the abuse to occur and to continue unabated. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that this failure was a part of Defendants' conspiratorial plan and arrangement to conceal NASSAR's wrongful acts, to avoid and inhibit detection, to block public disclosure, to avoid scandal, to avoid the disclosure of their tolerance of child sexual molestation and abuse, to preserve a false appearance of propriety, and to avoid investigation and action by public authority including law enforcement. Such actions were motivated by a desire to protect the reputation of Defendants and proteet the monetary support of Defendants, while fostering an environment where such abuse could continue to occur.

58. As a direct result of the sexual harassment and abuse that ALY RAISMAN suffered from Defendant NASSAR, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failing to inform the ALY RAISMAN (or her parents) of the danger posed to her by NASSAR, Plaintiff has had difficulty in meaningfully interacting with others, including those in positions of authority over Plaintiff including physicians, athletic supervisors, athletic trainers, as well as their servants and agents. Plaintiff has been limited in her ability to meaningfully interact with others due to the trauma of childhood sexual abuse, and the upset of having known that they could have prevented such, had Defendants conveyed the appropriate information. This inability to interact creates conflict with Plaintiff's values of trust and confidence in others, and has caused Plaintiff substantial emotional distress, anxiety, nervousness and fear. As a direct result of this conduct, Plaintiff suffered immensely, including, but not limited to, encountering issues with a lack of trust, various negative psychological and emotional sequelae, depressive symptoms, anxiety, and nervousness. Having been one of the most famous gymnasts in United States (and World) history, ALY RAISMAN lost millions of dollars in economic damages, as a result of her sexual abuse at the hands of NASSAR, and continues to suffer from such loss.

27 59. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' tortious acts, omissions, wrongful
28 conduct and breaches of their duties, Plaintiff's employment and professional development has

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been adversely affected. Plaintiff has lost wages, endorsements, and many financial opportunities and will continue to lose wages in an amount to be determined at trial. Plaintiff has suffered substantial economic injury, all to Plaintiff's general, special and consequential damage in an amount to be proven at trial, but in no event less than the minimum jurisdictional amount of this Court.

As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful actions, as herein 60. alleged. Plaintiff has been hurt in their health, strength and activity. Plaintiff has sustained permanent and continuing injury to their nervous system and person, which has caused and continues to cause great mental, physical and nervous pain, suffering, fright, upset, grief, worry and shock in an amount according to proof at trial but in no event less than the jurisdictional minimum requirements of this Court.

In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants 12 61. 13 USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as 14 15 to constitute malice and/or oppression under California Civil Code section 3294. Plaintiff is 16 informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that specifically, the Defendants acted in concert, 17 and under their authority as child care providers, with reckless disregard for the concern of the 18 minor participants in its charge, in order to further financially benefit their respective business' 19 growth. The Defendants acted intentionally in creating an environment that harbored molesters, 20 put the vulnerable minor participants at-risk of harm, ignored clear warning signs and their duties 2.1 to report sexual abusers and molesters in their ranks, to maintain a facade of normalcy, in order to maintain its funding and provide further financial growth of Defendants USAG, USOC, and 22 23 PENNY and PARILLA, individually, on the international level. The safety of the minor 24 participants that were entrusted to Defendant USAG and represented as being protected through Defendant USOC, was compromised due to Defendants desire to maintain the status quo of the 26 Defendants USAG and USOC organizations, and avoid any public scrutiny for its misconduct. 27 Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis alleges, that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of the

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Defendants. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to recover punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION SEXUAL HARASSMENT: CIVIL CODE § 51.9 (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USAG, USOC, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500)

62. The Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

63. During the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's time as a minor gymnast under the care, control and/or mandate of Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500, NASSAR recklessly and wantonly made sexual advances, solicitations, requests, demands for sexual compliance of a hostile nature based on the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's gender that were unwelcome, pervasive and severe. NASSAR intentionally, recklessly and wantonly did acts which resulted in harmful and offensive contact with intimate parts of the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's person, including but not limited to NASSAR using the authority and trust inherent in his position as an Olympic Doctor to exploit her physically, psychologically and emotionally. These acts were done for NASSAR's sexual gratification; all while NASSAR was acting in the course and scope of his agency/employment with Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500.

64. The incidents of abuse outlined herein above took place while the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was under the care of NASSAR, in his capacity and position as an Olympic Doctor, while acting specifically on behalf of Defendants USOC, and DOES 1 through 500.

