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15	Jay Bennett, an individual, Siv Bennett, an	CASE NO.:	
16	individual, Kesha Marketing Inc., a Nevada	COMPLAINT	
17	S-Corporation,	COMPLAINT	
	Plaintiff,	Judge:	
18	VS.	1.1.8.1	
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20	Isagenix International, LLC, an Arizona		
20	Limited Liability Corporation,		
21	Defendants.		
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	Plaintiffs, Jay Bennett ("Jay"), Siv Be	nnett ("Siv"), and Kesha Marketing Inc. ("Kesha	
24	Marketing") (together with Jay the "Renne	tts") by and through counsel hereby complaints	
25	Marketing") (together, with Jay, the "Bennetts") by and through counsel, hereby complaints		
26	and alleges against Defendant Isagenix International, LLC as follows:		
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	COMPLAINT		

1 THE PARTIES 2 Plaintiffs Jay Bennett ("Jay") and Siv Bennett ("Siv") (together, the "Bennetts" 1. 3 or "Plaintiffs") are married, adult individuals residing in Nevada. 4 2. Plaintiff Kesha Marketing ("Kesha Marketing") is an s-corporation 5 incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada. Jay and Siv are the sole owners and 7 operators of Kesha Marketing Inc.<sup>1</sup> 8 Defendant Isagenix International, LLC ("Isagenix" or "Defendant") is an 3. 9 Arizona limited liability corporation with its principal place of business in Gilbert, Arizona. 10 11 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE** 12 4. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Isagenix because the Isagenix is 13 organized in Arizona and its principal place of business is located in Gilbert, Arizona. 14 5. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 15 §1332, as all parties in the action are diverse. Both Plaintiffs are domiciled in Nevada, 16 17 whereas Defendant is domiciled in Arizona. On information and belief, Isagenix has one 18 member, with an address in Arizona. 19 20 STATEMENT OF FACTS 21 Isagenix and the Associate's Downline 22 Isagenix is a multi-level marketing ("MLM") company that sells dietary 6. 23 supplements and other health and wellness products, such as weight loss bars and shakes. 24 25 26 <sup>1</sup> Kesha Marketing joins this action as a plaintiff because, without access to their Backoffice, Jay and 27 Siv Bennett are unable to verify who is named as the legal owner of the Positions, and thus who has standing to assert the immediate claims for relief. 28

- 7. Like other MLM businesses, Isagenix sells its products through a network of independent contractors known as "Associates," who are remunerated pursuant to a "Compensation Plan," which provides for a structured series of rankings, commissions, and bonuses based upon their sales volumes and the sales of Associates placed beneath them. Each Associate is its own independent business and responsible for its own business expenses and taxes.
- 8. As with any business, an Associate builds and creates significant goodwill in its business and the business is a valuable asset.
- 9. Associates recruit other Associates to become part of their selling organization. Those Associates then recruit other Associates, thereby creating many levels beneath the initial Associate. The selling organization beneath a particular Associate is commonly referred to as that Associate's "downline" or "downline organization." The downline may also be referred to as a "genealogy." The Associates builds and supports its downline.
- 10. Downline organizations are valuable assets and are considered the Associate's business. According to the Isagenix's Policies and Procedures, downline organizations may be willed, bequeathed, or sold by an Associate.<sup>2</sup>
- 11. Associates manage and communicate with their downlines, place orders, and supervise their business through an online portal called the "Backoffice."
- 12. Upon meeting predetermined thresholds, the Associate may graduate to a higher rank within Isagenix. The hierarchy of the promotions is as follows: Associate,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, Isagenix Policies and Procedures Section 3.7.



17. In the same video, Isagenix advertises that individuals who enroll with the company will experience ultimate financial freedom:



18. In a separate video<sup>4</sup> entitled "Business of the Future," Isagenix states that, with Isagenix, there are "no caps on earning potential."

