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

23 Defendants.
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Case No.: 25CV018964

**[PROPOSED] ORDER ON EX PARTE
APPLICATION OF NICHOLAS A.
VARONE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE**

Application Date: March 18, 2026
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Complaint filed: August 11, 2025

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On March 18, 2026, the Ex Parte Application of Nicholas A. Varone to Appear Pro Hac Vice in this matter came on regularly-noticed hearing before this Court. Good cause having been shown, and the requirements of Rule of Court 9.40 having been satisfied, Attorney Nicholas A. Varone of the District of Columbia is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear on behalf of all plaintiffs in this matter.

Moving Party is to give notice of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____, 2026

Hon. Christopher E. Kreuger
Judge of the Superior Court

Submitted by:

Dated: March 17, 2026

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3 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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9 VARONE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE**

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