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| Firm Name (if applicable) Saffren & Weinberg Docket Number (when available) | | | | | | | |
| Office Address 815 Greenwood Avenue, Ste. 22 Civil Action Complaint | | | | | | | |
| Jenkintown, PA 19046 Jury Demand ■ Yes | □No | | | | | | |
| Name of Party (e.g., John Doe, Plaintiff) Denise Tatler, Plaintiff Denise Tatler v. Estee Lauder a/k/a/ and/or d/b/a Estee Lauder Companies, Inc., John Does #1-5 and XYZ Corporations #1-8 | enise Tatler v. Estee Lauder a/k/a/ and/or d/b/a Estee Lauder | | | | | | |
| Case Type Number Are sexual abuse claims Is this a professional malpractice case? | ■ No | | | | | | |
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| Related Cases Pending? Yes No No | | | | | | | |
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CASE TYPES (Choose one and enter number of case type in appropriate space on the reverse side.)

| Track | Track I - 150 days discovery | | | | | | | |
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| | | 506 | PIP Coverage | | | | | |
| | Name Change Forfeiture | 510 | UM or UIM Claim (coverage issues only) | | | | | |
| | Tenancy | 511 | Action on Negotiable Instrument | | | | | |
| | Real Property (other than Tenancy, Contract, Condemnation, Complex | 512 | . • | | | | | |
| | Commercial or Construction) | 801 | Summary Action | | | | | |
| 502 | Book Account (debt collection matters only) | 802 | Open Public Records Act (summary action) | | | | | |
| | Other Insurance Claim (including declaratory judgment actions) | 999 | Other (briefly describe nature of action) | | | | | |
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| Track | ⟨ II - 300 days discovery | | | | | | | |
| | Construction | 603Y | Auto Negligence - Personal Injury (verbal threshold) | | | | | |
| | Employment (other than Conscientious Employees Protection Act (CEPA) | 605 | Personal Injury | | | | | |
| 505 | or Law Against Discrimination (LAD)) | 610 | Auto Negligence – Property Damage | | | | | |
| 599 | Contract/Commercial Transaction | 621 | UM or UIM Claim (includes bodily injury) | | | | | |
| | Auto Negligence - Personal Injury (non-verbal threshold) | 699 | Tort – Other | | | | | |
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| Track | k III - 450 days discovery | | | | | | | |
| | Civil Rights | 608 | Toxic Tort | | | | | |
| 301 | Condemnation | 609 | Defamation | | | | | |
| | Assault and Battery | 616 | | | | | | |
| 604 | Medical Malpractice | | (CEPA) Cases | | | | | |
| 606 | Product Liability | 617 | Inverse Condemnation | | | | | |
| 607 | Professional Malpractice | 618 | Law Against Discrimination (LAD) Cases | | | | | |
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| Tracl | k IV - Active Case Management by Individual Judge / 450 d | ays d | iscovery | | | | | |
| 156 | Environmental/Environmental Coverage Litigation | 514 | Insurance Fraud | | | | | |
| 303 | Mt. Laurel | 620 | False Claims Act | | | | | |
| 508 | Complex Commercial | 701 | Actions in Lieu of Prerogative Writs | | | | | |
| 513 | Complex Construction | | | | | | | |
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| Multi | county Litigation (Track IV) | | | | | | | |
| 271 | Accutane/Isotretinoin | 601 | Asbestos | | | | | |
| 274 | Risperdal/Seroquel/Zyprexa | 623 | | | | | | |
| 281 | Bristol-Myers Squibb Environmental | 624 | Stryker LFIT CoCr V40 Femoral Heads | | | | | |
| 282 | Fosamax | 625 | Firefighter Hearing Loss Litigation | | | | | |
| 285 | Stryker Trident Hip Implants | 626 | Abilify Sharing and Flouible Composite Mach | | | | | |
| 286 | Levaquin | 627 | Physiomesh Flexible Composite Mesh | | | | | |
| 289 | Regian Polyic Moch/Gynecare | 628 629 | Taxotere/Docetaxel Zostavax | | | | | |
| 291 292 | Pelvic Mesh/Gynecare Pelvic Mesh/Bard | 630 | Proceed Mesh/Patch | | | | | |
| 292 | DePuy ASR Hip Implant Litigation | 631 | Proton-Pump Inhibitors | | | | | |
| 295 | AlloDerm Regenerative Tissue Matrix | 632 | | | | | | |
| 296 | Stryker Rejuvenate/ABG II Modular Hip Stem Components | 633 | | | | | | |
| 297 | Mirena Contraceptive Device | 634 | | | | | | |
| 299 | Olmesartan Medoxomil Medications/Benicar | | | | | | | |
| 300 | Talc-Based Body Powders | | | | | | | |
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| If you believe this case requires a track other than that provided above, please indicate the reason on Side 1, in the space under "Case Characteristics. | | | | | | | | |
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SAFFREN & WEINBERG