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<sup>4</sup> The video can be accessed at the following web address: <a href="https://vimeo.com/290772185">https://vimeo.com/290772185</a>



19. The same video goes on to assert, "you get paid a commission and can earn residual income on product sales generated by you and your team" and touts that Isagenix has the best compensation plan in network marketing, and that "you can build a legacy life with residual income, commissions can be paid on your entire team, and everyone benefits from helping each other" These representations are accompanied by the following images:

### BEST COMPENSATION PLAN

# BUILD A LEGACY with residual income

See Isagenix Team Compensation Plan for details, Individual results will vary,

20. Additionally, Isagenix advertises the benefits of residual income in promotional materials that explain the Isagenix compensation plan:<sup>5</sup>



21. The promise of a lifestyle change is what entices many Associates to join and stay at Isagenix. Associates are led to believe they are building an asset (i.e., business) that belongs to them, and which will produce income as long as their downline continues to thrive. However, in reality, once an Associate works hard to achieve a high rank with the corresponding residual income, Isagenix will confiscate that income for its own pecuniary benefit. Isagenix does this with impunity by relying on vague, unenforceable provisions buried in the Policies & Procedures. Worse, since Isagenix cuts off the Associates income, the Associate is left without any funds to assert his or her rights, and this is what Isagenix counts on.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A true and correct copy of the Isagenix promotional pamphlet is attached hereto as "Exhibit B."

22. The representation of lifetime residual income is a continuing promise repeatedly made by Isagenix to this day in its marketing materials and at its events.

#### **The Bennetts**

- 23. The Bennetts enrolled as Isagenix Associates in March of 2002.
- 24. Upon enrollment, the Bennetts and Isagenix entered into an Isagenix Independent Associate Agreement (the "IIAA"), which incorporated the Isagenix "Policies and Procedures," the Isagenix "Terms and Conditions," and the Isagenix Compensation Plan.
- 25. According to the IIAA, the Bennetts' business could be terminated by Isagenix only for cause. In other words, the IIAA never gave Isagenix sole discretion to terminate or suspend the Bennetts' business unless there was a material violation of the IIAA.
- 26. Since entering the IIAA, the Bennetts never agreed to an amended version of the agreement. The only agreement the Bennetts were ever given notice of was the IIAA presented to them in March 2002.
- 27. From March of 2002 to May of 2023, Isagenix continuously represented the MLM Promise to the Bennetts, thereby enticing them to continue building a thriving business so they could, at some point, live a more leisurely lifestyle by living off the residual income they worked so hard to build.
- 28. Based on these representations, the Bennetts focused all of their time and resources building their Isagenix business. For the past two decades, Isagenix was the Bennetts' sole career focus, and only source of income.

copy of the letter is attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

- 34. The Letter stated that, pursuant to the Amended IIAA, Isagenix intended not to renew the Bennetts' contract. The Letter explained that in doing so, the Bennetts' Positions and corresponding accounts would be terminated on the dates indicated in the Letter. Isagenix provided no reason for the termination other than relying on Section 3.4 of the Policies & Procedures in the Amended IIAA.
- 35. Immediately upon receipt of the Letter, the Bennetts were locked out of their Backoffice, and therefore unable to communicate with or manage their downline, place orders, or interact with purchasers. The Bennetts were further prohibited from renewing their IIAA themselves.
- 36. Since May 25, 2023, Isagenix has withheld all recurring payments of the Bennetts' residual income. As of the date of filing, the Bennetts are still locked out of their Backoffice, and cannot place orders, renew their IIAA, nor can they supervise their downline.
- 37. The Bennetts have three children, including a nine-year-old son, Holden, whom they adopted at birth. Holden is a special needs child, and to address his needs the Bennetts enrolled him in private school. The couple owns three houses, each with substantial mortgage payments. Absent their expected residual income, the Bennetts have no way of paying for their monthly expenses, food, medical bills, or other costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Bennetts held a total of five Positions. Jay Bennett held four Positions, and Siv Bennett held one Position. According to the letter, two of Mr. Bennett's Positions were set to expire on June 17, 2023, one was set to expire on June 23, 2023, and one set to expire on June 1, 2023. The Letter stated Siv Bennett's Position was set to expire on June 1, 2023.

38. As a result of Isagenix's actions, the Bennetts have been damaged in an amount to be determined at trial. Because of the irreparable harm they will endure if their business is not returned, the Bennetts seek injunctive relief, ordering Isagenix to reestablish the Bennetts' access to their Backoffice so they can continue to manage and operate their business. Otherwise, the Bennetts' business is at risk of total destruction which cannot be restored by a legal remedy.

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# DECLARATORY JUDGMENT- THE AMENDED IIAA: RIGHT NOT TO RENEW (By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)

- 39. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though full set forth here.
- 40. The Amended IIAA includes the following provision:

"Isagenix may, at its reasonable discretion, elect not to renew your Associate Contract. Isagenix will notify you of its intent not to renew on or before the anniversary of your enrollment."

