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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

JASON BEINBRECH, individually, and on
behalf of other members of the general public
similarly situated and on behalf of other
aggrieved employees pursuant to the
California Private Attorneys General Act;

Plaintiff,

vs.

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL
CORPORATION, an unknown business
entity; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: **CIV DS 2016242**

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR
DAMAGES & ENFORCEMENT UNDER
THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL
ACT, CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE
§ 2698, ET SEQ.**

- (1) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198 (Unpaid Overtime);
- (2) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a) (Unpaid Meal Period Premiums);
- (3) Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7 (Unpaid Rest Period Premiums);
- (4) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 (Unpaid Minimum Wages);
- (5) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 (Final Wages Not Timely Paid);
- (6) Violation of California Labor Code § 204 (Wages Not Timely Paid During Employment);
- (7) Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a) (Non-Compliant Wage Statements);
- (8) Violation of California Labor Code § 1174(d) (Failure To Keep Requisite Payroll Records);
- (9) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802 (Unreimbursed Business Expenses);
- (10) Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.
- (11) Violation of California Labor Code § 2698, et seq. (California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004)

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COMES NOW, Plaintiff JASON BEINBRECH ("Plaintiff"), individually, and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private Attorney General Act, and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This class action is brought pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure section 382. The monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceeds the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial. The "amount in controversy" for the named Plaintiff, including but not limited to claims for compensatory damages, restitution, penalties, wages, premium pay, and pro rata share of attorneys' fees, is less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, Section 10, which grants the superior court "original jurisdiction in all other causes" except those given by statute to other courts. The statutes under which this action is brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.

3. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant because, upon information and belief, Defendant is a citizen of California, has sufficient minimum contacts in California, or otherwise intentionally avails itself of the California market so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

4. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendant maintains offices, has agents, employs individuals, and/or transacts business in the State of California, County of San Bernardino. The majority of acts and omissions alleged herein relating to Plaintiff and the other class members took place in the State of California, including the County of San Bernardino.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff JASON BEINBRECH is an individual residing in the State of California, County of San Bernardino.

1 6. Defendant MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, at all times
2 herein mentioned, was and is, upon information and belief an employer whose employees are
3 engaged throughout the State of California, including the County of San Bernardino.

4 7. At all relevant times, Defendant MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL
5 CORPORATION was the "employer" of Plaintiff within the meaning of all applicable
6 California laws and statutes.

7 8. At all times herein relevant, Defendants MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL
8 CORPORATION and DOES 1 through 100, and each of them, were the agents, partners, joint
9 venturers, joint employers, representatives, servants, employees, successors-in-interest, co-
10 conspirators and/or assigns, each of the other, and at all times relevant hereto were acting
11 within the course and scope of their authority as such agents, partners, joint venturers, joint
12 employers, representatives, servants, employees, successors, co-conspirators and/or assigns,
13 and all acts or omissions alleged herein were duly committed with the ratification, knowledge,
14 permission, encouragement, authorization and/or consent of each defendant designated as a
15 DOE herein.

16 9. The true names and capacities, whether corporate, associate, individual or
17 otherwise, of defendants DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff who sues
18 said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on that
19 information and belief alleges, that each of the defendants designated as a DOE is legally
20 responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, and unlawfully caused
21 the injuries and damages to Plaintiff and the other class members as alleged in this Complaint.
22 Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to show the true names and
23 capacities when the same have been ascertained.

24 10. Defendant MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION and DOES 1
25 through 100 will hereinafter collectively be referred to as "Defendants."

26 11. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants, directly or indirectly controlled or
27 affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of
28 Plaintiff and the other class members and aggrieved employees so as to make each of said

1 Defendants employers and employers liable under the statutory provisions set forth herein.

2 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

3 12. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf and on behalf of all other members
4 of the general public similarly situated, and, thus, seeks class certification under California
5 Code of Civil Procedure section 382.

