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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

CLARENCE SMITH, as an individual and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WATLOW ELECTRIC
MANUFACTURING COMPANY, a
Missouri corporation; and DOES 1 through
50, inclusive,

Defendants.

PHUOC TRUONG, on behalf of himself
and all "aggrieved employees" pursuant to
Labor Code § 2698 et seq.,

Plaintiff,

v.

WATLOW ELECTRIC
MANUFACTURING COMPANY, a
Missouri corporation, and DOES 1 through
10, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 20CV365250

Consolidated with Case No. 20CV362069

*[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. Sunil R.
Kulkarni, Dept. 1]*

CLASS ACTION

**DECLARATION OF ALEX P. KATOFISKY
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT AND APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND
COSTS, CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION
FEES, AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES'
SERVICE PAYMENTS**

DATE: May 26, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

DEPT.: 1

Complaint filed: March 18, 2020

Trial Date: None

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1 I, ALEX P. KATOFISKY, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to the practice of law in the State of
3 California. I am an associate of Gaines & Gaines, APLC, counsel for Plaintiff Phuoc
4 Truong and Class Counsel in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth
5 herein and if called as a witness to testify to them, could and would do so competently.

6 2. I obtained my BA degree from the California State University Northridge
7 in 1993. I majored in Political Science.

8 3. Thereafter, I attended the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of
9 Law. At McGeorge, I was a member of the Governing Board of Community Legal
10 Services and was a student teacher of Appellate Advocacy. I also earned the American
11 Jurisprudence Award in Insurance Law. I earned my JD and became a member of the
12 California Bar in 1999.

13 4. Since my admission to the Bar in 1999, I have devoted my practice to a
14 wide variety of matters, including business disputes, real estate litigation, and wage and
15 hour class action matters. I have substantial involvement in complex litigation like the
16 instant case, and have worked on more than twenty wage and hour class action cases with
17 Gaines & Gaines. Currently, over 85% of my practice is devoted to complex litigation
18 similar to the instant action.

19 5. Gaines & Gaines, APLC has represented employees in complex
20 employment matters such as this one, with an emphasis in wage and hour issues. I have
21 participated in and have been certified as class counsel in dozens of class action matters
22 that have been handled by Gaines & Gaines, ALPC over the past several years. An up-
23 to-date list of those cases is attached to the Declaration of Daniel F. Gaines as **Exhibit A**.

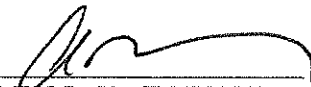
24 6. Based on my education and experience, my reasonable hourly rate is \$700
25 per hour. This is the rate prevailing in the community for similar work performed by
26 attorneys of comparable skill, experience, and reputation. This is also the rate which
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1 several California state and federal courts, including this Court, have recently approved
2 as reasonable in similar class action litigation.

3 7. The Declaration of Daniel F. Gaines, submitted herewith, sets forth the
4 total hours I have devoted to this matter. Through the conclusion of this matter, I have
5 spent and expect to spend 42.8 hours in connection with this litigation.

6 I declare, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that
7 the foregoing is true and correct.

8 Executed on this 29th day of April, 2022 at Calabasas, California.

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11 ALEX P. KATOFSKY
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