65. Because of the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's young age, nature of her competitive sport, and relationship with NASSAR as a gymnast at Defendant USAG (under the control and authority of Defendants USOC and USAG), the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was unable to easily terminate her doctor-patient relationship with NASSAR.

66. Because of NASSAR's position of authority over Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, and the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's mental and emotional state, and her young age under the age of consent, Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN was unable to, and did not give meaningful consent to such acts.

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67. Even though Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known of these activities by NASSAR, Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 did nothing to investigate, supervise or monitor NASSAR to ensure the safety of Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN. Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500 ratified the sexual misconduct of NASSAR by retaining him in employment after discovering, or ignoring the facts that would have led them to discover, his misconduct.

68. Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct was a breach of their duties to the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN.

69. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; have suffered and continue to suffer and were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and carning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

70. In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500, acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and/or oppression under California *Civil Code* section 3294. Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis alleges, that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of the Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500. Plaintiff is therefore entitled, to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500.

<u>SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION</u> MASHA'S LAW (18 <u>U.S.C.</u> §§2255, 2423(b), 2423(c)) (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USAG, USOC, NASSAR and DOES 1. <u>through 500)</u>

71. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

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72. Under 18 U.S.C. §§2255, the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN has a private right of action against NASSAR, and any defendants who are vicariously and/or strictly responsible for NASSAR while abroad perpetrating his sexual assaults against ALY RAISMAN, including Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500. See Doe v. Celebrity Cruises, Inc. (11th Cir. 2004) 394 F.3d 891, 894.

73. Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN is a victim of the federal crime codified as 18 U.S.C. §2423(b), which was perpetrated by NASSAR and provides, "[a] person who travels in interstate commerce or travels into the United States, or a United States citizen ... who travels in foreign commerce, for the purpose of engaging in any illicit sexual conduct with another person shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 30 years, or both."

74. Furthermore, Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN is a victim of the federal crime codified as 18 U.S.C. §2423(c), which was perpetrated by NASSAR and provides, "[a]ny United States citizen ... who travels in foreign commerce or resides, either temporarily or permanently, in a foreign country, and engages in any illicit sexual conduct with another person shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 30 years, or both."

75. As alleged herein, Defendant NASSAR travelled with ALY RAISMAN to Europe, Australia, Japan, and across state lines, wherein he sexually harassed, abused, and molested her, when she was under the age of 18 years old and as previously stated herein. Defendant NASSAR travelled with ALY RAISMAN for the sole purpose of engaging in this elicit sexual conduct with her.

76. As a result of the above-described conduct, the Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings and earning capacity, and have incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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77. In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500, acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and/or oppression under California *Civil Code* section 3294. Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis alleges, that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of the Defendants USAG, USOC and DOES 1 through 500. Plaintiff is therefore entitled, upon proper application to the court, to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, NASSAR, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

78. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

79. Defendants USAG, USOC, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct toward Plaintiff, as described herein, was outrageous and extreme.

80. A reasonable person would not expect or tolerate Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 putting NASSAR in positions of authority at Defendants USAG, USOC, or DOES 1 through 500, which enabled NASSAR to have access to minors including Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, so that he could commit wrongful sexual acts with her, including the conduct described herein above. Plaintiff had great trust, faith and confidence in in Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, which, by virtue of NASSAR and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's wrongful conduct, turned to fear.

81. Moreover, by failing to report NASSAR or honor any of their legal reporting obligations and by failing to promptly notify the parents of Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN of the abuse of their daughter, Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500 knew that Plaintiff would be directly harmed. Under the holding in *Phyllis P*. case, a special relationship and a duty to notify the parents of Plaintiff was stated. Such duty being independent of any duty Defendants USOC, USAG,

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PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed to Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and is a direct duty owed to the Plaintiff's parents and was thereby created with Plaintiff's parents, whereby Plaintiff's parents are intended or direct victims of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failures and can recover for any emotional distress proximately caused thereby. Specifically, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had knowledge of NASSAR's dangerous propensities to sexually abuse children, yet concealed and failed to disclose to Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN this information.

82. A reasonable person would not expect or tolerate Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 to be incapable of supervising and preventing employees of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, including NASSAR, from committing wrongful sexual acts with minor gymnasts including Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, or to properly supervise NASSAR to prevent such abuse from occurring, or to promptly notify parents or authorities.

83. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct described herein was intentional and malicious and done for the purpose of causing, or with the substantial certainty that it would cause Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN and her parents, to suffer humiliation, mental anguish and emotional and physical distress.

18 84. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer 19 great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional 20 distress, embatrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; 21 have suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from 22 performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings 23 and earning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and 24 psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

85. In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants
USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, NASSAR and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and
maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, and in conscious disregard of
Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and oppression under California *Civil Code* section

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3294. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1

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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES (BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE §17200) (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

86. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

87. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis,, alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 have engaged in unlawful, unfair and/or deceptive business practices including allowing NASSAR to engage in repeated harassment of participants and members, including Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, and failing to take all reasonable steps to prevent harassment and abuse from occurring. The unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices also included failing to adequately investigate, vet, and evaluate individuals for employment with Defondants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, refusing to design, implement, and oversee policies regarding sexual harassment and abuse of children in a reasonable manner that is customary in similar educational environments. Plaintiff is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 have engaged in unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices including and or that basis alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 have engaged in unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices including concealing sexual harassment, abuse and/or molestation claims by participants and members, such as Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, so as to retain other participants and members within Defendants USAG, who were not apprised of such illicit sexual misconduct by NASSAR.

88. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that Defendants USOC USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 engaged in a common scheme, arrangement or plan to actively conceal allegations against sexual abusers who were employees, agents, members, and/or participants at Defendants USAG, USOC, and DOES 1 through 500, such that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 could maintain their public image, and avoid detection of such abuse and abusers. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 actively concealed

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these allegations, such that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 would be insulated from public scrutiny, governmental oversight, and/or investigation from various law enforcement agencies, all done in order to maintain the false sense of safety for participants and their families and to perpetuate the program financially.

By engaging in unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices, Defendants 89. USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARJLLA, and DOES 1 through 500 benefitted financially to the detriment of its competitors, who had to comply with the law.

90 Unless restrained, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 will continue to engage in the unfair acts and business practices described above, resulting in great and irreparable harm to Plaintiff and/or other similarly situated participants and members.

91. Plaintiff seeks restitution for all amounts improperly obtained by Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 through the use of the abovementioned unlawful business practices, as well as the disgorgement of all ill-gotten gains and restitution on behalf of Plaintiff and all other similarly situated participants and members who were also subjected to Defendant's illegal and unfair business practices.

17 92. Pursuant to section 17203 of the California Business and Professions Code and available equitable powers, Plaintiff is entitled to a preliminary and permanent injunction, 19 enjoining Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 from continuing the unlawful and 20 unfair business practices described above. Further, Plaintiff seeks the appointment of a court monitor to enforce its orders regarding client safety. In addition, Plaintiff is entitled to recover 22 reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code and section 1021.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation 93. contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

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94. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, as childcare custodians representing that they would keep Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN safe, were in a fiduciary relationship with Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN, owing her a special duty of due care. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 are mandated reporters, or organizations required to comply with Mandated Reporting laws, with respect to claims of child abuse and child safety.

95. Moreover, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN a statutory, common law and constitutional duty to protect her and guarantee her safety while in their custody, care, and control.

96. The Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 also owed a special duty to ALY RAISMAN's parents. As direct victime for failure to notify of abuse of their minor child (*See Phyllis P. v. Claremont Unified School District*, 183 Cal. App. 3d at 1193) which held that a school district had a special relationship with a parent because the parent was the "teal and foresecable" victim of the defendants' negligent conduct. Direct victims may bring claims where there was a negligent breach of a duty arising out of a preexisting relationship. Any breach committed by the Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 violates this special relationship and duty owed to Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN's parents.

97. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their fiduciary duty by failing to properly supervise NASSAR and take appropriate steps to prevent the lewd and lascivious conduct perpetrated by NASSAR against ALY RAISMAN. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 also failed to report NASSAR pursuant to USOC and USAG policy. Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 also failed to implement or follow appropriate policies and procedure sto protect minors, including ALY RAISMAN. In addition, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failed to report NASSAR's abuse or promptly notify ALY RAISMAN's parents.

98. The employees, servants, agents, volunteers or other representatives of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, respectively, willfully and

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intentionally ignored behavior in NASSAR and complaints against NASSAR that they should have reported due to their responsibility as mandated reporters.