6 13. The proposed class is defined as follows:

7 All current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees who worked for
8 any of the Defendants within the State of California at any time during the
9 period from four years preceding the filing of this Complaint to final judgment
10 and who reside in California.

11 14. Plaintiff reserves the right to establish subclasses as appropriate.

12 15. The class is ascertainable and there is a well-defined community of interest in
13 the litigation:

- 14 a. Numerosity: The class members are so numerous that joinder of all class
15 members is impracticable. The membership of the entire class is
16 unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, the class is estimated to be
17 greater than fifty (50) individuals and the identity of such membership is
18 readily ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' records.
- 19 b. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of all other class members' as
20 demonstrated herein. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the
21 interests of the other class members with whom he has a well-defined
22 community of interest.
- 23 c. Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of
24 each class member, with whom he has a well-defined community of
25 interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff has no
26 interest that is antagonistic to the other class members. Plaintiff's
27 attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing
28 class action discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiff has

1 incurred, and during the pendency of this action will continue to incur,
2 costs and attorneys' fees, that have been, are, and will be necessarily
3 expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of
4 each class member.

5 d. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the
6 fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual joinder
7 of all class members is impractical.

8 e. Public Policy Considerations: Certification of this lawsuit as a class
9 action will advance public policy objectives. Employers of this great
10 state violate employment and labor laws every day. Current employees
11 are often afraid to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect
12 retaliation. However, class actions provide the class members who are
13 not named in the complaint anonymity that allows for the vindication of
14 their rights.

15 16. There are common questions of law and fact as to the class members that
16 predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The following common
17 questions of law or fact, among others, exist as to the members of the class:

- 18 a. Whether Defendants' failure to pay wages, without abatement or
19 reduction, in accordance with the California Labor Code, was willful;
20 b. Whether Defendants' had a corporate policy and practice of failing to
21 pay their hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of
22 California for all hours worked and missed (short, late, interrupted,
23 and/or missed altogether) meal periods and rest breaks in violation of
24 California law;
25 c. Whether Defendants required Plaintiff and the other class members to
26 work over eight (8) hours per day and/or over forty (40) hours per week
27 and failed to pay the legally required overtime compensation to Plaintiff
28 and the other class members;

- d. Whether Defendants deprived Plaintiff and the other class members of meal and/or rest periods or required Plaintiff and the other class members to work during meal and/or rest periods without compensation;
- e. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other class members for all hours worked;
- f. Whether Defendants failed to pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other class members within the required time upon their discharge or resignation;
- g. Whether Defendants failed to timely pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other class members during their employment;
- h. Whether Defendants complied with wage reporting as required by the California Labor Code; including, *inter alia*, section 226;
- i. Whether Defendants kept complete and accurate payroll records as required by the California Labor Code, including, *inter alia*, section 1174(d);
- j. Whether Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class members for necessary business-related expenses and costs;
- k. Whether Defendants' conduct was willful or reckless;
- l. Whether Defendants engaged in unfair business practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq.;
- m. The appropriate amount of damages, restitution, and/or monetary penalties resulting from Defendants' violation of California law; and
- n. Whether Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to compensatory damages pursuant to the California Labor Code.

PAGA ALLEGATIONS

17. At all times herein set forth, PAGA was applicable to Plaintiff's employment by Defendants.

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1 18. At all times herein set forth, PAGA provides that any provision of law under the
2 California Labor Code that provides for a civil penalty, including unpaid wages and premium
3 wages, to be assessed and collected by the LWDA for violations of the California Labor Code
4 may, as an alternative, be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved employee
5 on behalf of himself and other current or former employees pursuant to procedures outlined in
6 California Labor Code section 2699.3.

7 19. Pursuant to PAGA, a civil action under PAGA may be brought by an “aggrieved
8 employee,” who is any person that was employed by the alleged violator and against whom
9 one or more of the alleged violations was committed.

