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14 **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

16 POWAY WEAPONS & GEAR, INC. and
17 SGR VENTURES LLC (D/B/A
SACRAMENTO GUN RANGE),

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX
21 AND FEE ADMINISTRATION; TRISTA
GONZALES, in her official capacity as
22 Director of the California Department of Tax
and Fee Administration,

23 Defendants.

Case No.: 25CV018964

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION
TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE OF
ATHANASIA O. LIVAS; MEMORANDUM
IN SUPPORT; VERIFIED APPLICATION
OF ATHANASIA O. LIVAS;
DECLARATION OF ANNA M. BARVIR IN
SUPPORT**

Hearing Date: January 15, 2026
Hearing Time: 9:00 AM
Department: 54
Reservation ID: 355926778342

Complaint filed: August 11, 2025

1 TO THE HONORABLE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:
2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 15, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Department 54 of the
3 Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, located at Hall of Justice, 813 6th Street,
4 Room 212, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, California 95814, this Application of Athanasia O. Livas to
5 Appear Pro Hac Vice will be heard.

6 This application is supported by this Notice, the attached verified application of Athanasia
7 O. Livas, the attached declaration of Anna M. Barvir, and the Proposed Order on this Application.

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9 Dated: August 28, 2025

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13 Anna M. Barvir, SBN 268728
14 Attorneys for Plaintiffs
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1 **VERIFIED APPLICATION OF ATHANASIA O. LIVAS FOR PRO HAC VICE**
2 **ADMISSION TO APPEAR AS COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS**

3 I, Athanasia O. Livas, hereby petition the above-titled court for permission to appear and
4 participate in this case, and in support of petition state:

5 1. My residence address is 100 Lincoln Road, #1244, Miami Beach, Florida 33139.

6 2. My office address is Cooper & Kirk, PLLC, 1523 New Hampshire Avenue, NW,
7 Washington, DC 20036.

8 3. I was admitted to the State Bars of the State of Kentucky, Bar No. 99065, in 2020,
9 the District of Columbia, Bar No. 90011199, in 2023, and the State of Florida, Bar No. 1060744,
10 in 2024, and I am admitted to all courts of the State of Kentucky, Florida, and the District of
11 Columbia.

12 4. I was admitted, am a member in good standing of, and am eligible to practice
13 before the following federal courts on the following dates:

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U.S. District Court for the:	
District of Columbia	04/03/2023
District of Colorado	11/12/2024
U.S. Court of Appeals for the:	
Second Circuit	04/11/2024
Fifth Circuit	12/15/2022
Sixth Circuit	08/09/2024
Eighth Circuit	01/09/2023
Ninth Circuit	01/27/2023
D.C. Circuit	08/16/2023

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19 5. I am not currently suspended or disbarred in any court.

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26 6. I am not regularly engaged in the practice of law or other business in the State of
27 California.

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1 **DECLARATION OF ANNA M. BARVIR IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION OF**
2 **ATHANASIA O. LIVAS FOR PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION TO APPEAR AS COUNSEL**
3 **FOR PLAINTIFFS**

4 I, Anna M. Barvir, declare:

5 1. I am an attorney who is duly licensed to practice law before all courts of the State
6 of California. My firm, Michel & Associates, P.C., represents Plaintiffs Poway Weapons & Gear,
7 Inc., and SGR Ventures LLC (d/b/a Sacramento Gun Range), in the matter of *Poway Weapons &*
8 *Gear, Inc. v. California Department of Tax and Fee Administration*. I make this declaration in
9 support of the Application of attorney Athanasia O. Livas to appear pro hac vice in this matter. The
10 following facts are within my personal knowledge, and if called as a witness, I can and will
11 competently testify hereto.

12 2. Athanasia O. Livas and her firm Cooper & Kirk, PLLC, of Washington, D.C., have
13 been directing all of the substantive issues in the case and Plaintiffs seek to have them serve as trial
14 counsel for the matter.

15 3. I have reviewed and executed Athanasia O. Livas' application for admission pro hac
16 vice and am informed and believe that all the information contained therein is true and correct.

17 4. I am informed and believe that Athanasia O. Livas is a member of the State Bar of
18 Kentucky, to which she was admitted to practice in 2020, a member of the State Bar of Florida, to
19 which she was admitted to practice in 2024, and a member of the State Bar of the District of
20 Columbia, to which she was admitted to practice in 2023.

21 5. The declarant requests that this Court allow Athanasia O. Livas to appear as counsel
22 pro hac vice and to be associated as co-counsel in connection with the above-entitled case and to
23 participate in all aspects thereof, including all trial and pre-trial proceedings.

24 6. I have served a copy of this declaration and the application for admission on the San
25 Francisco offices of the State Bar of California with the necessary fee.

26 I certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that
27 the foregoing is true and correct.

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Executed this 28th day of August 2025, at Temescal Valley, California.



Anna M. Barvir, Declarant

1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
3 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

4 I, Laura Fera, am employed in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. I
5 am over the age of eighteen (18) years and am not a party to the within action. My business
6 address is 180 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802.

7 On August 28, 2025, I served the foregoing documents described as:

8 **NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE OF**
9 **ATHANASIA O. LIVAS; MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT; VERIFIED**
10 **APPLICATION OF ATHANASIA O. LIVAS; DECLARATION OF ANNA M.**
11 **BARVIR IN SUPPORT**

12 on the interested parties in this action by placing

- 13 the original
14 a true and correct copy

15 thereof by the following means, addressed as follows:

16 **BY MAIL**

17 California Department of Tax and Fee
18 Administration
19 651 Bannon St., Suite 100
20 Sacramento, CA 95814
21 *Defendant*

22 **BY MAIL**

23 Trista Gonzales, in her official capacity as
24 Director of the California Department of Tax and
25 Fee Administration
26 651 Bannon St., Suite 100
27 Sacramento, CA 95814
28 *Defendant*

29 **BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

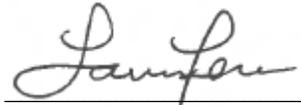
30 Office of Admissions
31 The State Bar of California
32 180 Howard Street
33 San Francisco, CA 94105
34 <https://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/s/login/>

- 35 (**BY MAIL**) As follows: I am “readily familiar” with the firm’s practice of collection and
36 processing correspondence for mailing. Under the practice it would be deposited with the
37 U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Long Beach,
38 California, in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party
39 served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date is more than one day after
40 date of deposit for mailing an affidavit.
- 41 (**BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**) As follows: I served a true and correct copy by
42 electronic submission at <https://admissions.calbar.ca.gov/s/login/>. Said transmission was
43 reported and completed without error.

44 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
45 foregoing is true and correct.

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Executed on August 28, 2025, at Riverside, California.



Laura Fera