As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer 99. great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and were prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

In subjecting Plaintiff to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants 100. USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and oppression under California Civil Code section 3294. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to the recovery of punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, in a sum to be shown according to proof.

CAUSE OF ACTION

STRUCTI **VE FRAUD** (Plointiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

101. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

21 By holding NASSAR out as an agent of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, 102. 22 PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and by allowing him to undertake the physical care and 23 athletic training of minor children such as ALY RAISMAN, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 entered into a confidential, fiduciary, and special relationship 25 with Plaintiff. 26

By holding themselves out as professional organizations for woman's gymnastics, 103. 27 undertaking to select and train national gymnastics teams, enforcing policies, rules, and procedures 28 for gymnasts' safety and facilitating competition both nationally and internationally of ALY

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RAISMAN and other minor team participants and members, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 entered into a confidential, fiduciary and special relationship with Plaintiff and other minor gymnasts (as well as their families).

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MANLY, STEWART & FINALDI 19101 Von Karman Ave., Suite 800 11vine, California 926.12 Telenhore 79491 35: 9900 104. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their confidential, fiduciary duty and special duties to Plaintiff by the wrongful and negligent conduct described above and incorporated into this cause of action, and in so doing, gained an advantage over Plaintiff in matters relating to Plaintiff's safety, security and health. In particular, in breaching such duties as alleged, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were able to sustain their status as institutions (or individuals) of high moral repute, and preserve their reputation, all at the expense of Plaintiff's further injury and in violation of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's mandatory duties.

105. By virtue of their confidential, fiductory and special relationship with Plaintiff. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to:

to: Investigate or otherwise confirm or deny such claims of sexual abuse; ۵. Reveal such facts to Plaintiff, the gymnastics community, the community at large, b. and law enforcement agencies; Refuse to place NASSAR and other molesters in positions of must and authority C. within Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500's institutions; d. Refuse to hold out NASSAR and other molesters to the public, the community, minors, patents and law enforcement agencies as being in good standing and, trustworthy in keeping with him and his position as a team physician and authority figure; Refuse to assign NASSAR and other molesters to positions of power within e. Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500 and over minors; and f. Disclose to Plaintiff, the public, the school community, minors, and law enforcement agencies the wrongful, tortious, and sexually exploitive acts that NASSAR had engaged in with children. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's breach 106. of their respective duties included: Not making reasonable investigations of NASSAR; a.

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b. Issuing no warnings about NASSAR;

c. Permitting NASSAR to routinely be alone with and in control of minors, unsupervised;

d. Not adopting a policy to prevent NASSAR from routinely having minors and participants and members in his unsupervised control;

- c. Making no reports of any allegations of NASSAR's abuse of participants and members, or of minors prior to or during his employment and/or agency at Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500; and
- f. Assigning and continuing to assign NASSAR to duties which placed him in positions of authority and trust over minors, positions in which NASSAR could easily isolate and sexually abuse minors.

107. At the time that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1

through 500 engaged in such suppression and concealment of acts, such acts were done for the purpose of causing Plaintiff to forbear on her rights.

108. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's misconduct did reasonably cause Plaintiff to forbear on her rights.

109. The misrepresentations, suppressions and concealment of facts by Defendants USOC, USAO, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were intended to and were likely to mislead Plaintiff and others to believe that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had no knowledge of any charges, claims or investigations against NASSAR, or that there were no other charges, claims or investigations of unlawful or sexual misconduct against NASSAR or others and that there was no need for them to take further action or precaution. 110. The misrepresentations, suppressions and concealment of facts by Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 was likely to mislead Plaintiff and others to believe that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 was likely to mislead Plaintiff and others to believe that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 was likely to mislead Plaintiff and others to believe that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 was likely to mislead Plaintiff and others to believe that Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had no knowledge of the fact that NASSAR was a molester, and was known to commit wrongful

sexual acts with minors, including with ALY RAISMAN.

111. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known at the time they suppressed and concealed the true facts regarding others' sexual molestations, that the resulting impressions were misleading.