10 20. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants and the alleged violations were
11 committed against him during his time of employment and he is, therefore, an aggrieved
12 employee. Plaintiff and the other employees are “aggrieved employees” as defined by
13 California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are current or former employees of
14 Defendants, and one or more of the alleged violations were committed against them.

15 21. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699.3 and 2699.5, an aggrieved
16 employee, including Plaintiff, may pursue a civil action arising under PAGA after the
17 following requirements have been met:

- 18 a. The aggrieved employee shall give written notice by online submission
19 (hereinafter “Employee's Notice”) to the LWDA and by certified mail to
20 the employer of the specific provisions of the California Labor Code
21 alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support
22 the alleged violations.
- 23 b. The LWDA shall provide notice (hereinafter “LWDA Notice”) to the
24 employer and the aggrieved employee by certified mail that it does not
25 intend to investigate the alleged violation within sixty (60) calendar days
26 of the postmark date of the Employee’s Notice. Upon receipt of the
27 LWDA Notice, or if the LWDA Notice is not provided within sixty-five
28 (65) calendar days of the postmark date of the Employee’s Notice, the

1 aggrieved employee may commence a civil action pursuant to California
2 Labor Code section 2699 to recover civil penalties in addition to any
3 other penalties to which the employee may be entitled.

4 22. On March 23, 2020, Plaintiff provided written notice by online submission to
5 the LWDA and by certified mail to Defendant MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL
6 CORPORATION of the specific provisions of the California Labor Code alleged to have been
7 violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations. Plaintiff did not
8 receive an LWDA Notice within sixty-five (65) days of the date of the submission of
9 Plaintiff's Notice.

10 23. Therefore, the administrative prerequisites under California Labor Code section
11 2699.3(a) to recover civil penalties, in addition to other remedies, for violations of California
12 Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197,
13 1197.1, 1198, 2800 and 2802 have been satisfied.

14 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

15 24. At all relevant times set forth herein, Defendants employed Plaintiff and other
16 persons as hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California, County of San
17 Bernardino.

18 25. Defendants, jointly and severally, employed Plaintiff as an hourly-paid, non-
19 exempt employee, from approximately September 1993 to approximately
20 July 2019, in the State of California, County of San Bernardino.

21 26. Defendants hired Plaintiff and the other class members and classified them as
22 hourly-paid or non-exempt employees, and failed to compensate them for all hours worked
23 and missed meal periods and/or rest breaks.

24 27. Defendants had the authority to hire and terminate Plaintiff and the other class
25 members, to set work rules and conditions governing Plaintiff's and the other class members'
26 employment, and to supervise their daily employment activities.

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1 28. Defendants exercised sufficient authority over the terms and conditions of
2 Plaintiff's and the other class members' employment for them to be joint employers of
3 Plaintiff and the other class members.

4 29. Defendants directly hired and paid wages and benefits to Plaintiff and the other
5 class members.

6 30. Defendants continue to employ hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the
7 State of California.

8 31. Plaintiff and the other class members worked over eight (8) hours in a day,
9 and/or forty (40) hours in a week during their employment with Defendants.

10 32. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
11 engaged in a pattern and practice of wage abuse against their hourly-paid or non-exempt
12 employees within the State of California. This pattern and practice involved, *inter alia*, failing
13 to pay them for all regular and/or overtime wages earned and for missed meal periods and rest
14 breaks in violation of California law.

15 33. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
16 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
17 certain wages for overtime compensation and that they were not receiving accurate overtime
18 compensation for all overtime hours worked.

19 34. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
20 failed to provide Plaintiff and the other class members all required rest and meal periods
21 during the relevant time period as required under the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage
22 Orders and thus they are entitled to any and all applicable penalties.

23 35. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
24 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
25 all meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class
26 member's regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, and they did not receive all
27 meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class
28 member's regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed.

1 36. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
2 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
3 all rest periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class
4 member's regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, and they did not receive all rest
5 periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class members'
6 regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed.

7 37. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
8 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
9 at least minimum wages for compensation and that they were not receiving at least minimum
10 wages for all hours worked.

