

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE



CASE NAME	FILE/DOCKET NUMBER
In the matter of The Kroger Company and Albertsons Companies, Inc.	9428

Pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, I (we) am (are) entering in the above proceeding the appearance of

- counsel supporting the complaint (Complete Items 1, 3, 4, and 5 below)
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4. SIGNATURE OF SENIOR COUNSEL	5. DATE SIGNED
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION OFFICE
OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES**

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In the Matter of:)	
)	Docket No. 9428
The Kroger Company and)	
Albertsons Companies, Inc.)	
_____)	

STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING PURSUANT TO 16 C.F.R. § 4.1

In connection with the Notice of Appearance filed on April 16, 2024, and pursuant to 16 C.F.R. § 4.1(d), I state that I am eligible to practice before the Commission as counsel for Vitamin Cottage Natural Food Markets, Inc. (“Natural Grocers”). I am admitted to practice before the District of Columbia.

As requested by 16 C.F.R. § 4.1(d), I further state that I am a member of good standing within the legal profession.

Dated: April 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 16, 2024, pursuant to Federal Trade Commission Rules of Practice 4.2(c) and 4.4(b), I caused the foregoing Notice of Appearance (FTC Form 232) AND Declaration of Hartmut Schneider to be filed and served as follows:

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