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112. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 suppressed and concealed the true facts regarding NASSAR with the purpose of: preventing

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Plaintiff, and others, from learning that NASSAR and others had been and were continuing to sexually harass, molest and abuse minors and others under NASSAR's and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's control, direction, and guidance, with complete impunity; inducing people, including ALY RAISMAN and other benefactors and donors to participate and financially support Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500; USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's program and other enterprises of Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500; preventing further reports and outside investigations into NASSAR and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct: preventing discovery of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's own conduct, avoiding damage to the reputations of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500; protecting Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's power and status in the community and the gymnastics community; avoiding damage to the reputation of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, or Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's institutions; and avoiding the civil and criminal liability of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, of NASSAR, and of others.

17 113. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and
18 DOES 1 through 500, with knowledge of the tortious nature of their own and NASSAR's conduct,
19 knowingly conspired and gave each other substantial assistance to perpetrate the
20 misrepresentations, fraud and deceit alleged herein—covering up the past allegations of sexual
21 misconduct lodged against NASSAR, and allowing NASSAR to remain in his position as a team
22 physician so they could maintain their reputations and continue with their positions within the
23 organization.

114. The Plaintiff and others were misled by Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY,
PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's suppressions and concealment of facts, and in reliance
thereon, were induced to act or induced not to act, exactly as intended by Defendants USOC,
USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500. Specifically, Plaintiff were induced to
believe that there were no allegations of criminal or sexual abuse against NASSAR and that he

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was safe to be around children. Had Plaintiff known the true facts about NASSAR, they would have not participated further in activities of NASSAR, or continued to financially support Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500's activities. They would have reported the matters to the proper authorities, to other minor participants and members and their parents so as to prevent future recurrences; they would not have allowed children, including the Plaintiff, to be alone with, or have any relationship with NASSAR; they would not have allowed children, including the Plaintiff, to attend or be under the control of Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500; they would have undertaken their own investigations which would have led to discovery of the true facts; and they would have sought psychological counseling for the Plaintiff, 10 and for other children molested and abused by NASSAR.

By giving NASSAR the position of team physician, Defendants USOC, USAG, 115. PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 impliedly represented that NASSAR was safe and morally fit to give children care and provide osteopathic adjustments.

When Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 116. made these affirmative or implied representations and non-disclosures of material facts, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known that the facts were otherwise. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knowingly and intentionally suppressed the material facts that NASSAR had on numerous, prior occasions sexually, physically, and mentally abused minors and participants and members of Defendants USOC, USAG and DOES 1 through 500, including the Plaintiff, and knew of or learned of conduct, or should have known of conduct by NASSAR which placed Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES I through 500 on notice that NASSAR had previously been suspected or felonies, including unlawful sexual conduct with minors, and was likely abusing children.

24 Because of Plaintiff's position on the outside of these organizations, and because 117. of the status of NASSAR as a trusted, authority figure to Plaintiff and her family, ALY RAISMAN 25 was vulnerable to NASSAR and the representations of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, 26 PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, both express and implied. NASSAR sought the Plaintiff out,

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and was empowered by and accepted ALY RAISMAN's vulnerability. Plaintiff's vulnerability also prevented her from effectively protecting herself from the sexual advances of NASSAR.

118. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had the duty to obtain and disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

119. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 misrepresented, concealed or failed to disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

120. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew that they had misrepresented, concealed or failed to disclose information related to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

121. Plaintiff justifiably relied upon Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 for information relating to sexual misconduct of NASSAR.

122. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, in concert with each other and with the intent to conceal and defraud, conspired and came to a meeting of the minds whereby they would misrepresent, conceal or full to disclose information relating to the sexual misconduct of NAS3AR, the inability of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 to supervise or stop NASSAR from sexually harassing, molesting and abusing ALY RAISMAN, and their own failure to properly investigate, supervise and monitor his conduct with minor participants and members.

123. By so concealing, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 committed at least one act in furtherauce of the conspiracy.

124. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress including embartassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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125. In addition, when Plaintiff finally discovered the fraud of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced recurrences of the above-described injuries. Plaintiff experienced extreme and severe mental anguish and emotional distress that Plaintiff had been the victim of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's fraud; that Plaintiff had not been able to help other minors being molested because of the fraud, and that Plaintiff had not been able, because of the fraud, to receive timely medical treatment needed to deal with the problems Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer as a result of the sexual harassment, molestation and abuse of ALY RAISMAN.