By: Marc A. Weinberg, Esquire N.J. Atty. I.D. No.: 039291990 815 Greenwood Avenue, Suite 22

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

DENISE TATLER : SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

12 Pamona Drive : LAW DIVISION

Barnegat, NJ 08005 : MONMOUTH COUNTY

Plaintiff,

v. : DOCKET NO:

ESTEE LAUDER a/k/a and/or

d/b/a ESTEE LAUDER

COMPANIES, INC.

1 Premium Outlet Boulevard :

Tinton Falls, NJ 07753

and

767 5th Avenue

New York, NY 10153

and

JOHN DOES #1 -5

and

XYZ CORPORATIONS 1-5

Defendants.

Plaintiff, Denise Tatler, by and through her attorneys, Saffren & Weinberg hereby complains against Defendants, Estee Lauder a/k/a and/or d/b/a Estee Lauder Companies, Inc., John Does #1-5 and XYZ Corporations #1-5, and in support thereof aver as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Denise Tatler (hereinafter "Plaintiff" and/or "Tatler"), is an adult individual residing at the above-captioned address.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Estee Lauder a/k/a and/or d/b/a
 Estee Lauder Companies, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant" and/or "Estee

Lauder"), is a corporation, partnership, association or similar business entity with a principal place of business captioned above and doing business in the State of New Jersey.

3. Defendants, John Does #1-5 and XYZ Corporations #1-5 are fictitious names for companies and/or individuals responsible for the hiring, termination, and accommodation, or lack thereof, of the Plaintiff.

JURISDICTION

4. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-13.

VENUE

5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-13.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. Plaintiff was employed by Estee Lauder, as a store manager, at the Estee Lauder location in Tinton Falls, New Jersey.
- 7. Prior to her termination, Plaintiff had worked as a store manager for Estee Lauder for a period of thirteen (13) years.
- 8. Plaintiff was responsible for overseeing staff, scheduling and rescheduling, building clientele, processing shipments and filling orders for the Defendant.
- 9. Plaintiff suffers from asthma, a recognized disability or infirmity protected under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination ("NJLAD").
- 10. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant was aware of Plaintiff's recognized disability.

- Plaintiff regularly worked eight (8) hours per day, and forty (40) hours per week for the Defendant.
 - 12. Plaintiff was subject to a furlough due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 13. Plaintiff was not permitted to return from the COVID-19 pandemic furlough, although other similar managers were afforded to return.
- During the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Plaintiff was required to wear a face mask while at work.
- 15. As a result of her asthma, Plaintiff had difficulty wearing the face mask during the entirety of her eight (8) hour shift.
- 16. While Plaintiff could wear her mask for shorter periods of time, her asthma prevented the Plaintiff from wearing her mask for the entire duration of her working hours.
- 17. Plaintiff requested an accommodation from the Defendant, wherein Plaintiff requested to be able to perform her store manager duties from the "back" of the store, away from customers and staff, or perform the managerial duties from home.
 - 18. Plaintiff requested this accommodation based on her disability.
- 19. Plaintiff offered to provide the Defendant with doctor's not(s), regarding her asthma, but Defendant refused to receive the doctor's note(s).
- 20. Upon information and belief, the Defendant provided accommodations to other managers, and other employees, permitting the other employees to work and/or perform managerial tasks from home.
- 21. Plaintiff was not provided her requested accommodation, and was not permitted to work from the "back" of the store, or from home.

- 22. Despite requesting an accommodation, Plaintiff was not afforded an accommodation by the Defendant.
- 23. Plaintiff's reasonable accommodation request did not cause undue hardship to the Defendant, as Defendant had provided the same accommodation Plaintiff was seeking to other, similarly situated employees.
 - 24. Rather, Plaintiff was furloughed by the Defendant.
- 25. Plaintiff was then subject to retaliation in the form of termination after she requested an accommodation.
 - 26. On or about September 30, 2020, Defendant terminated the Plaintiff.
- 27. Defendants violated the Plaintiff's rights under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination.
- 28. As a result of said termination, the Plaintiff has suffered losses in the form of lost wages, lost health care benefits, lost retirement benefits, lost seniority, humiliation, and mental anguish all of which she is entitled to receive compensation.

