

**EXHIBIT**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE NEURONTIN ANTITRUST  
LITIGATION

THIS FILING RELATES TO:  
DIRECT PURCHASER CLASS CASES

MDL Docket No. 1479  
Master Civil Action No. 02-1390  
(FSH)

Civil Action Nos.  
02-1830 (FSH)  
02-2731 (FSH)

**DECLARATION OF PAUL E. SLATER ON BEHALF OF SPERLING &  
SLATER, P.C. IN SUPPORT OF DIRECT PURCHASER CLASS  
COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

I, Paul E. Slater, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, declare as follows:

1. I am a member of the law firm Sperling & Slater, P.C. ("S&S"). I am submitting this declaration in support of Class Counsel's motion for attorney fees and reimbursement of expenses in connection with services rendered by S&S in

the above-entitled actions. A copy of my firm's resume is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The factual matters set forth and the assertions made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

2. As a counsel of record in this case for the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs, my firm has been integrally involved in many aspects of this litigation for more than 12 years, including investigation and factual research, discovery, preparation of pleadings and briefs, settlement negotiations, the development of litigation strategy and case management.

3. Organization of counsel is critical to the efficient management of complex litigation such as this case. My firm coordinated assignments with Class Counsel through email and regular conference calls. All attorneys, paralegals, and law clerks in my firm were instructed to keep contemporaneous time records reflecting their time spent on this case.

4. From the inception of this litigation to the present, my firm expended the total of 126 hours in this litigation. The total lodestar for my firm is \$99,050.00.

5. The schedule below is a summary of the amount of time spent, from inception through present, by my firm's attorney and its support staff in this litigation, and the lodestar calculation based on current billing rates. The schedule was prepared from contemporaneous, daily time records regularly prepared and

maintained by our firm, which are available at the request of the Court. Time expended in preparing this application for fees and reimbursement of expenses has not been included in this request.

<b>Attorneys and Staff</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Current Hourly Rate</b>	<b>Total Lodestar</b>
Paul E. Slater	Partner	101.50	\$825	\$83,737.50
Greg Shinall	Partner	24.50	\$625	\$15,312.50

6. My firm also has incurred a total of \$3,057.67 in unreimbursed expenses in connection with the prosecution of this litigation. These expenses were reasonably and necessarily incurred in connection with this litigation and include:

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Telephone/facsimile	\$63.75
Photocopies – In-house	\$16.80
Travel/Meals	\$2,977.12

7. The expenses incurred in this action are also reflected on the books and records of my firm. These books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other source material and accurately record the expenses incurred.

Dated: June 9, 2014

Paul E. Hester

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of June, 2014.

Jacqueline Gonzalez  
NOTARY PUBLIC