126. In subjecting ALY RAISMAN to the wrongful treatment herein described, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 acted willfully and maliciously with the intent to harm Plaintiff, and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights, so as to constitute malice and/or oppression under California *Civil Code* section 3294. Plaintiff is informed, and on that basis, allege that these willful, malicious, and/or oppressive acts, as alleged herein above, were ratified by the officers, directors, and/or managing agents of these Defendants. Plaintiff is therefore entitled to recover punitive damages, in an amount to be determined by the court, against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY and DOES 1 through 500.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE

(Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

127. Plaintiff re alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

128. Prior to and after the first incident of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) sexual harassment, molestation and abuse of Plaintiff, through the present, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, knew and/or should have known that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had and was capable of sexually, physically, and mentally abusing and harassing Plaintiff or other victims.

129. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 and each of them had special duties to protect the minor Plaintiff and the other participants and

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inembers, when such minors were entrusted to Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's care by their parents. Plaintiff's care, welfare and physical custody was entrusted to Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 voluntarily accepted the entrusted care of Plaintiff. As such, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 o wed Plaintiff, a minor child, a special duty of care that adults dealing with children owe to protect them from harm. The duty to protect and warn arose from the special, trusting, confidential, and fiduciary relationship between Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 and Plaintiff.

130. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duties of care to the minor Plaintiff by allowing the Perpetrator (NASSAR) to come into contact with the minor Plaintiff and other participants and members, without supervision; by failing to adequately hire, supervise and retain the Perpetrator (NASSAR) whom they permitted and enabled to have access to Plaintiff; by concealing from Plaintiff, her family, and law enforcement that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was sexually harassing, molesting and abusing minors; and by holding the Perpetrator (NASSAR) out to Plaintiff and her family as being of high moral and ethical repute, in good standing and trustworthy.

131. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duties to Plaintiff by failing to investigate or otherwise confirm or deny such facts of sexual abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), failing to reveal such facts to Plaintiff, her parents, the community and law enforcement agencies, and by placing the Perpetrator (NASSAR) into a position of trust and authority, holding him out to Plaintiff, her parents, and the public as being in good standing and trustworthy.

132. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duty to Plaintiff by failing to adequately monitor and supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and failing to prevent the Perpetrator (NASSAR) from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors including Plaintiff. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's voluminous past records of sexual misconduct by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) caused Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 to know, or

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gave them information where they should have known, of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) incapacity to serve as a team physician, providing for the physical carc of minor females.

133. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to he prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION

(Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

134. Plaintiff rc-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

135. By virtue of Plaintiffs special relationship with Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's relation to the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to provide reasonable supervision of the Perpetrator (NASSAR), to use reasonable care in investigating the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) background, and to provide adequate warning to Plaintiff, Plaintiff's family, and minor participants and members of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) dangerous propensities and unfitness. As organizations and individuals responsible for, and entrusted with, the welfare of minor children, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had a duty to protect, supervise, and monitor both the Plaintiff from being preyed upon by sexual predators, and to supervise and monitor the Perpetrator (NASSAR) such that he would not be placed in seclusion with minor children, including the Plaintiff.

136. As representatives of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, where many of the participants and members thereof are vulnerable minors entrusted to these Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, these



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Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's agents expressly and implicitly represented that team physicians and staff, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), were not a sexual threat to children and others who would fall under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) influence, control, direction, and care.

137. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, by and through their respective agents, servants and employees, knew or should have known of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) dangerous and exploitive propensities and that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) was an unfit agent. Despite such knowledge, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 negligently failed to supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) in his position of trust and outhority as a team physician and authority figure over children, where he was able to commit wrongful acts of sexual misconduct against Plaintiff. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failed to provide reasonable supervision of the Perpetrator (NASSAR), failed to use reasonable care in investigating the Perpetrator (NASSAR), and failed to provide attequate warning to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's family of the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) dangerous propensities and unfitness. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 further failed to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of minora, including Plaintiff, from sexual hirassment, molestation, and abuse.

138. At no time during the periods of time alleged did Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 have in place a reasonable system or procedure to investigate, supervise and monitor the team physician or staff, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), to prevent pre-sexual grooming and sexual harassment, molestation and abuse of children, nor did they implement a system or procedure to oversee or monitor conduct toward minors and others in Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's care.

139. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were aware or should have been aware of how vulnerable children were to sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by teachers and other persons of authority within Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500's entities.