- 41. The Bennetts contend that this provision is unenforceable because they were not provided notice of the same, and because the provision renders the contract illusory. Moreover, the provision is unconscionable.
- 42. Isagenix contends the provision is enforceable, as evidenced by its reliance on the clause in the Letter.
- 43. Therefore, a dispute has arisen regarding the enforceability of the mentioned provision.
- 44. The Bennetts request that the Court enter judgment that the mentioned provision is unenforceable under Arizona and Federal Law.

1	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF		
2	BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT- THE IIAA		
3	(By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)		
4	45.	Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth here.	
5	46.	A valid contract exists between Plaintiffs and Isagenix called the IIAA, which	
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8	incorporates the Isagenix Policies and Procedures. The IIAA was entered between the parties		
9	in March, 2022.		
10	47.	According to the IIAA, Plaintiffs could only be terminated for cause.	
11	48.	Isagenix breached the contract by terminating Plaintiffs' business withou	
12	cause.		
13	49.	Plaintiffs fully performed under the terms of the IIAA.	
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15	50.	As a result of Isagenix's breach, Plaintiffs have been damaged in an amount to	
16	be proven a	at trial.	
17		THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF	
18 19		BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT- THE AMENDED HAA	
20		(By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)	
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22	51.	Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth here.	
23	52.	Plaintiffs plead this claim in the alternative, in the event the Court finds the	
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25	53.	Plaintiffs and Isagenix entered into a written contract called the Amended	
26	IIAA.		
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63. The Isagenix Policies and Procedures in the Amended IIAA contain an Annual Renewal Provision that states:

#### 2.9 Annual Renewal

You must renew your IIAA annually by paying the applicable renewal fee, plus any applicable taxes, by the anniversary date of your enrollment (Renewal Date). If you fail to renew by the Renewal Date, whether intentionally or not, you may forfeit your Position, compensation, and other benefits associated with your membership. **Automatic Renewal Charge**. As a convenience, if you place an order with your personal credit card within ninety (90) days before your renewal date, Isagenix will automatically renew our IIAA by charging the applicable renewal fee (plus any applicable tax) to the same credit card, provided it is your current method of payment on file at the time the fee is charged. Renewal fees will be charged approximately 5-7 days prior to your Renewal Date. If you do not wish to participate in this automatic renewal, you may opt out by contacting Customer Care at (877)877-8111 (Renewal fees are subject to charge upon prior notice to you. You will have the opportunity to terminate your IIAA before any such fee takes effect.)

- 64. Isagenix breached this provision by failing to automatically renew the Bennetts' IIAA, despite the fact that the Bennetts satisfied all conditions precedent by placing orders with their personal credit card within the 90-day period preceding the renewal date, and despite the fact for twenty years Isagenix renewed the agreement automatically.
  - 65. The Bennetts fully performed under the Amended IIAA.
- 66. As a result of Isagenix's breach, the Bennetts have been injured in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### BREACH OF WRITTEN CONTRACT – THE AMENDED IIAA

(By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)

67. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though full set forth here.

- 68. Plaintiffs plead this claim in the alternative in the event the Court finds the Amended IIAA to be the operative contract.
- 69. Plaintiffs entered a written contract with Isagenix called the Amended IIAA, which incorporates the Isagenix Policies & Procedures.
- 70. The Isagenix Policies and Procedures in the Amended IIAA contain a Voluntary Cancellation clause that states:

#### 3.4 Voluntary Cancellation of Your Associate Contract

You may cancel your Associate Contract, including your Position, in any one of the following ways: (a) at any time by signing and submitting a written request to Isagenix, (b) by failing or choosing not to pay your annual renewal fee when it is due, or (c) by failing or choosing not to engage in any Business Building Activity for six consecutive months or longer. Once your Associate Contract/Position has been cancelled, you may not reenroll or have a financial interest in another Position except in accordance with the reenrollment policy as provided in Policy 3.5. Isagenix may, at its reasonable discretion, elect not to renew your Associate Contract. Isagenix will notify you of its intent not to renew on or before the anniversary of your enrollment.