11 38. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
12 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
13 all wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation, including overtime and minimum
14 wages and meal and rest period premiums, and they did not, in fact, receive all such wages
15 owed to them at the time of their discharge or resignation.

16 39. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
17 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
18 all wages owed to them during their employment. Plaintiff and the other class members did
19 not receive payment of all wages, including overtime and minimum wages and meal and rest
20 period premiums, within any time permissible under California Labor Code section 204.

21 40. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
22 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
23 complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with California law, but, in fact, they
24 did not receive complete and accurate wage statements from Defendants. The deficiencies
25 included, *inter alia*, the failure to include the total number of hours worked by Plaintiff and the
26 other class members.

27 41. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
28 knew or should have known that Defendants had to keep complete and accurate payroll

1 records for Plaintiff and the other class members in accordance with California law, but, in
2 fact, did not keep complete and accurate payroll records.

3 42. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
4 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to
5 reimbursement for necessary business-related expenses.

6 43. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
7 knew or should have known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff and the other class
8 members pursuant to California law, and that Defendants had the financial ability to pay such
9 compensation, but willfully, knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely
10 represented to Plaintiff and the other class members that they were properly denied wages, all
11 in order to increase Defendants' profits.

12 44. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay overtime wages to
13 Plaintiff and the other class members for all overtime hours worked. Plaintiff and the other
14 class members were required to work more than eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40) hours
15 per week without overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked.

16 45. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to provide all requisite
17 uninterrupted meal and rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members.

18 46. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
19 class members at least minimum wages for all hours worked.

20 47. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
21 class members all wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation.

22 48. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
23 class members all wages within any time permissible under California law, including, *inter*
24 *alia*, California Labor Code section 204.

25 49. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to provide complete or
26 accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other class members.

27 50. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to keep complete or accurate
28 payroll records for Plaintiff and the other class members.

52. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to properly compensate Plaintiff and the other class members pursuant to California law in order to increase Defendants' profits.

53. California Labor Code section 218 states that nothing in Article 1 of the Labor Code shall limit the right of any wage claimant to “sue directly . . . for any wages or penalty due to him [or her] under this article.”

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

58. California Labor Code section 510 codifies the right to overtime compensation at one-and-one-half times the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or forty (40) hours in a week or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of work, and to overtime compensation at twice the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day or in excess of eight (8) hours in a day on the seventh day of work.

59. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other class members worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day, and/or in excess of forty (40) hours in a week.

60. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to pay overtime wages owed to Plaintiff and the other class members.

61. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the unpaid balance of overtime compensation, as required by California laws, violates the provisions of California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198, and is therefore unlawful.

62. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194, Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover unpaid overtime compensation, as well as interest, costs, and attorneys' fees.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a))

(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

and DOES 1 through 100)

63. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 62, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

64. At all relevant times, the IWC Order and California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a) were applicable to Plaintiff's and the other class members' employment by Defendants.

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1 65. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no
2 employer shall require an employee to work during any meal or rest period mandated by an
3 applicable order of the California IWC.

4 66. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
5 Code section 512(a) provide that an employer may not require, cause or permit an employee to
6 work for a work period of more than five (5) hours per day without providing the employee
7 with a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except that if the total work period per
8 day of the employee is no more than six (6) hours, the meal period may be waived by mutual
9 consent of both the employer and employee.

10 67. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
11 Code section 512(a) further provide that an employer may not require, cause or permit an
12 employee to work for a work period of more than ten (10) hours per day without providing the
13 employee with a second uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except
14 that if the total hours worked is no more than twelve (12) hours, the second meal period may
15 be waived by mutual consent of the employer and the employee only if the first meal period
16 was not waived.

17 68. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other class members who were
18 scheduled to work for a period of time no longer than six (6) hours, and who did not waive
19 their legally-mandated meal periods by mutual consent, were required to work for periods
20 longer than five (5) hours without an uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30)
21 minutes and/or rest period.