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Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 140. put on notice, knew and/or should have known that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had previously engaged and was continuing to engage in unlawful sexual conduct with minors, and had committed other felonies, for his own personal sexual gratification, and that it was foreseeable that he was engaging, or would engage in illicit sexual activities with Plaintiff, and others, under the cloak of the authority, confidence, and trust, bestowed upon him through Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500.

Detendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 141 placed on actual or constructive notice that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had molested other minors and participants and members during his employment with Defendants USOC and DOES 1 through 500 Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were informed of molestations of minors committed by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) prior to Plaintiff's sexual abuse, and of conduct by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) that would put a reasonable person on notice of such propensity to molest and abuse children.

Even though Defendants USOC, USAO, FENNY, PARILLA, and DOFS 1 through 142. 500 knew or should have known of these illicit sexual activities by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC. USAG. PENNY, PARILLA, and DOHS 1 through 500 did not reasonably investigate, supervise or monitor the Perpetrator (NASSAR) to ensure the safety of the minor participants and members.

143. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct was a breach of their duties to Plaintiff.

22 Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and 144. each of them, breached their duty to Plaintiff by, inter alia, by failing to adequately monitor and 24 supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and stop the Perpetrator (NASSAR) from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors including Plaintiff.

26 As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to 145 suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional 27 distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteetn, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of 28

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enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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146. Under applicable law, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, by and through their employees and agents, were child care custodians and were under a duty to report known or suspected incidents of sexual molestation or abuse of minors to a child protective agency, and not to impede the filing of any such report.

147. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known that their team physician, the Perpetrator (NASSAR), and other staff of Defendants USOC, USAG, and DOES 1 through 500, had sexually molested, abused or caused touching, battery, harm, and/or other injuries to minors, including Plaintiff, giving rise to a **duty** to report such conduct.

148. Defendants USOC, USAO, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 kncw. or should have known, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, that an undue risk to minors, including Plaintiff, existed because Defendants USOC, USAO, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 did not comply with California's mandatory reporting requirements.

149. By failing to report the continuing molestations and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), which Defendants USGC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 300 knew or should have known about, and by ignoring the fulfillment of the mandated compliance with the reporting requirements, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 created the risk and danger contemplated by the applicable mandated reporting laws, and as a result, unreasonably and wrongfully exposed Plaintiff and other minors to sexual molestation and abuse.

150. Plaintiff was a member of the class of persons for whose protection applicable mandated reporting laws were specifically adopted to protect.

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Had Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 151. adequately reported the molestation of Plaintiff and other minors as required by applicable mandated reporting laws, further harm to Plaintiff and other minors would have been avoided.

As a proximate result of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and 152. DOES 1 through 500's failure to follow the mandatory reporting requirements, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 wrongfully denied Plaintiff and other minors the intervention of child protection services. Such public agencies would have changed the then-existing arrangements and conditions that provided the access and opportunities for the molestation of Plaintiff by the Perpetrator (NASSAR).

The physical, mental, and emotional damages and injuries resulting from the sexual 153 molestation of Plaintiff by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), were the type of occurrence and injuries that the applicable mandated reporting laws were designed to prevent.

As a result, Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 1.54. 500's failure to comply with the mandatory reporting requirements constituted a per se breach of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's duties to Plaintiff.

Defendants USOC, USAG, MENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and 155 such of them, breached their duty to Plaintiff by, inter alin, by failing to adequately monitor and supervise the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and stop the Perpetrator (NASSAR) from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors including Plainriff.

20 As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to 1.56. 21 suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional 22 distress including embarracement, loss of self-esteeut, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of 23 enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be 24 prevented from performing dally activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life, will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for 25 medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

27 NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION **NEGLIGENT IIIRING/RETENTION** Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and 28 DOES 1 through 500)

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Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation 157. contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

By virtue of Plaintiff's special relationship with Defendants USOC, USAG, 158. PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's relation to the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to not hire or retain the Perpetrator (NASSAR), given his dangerous and exploitive propensities, which Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known about had they engaged in a reasonable, meaningful and adequate investigation of her background prior to her hiring or retaining her in subsequent positions of employment.

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 159. expressly and implicitly represented that the team staff, trainers, and team physicians, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), were not a sexual threat to children and others who would fall under the Perpetrator's (NASSAR) influence, control, direction, and guidance.

160. At no time during the periods of time alleged did Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 have in place a reasonable system or procedure to investigate, supervise and monitor team staff, trainers, and team physicians, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), to prevent pre-sexual grooming or sexual hurassment, molestation and abuse of children, nor did they implement a system or procedure to oversee or monitor conduct toward minors, participants and members and others in Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's care.

