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## **BIC PREVAILS IN LIGHTER CASE FILED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

Shelton, Conn. – November 29, 2018 – BIC Corporation today announced that in June 2018, the Superior Court of Kern County, California, dismissed with prejudice the case pending against BIC. The case is entitled *Candida Alvarez v. Victoria Secrets Stores, LLC, et al.*

The case involved 41-year-old Candida Alvarez, who alleged that while at her step father's house she repeatedly tried to light a tea light candle with a BIC Lighter. She claimed that after several attempts, she was able to light the candle with the lighter but sustained severe burn injuries in her groin area when either the candle or the lighter fell into her lap and caught her clothing on fire. There were no witnesses to the event, though Alvarez's step father discovered her laying on the front porch of his home, semi-conscious, with her shorts in flames.

BIC examined the lighter and determined that it was functioning properly in every respect and conformed with all of BIC's design and manufacturing specifications.

After the lighter examination and during the discovery phase of the litigation, Alvarez dismissed the case against BIC with prejudice. No settlement funds were paid.

"BIC is determined to vigorously defend its products against unsubstantiated defect claims. Consumers all over the world purchase more than 4.4 million BIC lighters each day, confident in their safety and quality," said Steve Burkhart, General Counsel for BIC Corporation. "BIC will continue to provide safe and reliable lighters which are at the core of its reputation for high quality."

This case is styled, *Candida Alvarez v. Victoria Secrets Stores, LLC, et al.*, Superior Court of Kern County, California, Case No. BCV-16-102263. Alvarez was represented by Karen Dodge of The Dodge Law Firm in Beverly Hills, California. Craig A. Livingston of the Livingston Law Firm in Walnut Creek, California, represented BIC Corporation.