22 69. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other class members who were
23 scheduled to work for a period of time in excess of six (6) hours were required to work for
24 periods longer than five (5) hours without an uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty
25 (30) minutes and/or rest period.

26 70. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully required
27 Plaintiff and the other class members to work during meal periods and failed to compensate

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1 Plaintiff and the other class members the full meal period premium for work performed during
2 meal periods.

3 71. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
4 class members the full meal period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section
5 226.7.

6 72. Defendants' conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
7 Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

8 73. Pursuant to applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section
9 226.7(c), Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one
10 additional hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each work day that
11 the meal or rest period is not provided.

12 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7)**

14 **(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

15 **and DOES 1 through 100)**

16 74. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
17 through 73, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
18 forth herein.

19 75. At all times herein set forth, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California
20 Labor Code section 226.7 were applicable to Plaintiff's and the other class members'
21 employment by Defendants.

22 76. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no
23 employer shall require an employee to work during any rest period mandated by an applicable
24 order of the California IWC.

25 77. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that "[e]very
26 employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods, which insofar as
27 practicable shall be in the middle of each work period" and that the "rest period time shall be
28 based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4)

1 hours or major fraction thereof” unless the total daily work time is less than three and one-half
2 (3 ½) hours.

3 78. During the relevant time period, Defendants required Plaintiff and other class
4 members to work four (4) or more hours without authorizing or permitting a ten (10) minute
5 rest period per each four (4) hour period worked.

6 79. During the relevant time period, Defendants willfully required Plaintiff and the
7 other class members to work during rest periods and failed to pay Plaintiff and the other class
8 members the full rest period premium for work performed during rest periods.

9 80. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
10 class members the full rest period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section
11 226.7

12 81. Defendants’ conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Orders and California
13 Labor Code section 226.7.

14 82. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code section
15 226.7(c), Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one
16 additional hour of pay at the employees’ regular hourly rate of compensation for each work
17 day that the rest period was not provided.

18 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1)**

20 **(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

21 **and DOES 1 through 100)**

22 83. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
23 through 82, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
24 forth herein.

25 84. At all relevant times, California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1
26 provide that the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a lesser wage
27 than the minimum so fixed is unlawful.

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1 85. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay minimum wage to
2 Plaintiff and the other class members as required, pursuant to California Labor Code sections
3 1194, 1197, and 1197.1.

4 86. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the minimum
5 wage as required violates California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Pursuant to
6 those sections Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover the unpaid balance
7 of their minimum wage compensation as well as interest, costs, and attorney's fees, and
8 liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

9 87. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1197.1, Plaintiff and the other class
10 members are entitled to recover a penalty of \$100.00 for the initial failure to timely pay each
11 employee minimum wages, and \$250.00 for each subsequent failure to pay each employee
12 minimum wages.

13 88. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the other class
14 members are entitled to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages
15 unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

16 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202)**

18 **(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

19 **and DOES 1 through 100)**

20 89. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
21 through 88, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
22 forth herein.

23 90. At all relevant times herein set forth, California Labor Code sections 201 and
24 202 provide that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the
25 time of discharge are due and payable immediately, and if an employee quits his or her
26 employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72)
27 hours thereafter, unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours' notice of his or her

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1 intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of
2 quitting.

3 91. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to
4 pay Plaintiff and the other class members who are no longer employed by Defendants their
5 wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.

6 92. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members who are no
7 longer employed by Defendants' their wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72)
8 hours of their leaving Defendants' employ, is in violation of California Labor Code sections
9 201 and 202.

10 93. California Labor Code section 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to
11 pay wages owed, in accordance with sections 201 and 202, then the wages of the employee
12 shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an
13 action is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30) days.

14 94. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the
15 statutory penalty wages for each day they were not paid, up to a thirty (30) day maximum
16 pursuant to California Labor Code section 203.

17 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 204)**

19 **(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION**

20 **and DOES 1 through 100)**

21 95. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
22 through 94, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
23 forth herein.

