UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **HOUSTON DIVISION**

D.L. MARKHAM DDS, MSD, INC. 401(K) *\$* \$\tau\$ \$\tau PLAN; and D.L. MARKHAM DDS, MSD, INC., as plan administrator; Case No. 4:22-cv-00974

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE **INSURANCE COMPANY; VALIC** FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.; VALIC RETIREMENT SERVICES COMPANY; and 2929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas, 77019;

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Plaintiffs D.L. Markham DDS, MDS, INC. 401(K) Plan and D.L. Markham DDS, MDS, Inc. ("Plaintiffs") appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from: (1) the Memorandum Opinion and Order dated October 5, 2022 (ECF No. 66), which granted the motion to dismiss filed by Defendant The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company, denied as moot the motion to dismiss filed by Defendant VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc., and denied Plaintiffs' request for leave to amend; (2) the Final Judgment dated October 5, 2022 (ECF No. 67), which dismissed the case with prejudice; and (3) all other orders and rulings merged or referenced therein and each and every part thereof. Plaintiffs file this appeal against all Defendants.

Dated: October 11, 2022 Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 11, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send electronic notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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