- 71. Isagenix breached this provision by failing to give the Bennetts the required notice regarding Isagenix's intent not to renew the Bennetts' IIAA on or before the anniversary of the Bennetts enrollment. The Bennetts enrolled in March of 2002; thus, the anniversary of their enrollment was in March. Isagenix notified the Bennetts of its intent not to renew the contract on May 25, 2023, via the Letter from the Isagenix General Counsel.
- 72. Even if Isagenix had timely notified the Bennetts of its intent not to renew their contract, Isagenix further breached Section 3.4 by denying the Bennetts access to their Backoffice prior to the expiration dates indicated in the Letter. The Bennetts were locked out of their Backoffice on May 25, 2023, while the Letter indicated the accounts would

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expire in June of 2023. Thus, the Bennetts should have been afforded access to their Backoffice and paid until June of 2023.

- 73. Finally, Isagenix breached the provision by unreasonably exercising its discretion to terminate the Bennetts. Specifically, Isagenix terminated the Bennetts with no notice, no due process, and without cause. Therefore, Isagenix's did not exercise its discretion in a reasonable manner as required under the contract.
  - 74. The Bennetts fully performed under the terms of the Amended IIAA.
- 75. As a result of Isagenix's breach, the Bennetts have been injured in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# BREACH OF CONTRACT- IMPLIED COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR

# DEALING – THE AMENDED IIAA

(By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)

Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth here.

- 77. Plaintiffs plead this claim in the alternative in the event the Court finds the Amended IIAA enforceable.
- 78. The Amended IIAA is a valid, enforceable, binding contract between the Bennetts and Isagenix.
- 79. An implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing is inherent in every contract, including the Amended IIAA.
- 80. Isagenix breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing by interfering with the Bennetts' ability to perform under the Amended IIAA.

81. Section 2.9 of the Independent Associate Agreement states:

#### 2.9 Annual Renewal

You must renew your IIAA annually by paying the applicable renewal fee, plus any applicable taxes, by the anniversary date of your enrollment (Renewal Date). If you fail to renew by the Renewal Date, whether intentionally or not, you may forfeit your Position, compensation, and other benefits associated with your membership. **Automatic Renewal Charge**. As a convenience, if you place an order with your personal credit card within ninety (90) days before your renewal date, Isagenix will automatically renew our IIAA by charging the applicable renewal fee (plus any applicable tax) to the same credit card, provided it is your current method of payment on file at the time the fee is charged. Renewal fees will be charged approximately 5-7 days prior to your Renewal Date. If you do not wish to participate in this automatic renewal, you may opt out by contacting Customer Care at (877)877-8111 (Renewal fees are subject to charge upon prior notice to you. You will have the opportunity to terminate your IIAA before any such fee takes effect.)

- 82. When Isagenix prematurely restricted the Bennetts access to their Backoffice, Isagenix interfered with the Bennetts' ability to pay the renewal fee. When Mrs. Bennett attempted to call customer service to manually renew the Amended IIAA, she was unable to do so because Isagenix had deleted the accounts linked to the Bennetts' Positions. When Isagenix prematurely locked the Bennetts out of the Backoffice, the Bennetts could not place product orders or otherwise renew their Amended IIAA.
- 83. Additionally, Isagenix breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing by acting in such a way that deprived the Bennetts of the benefits they reasonably expected under the contract. Isagenix unreasonably exercised its discretion not to renew the Bennetts IIAA absent fair and honest reasons. In doing so, Isagenix adversely affected the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> This allegation is being plead in the alternative if it is found that Plaintiffs were unable to pay the renewal fee.

#### **EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL

#### (By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)

- Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth here.
- Isagenix promised the Bennetts payment of residual income for as long as their downlines generated revenue. This promise is evidenced in the email sent by Isagenix CEO Kathy Coover to Jay Bennett on March 22, 2002, which states, in part:

"Every month in addition to all the new sales flowing through your Binary there will be many auto-ship orders for \$50.00 or \$100.00 worth of whole sale [sic] product. These steady repeat monthly orders are what keep the long term residual money pumping through our Binary. This creates the potential for a walk away retirement income!!...With only 2400 people (1/3-2/3) in your Binary ordering \$100.00 of wholesale product each month you have the potential to earn a steady residual income of up to \$25,000.00 per month!! Can you and your team build a downline of 240 people or 2,400 people or more??? If you can then you can build a retirement income with Isagenix International Inc."