24 96. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all
25 wages earned by any person in any employment between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of
26 any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and
27 payable between the 16th and the 26th day of the month during which the labor was
28 performed.

98. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all wages earned for labor in excess of the normal work period shall be paid no later than the payday for the next regular payroll period

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a))

(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

and DOES 1 through 100)

101. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 100, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

102. At all material times set forth herein, California Labor Code section 226(a) provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the

1 corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee. The deductions
2 made from payments of wages shall be recorded in ink or other indelible form, properly dated,
3 showing the month, day, and year, and a copy of the statement or a record of the deductions
4 shall be kept on file by the employer for at least three years at the place of employment or at a
5 central location within the State of California.

6 103. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to provide Plaintiff and the
7 other class members with complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include,
8 but are not limited to: the failure to include the total number of hours worked by Plaintiff and
9 the other class members.

10 104. As a result of Defendants' violation of California Labor Code section 226(a),
11 Plaintiff and the other class members have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily-
12 protected rights.

13 105. More specifically, Plaintiff and the other class members have been injured by
14 Defendants' intentional and willful violation of California Labor Code section 226(a) because
15 they were denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving,
16 accurate and itemized wage statements pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(a).

17 106. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the
18 greater of their actual damages caused by Defendants' failure to comply with California Labor
19 Code section 226(a), or an aggregate penalty not exceeding four thousand dollars per
20 employee.

21 107. Plaintiff and the other class members are also entitled to injunctive relief to
22 ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(h).

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EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code § 1174(d))

(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

and DOES 1 through 100)

108. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 107, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

109. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1174(d), an employer shall keep, at a central location in the state or at the plants or establishments at which employees are employed, payroll records showing the hours worked daily by and the wages paid to, and the number of piece-rate units earned by and any applicable piece rate paid to, employees employed at the respective plants or establishments. These records shall be kept in accordance with rules established for this purpose by the commission, but in any case shall be kept on file for not less than two years.

110. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to keep accurate and complete payroll records showing the hours worked daily and the wages paid, to Plaintiff and the other class members.

111. As a result of Defendants' violation of California Labor Code section 1174(d), Plaintiff and the other class members have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily-protected rights.

112. More specifically, Plaintiff and the other class members have been injured by Defendants' intentional and willful violation of California Labor Code section 1174(d) because they were denied both their legal right and protected interest, in having available, accurate and complete payroll records pursuant to California Labor Code section 1174(d).

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NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802)

(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

and DOES 1 through 100)

113. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 112, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

114. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802, an employer must reimburse its employee for all necessary expenditures incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her job duties or in direct consequence of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer.

115. Plaintiff and the other class members incurred necessary business-related expenses and costs that were not fully reimbursed by Defendants.

116. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class members for all necessary business-related expenses and costs. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants their business-related expenses and costs incurred during the course and scope of their employment, plus interest accrued from the date on which the employee incurred the necessary expenditures at the same rate as judgments in civil actions in the State of California.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.)

(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

and DOES 1 through 100)

117. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 116, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

118. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair, unlawful and harmful to Plaintiff, other class members, to the general public, and Defendants'

1 competitors. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks to enforce important rights affecting the public
2 interest within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

3 119. Defendants' activities as alleged herein are violations of California law, and
4 constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business &
5 Professions Code section 17200, et seq.

6 120. A violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq.
7 may be predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. In this instant case,
8 Defendants' policies and practices of requiring employees, including Plaintiff and the other
9 class members, to work overtime without paying them proper compensation violate California
10 Labor Code sections 510 and 1198. Additionally, Defendants' policies and practices of
11 requiring employees, including Plaintiff and the other class members, to work through their
12 meal and rest periods without paying them proper compensation violate California Labor Code
13 sections 226.7 and 512(a). Defendants' policies and practices of failing to pay minimum
14 wages violate California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Moreover, Defendants'
15 policies and practices of failing to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other class members
16 violate California Labor Code sections 201, 202 and 204. Defendants also violated California
17 Labor Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), 2800 and 2802.