COUNT I DENISE TATLER V. DEFENDANT, ESTEE LAUDER a/k/a and/or d/b/a ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES, INC., JOHN DOES #1-5 and XYZ CORPORATIONS #1-5 VIOLATION OF THE NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

- 29. Plaintiff, hereby incorporates the allegations contained in the aforementioned paragraphs, inclusive, as though set forth at length herein.
- 30. Defendants subjected Plaintiff to a hostile work environment and discrimination, which was severe, pervasive, and which unreasonably interfered with the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's employment, and which constituted an unlawful employment practice in violation of N.J.S.A. 10:5-12.

- 31. Defendants' were aware of, and/or showed reckless disregard for the fact that Plaintiff was being subjected to discrimination in violation of N.J.S.A. 10:5-12.
- 32. Defendants' violation of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination included but was not limited to refusing to accommodate Plaintiff, furloughing the Plaintiff, terminating the Plaintiff, and subjecting her to severe and pervasive harassment as a result of her recognized disability.
- 33. As a direct result of Defendants' unlawful employment practices, Plaintiff has endured loss of income, other pecuniary loss, humiliation, and embarrassment.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Denise Tatler, demands judgment against Defendants, Estee Lauder a/k/a and/or d/b/a Estee Lauder Companies, Inc., John Does #1-5 and XYZ Companies #1-5, for compensatory damages, including but not limited to front and back pay, equitable relief such as reinstatement to rightful place, retroactive relief such as seniority and entitlement, injunctive relief including but not limited barring future discriminatory conduct; punitive damages, attorneys' fees, interest, costs of suit, and such other and further relief as may be provided by statute and as this Court deems just.

COUNT II DENISE TATLER V. DEFENDANT, ESTEE LAUDER a/k/a and/or d/b/a ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES, INC., JOHN DOES #1-5 and XYZ CORPORATIONS #1-5 RETALIATION

- 34. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein at length.
- 35. As detailed above, Defendants acted unlawfully and in direct contravention of laws and statutes of the NJLAD, and in retaliation against the Plaintiff for requesting an accommodation.

36. The Defendants retaliated against the Plaintiff for exercising her rights under the NJLAD, by furloughing and terminating the Plaintiff.

As a direct result of the actions of retaliation by Defendants discussed herein, Plaintiff was terminated seeks compensatory damages, including but not limited to front and back pay, equitable relief such as reinstatement to rightful place, retroactive relief such as seniority and entitlement, injunctive relief including but not limited barring future discriminatory conduct; punitive damages, attorneys' fees, interest, costs of suit, and such other and further relief as may be provided by statute and as this Court deems just.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues in the within matter.

SAFFREN & WEINBERG

BY:

MARC A. WEINBERG, ESQUIRE

Dated: 4 1 2

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 4:5-1

Pursuant to R. 4:5-1, the undersigned certifies that:

- 1. To the best of my knowledge, the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any other court, administrative, or arbitration proceeding.
- 2. To the best of my knowledge, no other action, arbitration or administrative proceeding is contemplated; and
- 3. To the best of my knowledge, there are at this time no other parties who should be joined in this action.

SAFFREN & WEINBERG

BY:

ARC A. WEINBERG, ESQUIRE

Dated: 4 [2 [

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO R. 4:25-4

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Marc A. Weinberg, Esquire is hereby designated as trial counsel in the within matter.

SAFFREN & WEINBERG

BY:

MARC A. WEINBERG, ESQUIRE

Dated: 411h

NOTICE PURUSANT TO R. 1:5-1(a) and R. 4:17-4(c)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned attorney, counsel for Plaintiff, hereby demands, pursuant to R. 1:5-1(a) and Rule 4:17-4(c), that each party herein, after serving pleadings and interrogatories on the other parties, and receiving answers thereto, serve copies of all such pleadings and answers to interrogatories received from any party, including any documents, papers and other materials referred to therein upon the undersigned attorney.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this is a continuing demand.

SAFFREN & WEINBERG

BY:

MARC A. WEINBERG, ESQUIRE

Dated: 4/1/2/