- The email is electronically signed by Kathy Coover.
- A true and correct copy of the email is attached hereto as "Exhibit C."
- Isagenix made the promise of residual income reasonably foreseeing the Bennetts would rely upon the promise by enrolling with Isagenix.
- The Bennetts substantially and materially changed their position based on this promise by enrolling with Isagenix seven days later, on March 29, 2002.
- The Bennetts relied to their detriment on the promise of residual income by building their downline and making the residual income their sole source of income.
- The Bennetts reliance on the promise of residual income was justifiable because the promise was reaffirmed by Isagenix numerous times. On August 11, 2015, Jay

Bennett forwarded the March 22, 2002 email to Kathy Coover with the message "Kathy- A Beautiful Memory from the past \_ [sic] Look at the date of this e-mail JB[.]" On August 12, 2015, Kathy Coover responded to the message saying, "Wow I cannot believe you still have this! This message is so true See you soon[.]"

- 99. Isagenix's termination of the residual income on May 25, 2023 was an act inconsistent with the promise.
- 100. The Bennetts reliance on the promise was detrimental because the Bennetts invested all of their time and professional resources into Isagenix based thereon.

#### NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### FRAUD - INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION

#### (By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)

- 101. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth here.
- 102. As set forth with specificity above, Isagenix represented to the Bennetts that if their Positions met certain thresholds, the Bennetts were entitled to receive residual income.
- 103. These representations were made by Isagenix when Plaintiffs joined and continued to be made to this day in its marketing materials as shown above, at corporate events, and in emails. For example, on March 22, 2002, the date Jay Bennett enrolled with Isagenix, Isagenix CEO Kathy Coover sent an email that stated, in pertinent part:

"Every month in addition to all the new sales flowing through your Binary there will be many auto-ship orders for \$50.00 or \$100.00 worth of whole sale [sic] product. These steady repeat monthly orders are what keep the long term residual money pumping through our Binary. This creates the potential for a walk away retirement income!! With only 240 people (1/3-2/3) in your Binary ordering \$100.00 of wholesale product each month you have the potential to earn a steady residual income of up to \$25,000 per month!! Can you and your team build a downline of 240 people or 2400 people or more??? If you can then you can build

a retirement income with Isagenix International Inc.... If your [sic] looking for a long term stable home that will support you and your dreams for the rest of your life...You've found it!!" Kathy Coover reaffirmed this message in reply to Jay Bennetts email on August 12, 2015, when Kathy Coover remarked "Wow I cannot believe you still have this [email]! This message is so true See you soon[.]"A true and correct copy of the email thread is attached hereto as "Exhibit C."

- 104. Isagenix's representations about residual income were false because when an Associate, like the Bennetts, achieves residual income, Isagenix terminates that Associate without any cause so that it can confiscate the residual income for its own pecuniary benefit.
- 105. Isagenix's representations about residual income were material because they induced individuals like the Bennetts to enroll with Isagenix as Associates and build a business to financial success.
- 106. Isagenix knew that its representation regarding residual income was false at the time they were made. In truth, Isagenix always believed it could confiscate an Associate's business with impunity for any or no reason; however, it concealed these intentions from the Bennetts and other Associates when the representations were made.
- 107. Isagenix made these representations with the intent to recruit additional Associates. As set forth with specificity above, Isagenix included statements touting the benefits of residual income in marketing and promotional materials, which were disbursed to incentivize individuals to enroll with Isagenix.
  - 108. At all relevant times, the Bennetts were unaware of Isagenix's true intentions.
- 109. The Bennetts relied on Isagenix representations about residual income devoting more than twenty years of their career exclusively to Isagenix. Since 2002, the Bennetts have not participated in any other business venture, nor have they derived income from any other

profession. The Bennetts justifiably presumed they would be awarded the residual income earned by their Positions.

- 110. The Bennetts reliance was justifiable because for the last two decades the Bennetts were automatically renewed and received their residual income as promised. The Bennetts had no reason to believe Isagenix would unilaterally and arbitrarily decide to cease payments.
- 111. The Bennetts suffered damages due to Isagenix's representations because, absent their residual income, the Bennetts have no source of income, nor any other prospects of gainful employment.
- 112. As a result of Isagenix's fraudulent misrepresentation, the Bennetts were injured in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 113. Isagenix's actions were premeditated and were done with oppression, malice, and a complete disregard for the rights of the Bennetts. Therefore, in addition to Bennetts' other damages, Isagenix is liable for punitive and exemplary damages.

#### TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

#### (By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)

- 114. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though set forth fully here.
- 115. The Bennetts plead this claim for relief in the alternative.
- 116. Isagenix provided false information regarding the payments of residual income to Associates, as evidenced above.