22 161. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 23 aware or should have been aware and understand how vulnerable children were to sexual 24 harassment, molestation and abuse by teachers and other persons of authority within the control of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 prior to Plaintiff's 26 sexual abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR).

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were 162. put on notice, and should have known that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had previously engaged and

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continued to engage in unlawful sexual conduct with minors and was committing other felonics, for his own personal gratification, and that it was, or should have known it would have been foreseeable that he was engaging, or would engage in illicit sexual activities with Plaintiff, and others, under the cloak of his authority, confidence, and trust, bestowed upon her through Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500.

163. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 were placed on actual or constructive notice that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) had molested or was molesting uninors and participants and members, both before his employment within Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, and during that employment Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 had knowledge of inappropriate conduct and molestations committed by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) before and during his employment, yet chose to allow him to remain unsupervised where she sexually abused Plaintiff.

164. Even though Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 knew or should have known of these sexually illicit activities by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 failed to use reasonable care in investigating the Perpetrator (NASSAR) and did nothing to reasonably investigate, supervise or monitor the Perpetrator (NASSAR) to ensure the safety of the minor participants and members.

165. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500's conduct was a breach of their duties to Plaintiff.

166. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO WARN, TRAIN, or EDUCATE (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500)

Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation 167. contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

168. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 owed Plaintiff a duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiff and other minor participants and members from the risk of childhood sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR) by properly warning, training or educating Plaintiff and other about how to avoid such a risk.

169. Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 breached their duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiff and other minor participants and members from the risk of childhood sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), such as the failure to properly warn, train or educate Plaintiff and other minor participants and members about how to avoid such a particular risk that the Perpetrator (NASSAR) posed—of sexual misconduct.

Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500 170. breached their duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiff and other minor participants and members from the risk of childhood sexual harassment, molestation and abuse by the Perpetrator (NASSAR), by failing to supervise and stop employees of Defendants USOC, USAG, PENNY, PARILLA, and DOES 1 through 500, including the Perpetrator (NASSAR), from committing wrongful sexual acts with minors, including Plaintiff.

22 171. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress including embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliations, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer and was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; will sustain loss of carnings and earning capacity, and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

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ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION SEXUAL BATTERY: Civil Code § 1708.5 (Plaintiff ALY RAISMAN Against DEFENDANT NASSAR)

172. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference herein each and every allegation contained herein above as though fully set forth and brought in this cause of action.

173. NASSAR, in doing the things herein alleged, including intending to subject Plaintiff to numerous instances of sexual abuse and harassment by NASSAR, during Plaintiff's time with USAG and USOC, beginning on or around 2010 to in or around 2012, and in or around 2015, including but not limited to instances of NASSAR groping and fondling the Plaintiff's vagina all while NASSAR acted in the course and scope of his agency/employment with Defendants, and each of them and were intended to cause harmful or offensive contact with Plaintiff's person, and did cause such harmful or offensive contact.

174. NASSAR did the aforementioned acts with the intent to cause a harmful or offensive contact with an intimate part of Plaintill's person, and would offend a reasonable sense of personal dignity. Further, said acts did cause a harmful or offensive contact with an intimate part of Plaintiff's person that would offend a reasonable sense of personal dignity.

175. Because of NASSAR's position of authority over Plaintiff, and Plaintiff's mental and emotional state, and Plaintiff's young age under the age of consent, Plaintiff was unable to, and did not, give meaningful consent to such acts.

176. As a direct, legal and proximate result of the acts of NASSAR, Plaintiff sustained serious and permanent injuries to her person, all of his damage in an amount to be shown according to proof and within the jurisdiction of the Court.

177. As a direct result of the sexual abuse by NASSAR, Plaintiff has difficulty in reasonably or meaningfully interacting with others, including those in positions of authority over Plaintiff including teachers, and supervisors, and in confidential, business, and familial relationships, due to the trauma of childhood sexual abuse inflicted upon her by NASSAR. This inability to interact creates conflict with Plaintiff's values of trust and confidence in others, and has caused Plaintiff substantial emotional distress, anxiety, nervousness and fear. As a direct result of the sexual abuse and harassment by NASSAR, Plaintiff suffered immensely, including, but not