18 121. As a result of the herein described violations of California law, Defendants
19 unlawfully gained an unfair advantage over other businesses.

20 122. Plaintiff and the other class members have been personally injured by
21 Defendants' unlawful business acts and practices as alleged herein, including but not
22 necessarily limited to the loss of money and/or property.

23 123. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.,
24 Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and
25 retained by Defendants during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this
26 Complaint; an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil procedure section
27 1021.5 and other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

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ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.)

(Against MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

and DOES 1 through 100)

124. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 123, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

125. PAGA expressly establishes that any provision of the California Labor Code which provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the LWDA, or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies or employees for a violation of the California Labor Code, may be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of himself or herself, and other current or former employees.

126. Whenever the LWDA, or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies, or employees has discretion to assess a civil penalty, a court in a civil action is authorized to exercise the same discretion, subject to the same limitations and conditions, to assess a civil penalty.

127. Plaintiff and the other hourly-paid or non-exempt employees are "aggrieved employees" as defined by California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are all current or former employees of Defendants, and one or more of the alleged violations was committed against them.

Failure to Pay Overtime

128. Defendants' failure to pay legally required overtime wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198.

Failure to Provide Meal Periods

129. Defendants' failure to provide legally required meal periods to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

Failure to Provide Rest Periods

130. Defendants' failure to provide legally required rest periods to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226.7.

Failure to Pay Minimum Wages

131. Defendants' failure to pay legally required minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197 and 1197.1.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages Upon Termination

132. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees upon termination in accordance with Labor Code sections 201 and 202 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment

133. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees during employment in accordance with Labor Code section 204 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 204.

Failure to Provide Complete and Accurate Wage Statements

134. Defendants' failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees in accordance with Labor Code section 226(a) constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226(a).

Failure to Keep Complete and Accurate Payroll Records

135. Defendants' failure to keep complete and accurate payroll records relating to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees in accordance with California Labor Code section 1174(d) constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 1174(d).

Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business-Related Expenses and Costs

136. Defendants' failure to reimburse Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees for necessary business-related expenses and costs in accordance with California Labor Code

1 sections 2800 and 2802 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California
2 Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802.

3 137. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699, Plaintiff, individually, and on
4 behalf of all aggrieved employees, requests and is entitled to recover from Defendants and
5 each of them, business expenses, unpaid wages, and/or untimely wages according to proof,
6 interest, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code section 218.5, as well as
7 all statutory penalties against Defendants, and each of them, including but not limited to:

- 8 a. Penalties under California Labor Code section 2699 in the amount of a
9 hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the
10 initial violation, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved
11 employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
- 12 b. Penalties under California Code of Regulations Title 8 section 11010, et
13 seq. in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50) for each aggrieved employee per
14 pay period for the initial violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for
15 each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
- 16 c. Penalties under California Labor Code section 210 in addition to, and
17 entirely independent and apart from, any other penalty provided in the
18 California Labor Code in the amount of a hundred dollars (\$100) for each
19 aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation, and two
20 hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for
21 each subsequent violation; and
- 22 d. Any and all additional penalties and sums as provided by the California
23 Labor Code and/or other statutes.

24 138. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699(i), civil penalties recovered by
25 aggrieved employees shall be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) to the Labor
26 and Workforce Development Agency for the enforcement of labor laws and education of
27 employers and employees about their rights and responsibilities and twenty-five percent (25%)
28 to the aggrieved employees.

1 139. Further, Plaintiff is entitled to seek and recover reasonable attorneys' fees and
2 costs pursuant to California Labor Code sections 210, 218.5 and 2699 and any other applicable
3 statute.

4 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

5 Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly
6 situated and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private
7 Attorney General Act, requests a trial by jury.