- 117. Isagenix intended or reasonably knew that individuals, like the Bennetts, would rely on representations of residual income. Isagenix knew that the representations about residual income would attract additional Associates and intended the representations about residual income to incentivize enrollment.
- 118. Isagenix failed to exercise reasonable care in communicating the representations about residual income. Specifically, Isagenix failed to disclaim that Isagenix retained the authority to cease payments of residual income at any time.
- 119. The Bennetts justifiably relied on the representations regarding residual income by devoting more than twenty years of their career exclusively to Isagenix. After enrolling as Associates, the Bennetts did not participate in any other business venture, nor did they derive income from any other profession. The Bennetts justifiably presumed they would be awarded the residual income earned by their Positions.
- 120. The Bennetts reliance was justifiable because for the last two decades the Bennetts were automatically renewed and did in fact receive their residual income as promised. The Bennetts had no reason to believe Isagenix would unilaterally and arbitrarily decide to cease payments.
- 121. The Bennetts suffered damages due to Isagenix's representations because, absent their residual income, the Bennetts have no source of income, nor any other prospects of gainful employment.
- 122. As a result of Isagenix's negligent misrepresentations, the Bennetts were injured in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### **ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH BUSINESS EXPECTANCY

(By Plaintiffs against Isagenix)

- 123. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth here.
- 124. The Bennetts had identifiable, valid business relationships with prospective Isagenix customers and Associates. Prior to being locked out of the Backoffice, the Bennetts' Positions had several pending orders that would have been filled but for Isagenix terminating their accounts. Furthermore, the Associates in Plaintiffs' downline would have continued to make sales of Isagenix product, and as a result, Plaintiffs would have continued to earn residual income.
- 125. Isagenix had knowledge of the business expectancy because when the Bennetts sold Isagenix products to customers, they did so by placing an order that notified Isagenix of the purchase. Furthermore, Isagenix was fully aware of the prospects of residual income, as that is what it touted to the field of Associates in order to increase its sales.
- 126. Isagenix intentionally caused the termination of the business expectancy by locking the Bennetts out of their back office, and thus prohibiting the Bennetts from completing, placing, or correcting product orders.
- 127. Isagenix's interference with the business expectancy did in fact cause the termination of the Bennett's relationship with prospective customers.
- 128. As a result of Isagenix' interference, the Bennetts suffered damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

1 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as follows: 3 1. For compensatory damages according to proof at trial, including damages for 4 emotional distress; 5 6 2. For punitive damages; 7 3. For a determination that the section 3.4 in the Amended IIAA is unenforceable under 8 Arizona law; 9 4. For recovery of attorney fees pursuant to Arizona law including, but not limited to, 10 A.R.S. § 12-341.01(A), A.R.S. § 12-349; and the terms of the parties' agreements, and 11 12 for the recovery of costs pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-341; 13 5. For any other relief this Court deems just and proper. 14 **JURY DEMAND** 15 16 Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 38(b), Plaintiffs Jay Bennett and Siv Bennett demand a trial 17 by jury of all issues raised in this Complaint that are triable by jury. 18 19 Dated: June 9, 2023 JENNINGS HAUG KELEHER MCLEOD LLP 20 21 /s/ Michael H. Orcutt Michael H. Orcutt 22 Attorney for Plaintiffs 23 24 Dated: June 9, 2023 WELLMAN & WARREN LLP 25 /s/ Chris Wellman 26 Chris Wellman 27 Attorney for Plaintiffs 28 COMPLAINT

#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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Plaintiff(s): Jay Bennett; Siv Bennett; Kesha Marketing Inc.

**Defendant(s): Isagenix International, LLC** 

County of Residence: Outside the State of Arizona

County Where Claim For Relief Arose: Maricopa

County of Residence: Maricopa

Plaintiff's Atty(s):

Defendant's Atty(s):

Michael H. Orcutt (Jay Bennett; Siv Bennett; Kesha Marketing Inc. )

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II. Basis of Jurisdiction: 4. Diversity (complete item III)

III. Citizenship of Principal

Parties (Diversity Cases Only)

Plaintiff:-2 Citizen of Another State

Defendant:-4 AZ corp or Principal place of Bus. in AZ

IV. Origin: 1. Original Proceeding

V. Nature of Suit: 190 Other Contract

VI.Cause of Action: Eleven (11)

VII. Requested in Complaint

Class Action: No

Dollar Demand: Excess of 10,000,000

Jury Demand: Yes

VIII. This case **is not related** to another case.

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