8 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

9 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all other members of the
10 general public similarly situated and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the
11 California Private Attorney General Act, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants,
12 jointly and severally, as follows:

13 **Class Certification**

14 1. That this action be certified as a class action;
15 2. That Plaintiff be appointed as the representative of the Class;
16 3. That counsel for Plaintiff be appointed as Class Counsel; and
17 4. That Defendants provide to Class Counsel immediately the names and most
18 current/last known contact information (address, e-mail and telephone numbers) of all class
19 members.

20 **As to the First Cause of Action**

21 5. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
22 Labor Code sections 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to
23 pay all overtime wages due to Plaintiff and the other class members;

24 6. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates and such general and special
25 damages as may be appropriate;

26 7. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing
27 from the date such amounts were due;

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1 8. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
2 California Labor Code section 1194;

3 9. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and
4 (g); and

5 10. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

6 **As to the Second Cause of Action**

7 11. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
8 Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to
9 provide all meal periods (including second meal periods) to Plaintiff and the other class
10 members;

11 12. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the other class members of one
12 (1) hour of pay at each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a meal
13 period was not provided;

14 13. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
15 proof;

16 14. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7(c);

17 15. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts
18 were due;

19 16. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein;

20 17. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and
21 (g); and

22 18. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

23 **As to the Third Cause of Action**

24 19. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
25 Labor Code section 226.7 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to provide all
26 rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members;

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20. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the other class members of one (1) hour of pay at each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a rest period was not provided;

21. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

22. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7(c);

23. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were due;

24. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and (g); and

25. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Fourth Cause of Action

26. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 by willfully failing to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other class members;

27. For general unpaid wages and such general and special damages as may be appropriate;

28. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 1197.1 for Plaintiff and the other class members in the amount as may be established according to proof at trial;

29. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts were due;

30. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194(a);

31. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2;

32. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and (g); and

33. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Fifth Cause of Action

34. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time of termination of the employment of Plaintiff and the other class members no longer employed by Defendants;

35. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

36. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 203 for Plaintiff and the other class members who have left Defendants' employ;

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37. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts were due;

38. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and (g); and

39. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Sixth Cause of Action

40. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code section 204 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time required by California Labor Code section 204 to Plaintiff and the other class members;

41. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

42. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts were due;

43. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and (g); and

44. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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As to the Seventh Cause of Action

45. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the record keeping provisions of California Labor Code section 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders as to Plaintiff and the other class members, and willfully failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements thereto;

46. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

47. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(e);

48. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(h);

49. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and (g); and

50. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Eighth Cause of Action

51. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code section 1174(d) by willfully failing to keep accurate and complete payroll records for Plaintiff and the other class members as required by California Labor Code section 1174(d);

52. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

53. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 1174.5;

54. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and (g); and

55. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Ninth Cause of Action

56. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 by willfully failing to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class members for all necessary business-related expenses as required by California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802;

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- 1 57. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;
2 58. For the imposition of civil penalties and/or statutory penalties;
3 59. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein;
4 60. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f), and
5 (g); and
6 61. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

7 **As to the Tenth Cause of Action**

8 62. That the Court decree, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
9 Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq. by failing to provide Plaintiff and the
10 other class members all overtime compensation due to them, failing to provide all meal and
11 rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members, failing to pay at least minimum wages to
12 Plaintiff and the other class members, failing to pay Plaintiff's and the other class members'
13 wages timely as required by California Labor Code section 201, 202 and 204 and by violating
14 California Labor Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), 2800 and 2802.

15 63. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiff and all the other class members and
16 all pre-judgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;

17 64. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all
18 funds disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by
19 Defendants as a result of violation of California Business and Professions Code sections
20 17200, et seq.;

21 65. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
22 California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5;

23 66. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to
24 California Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.; and

25 67. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

26 **As to the Eleventh Cause of Action**

27 68. For civil penalties and wages pursuant to California Labor Code sections
28 2699(a), (f) and (g) plus costs and attorneys' fees for violation of California Labor Code

1 sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198,
2 2800 and 2802; and

3 69. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and
4 appropriate.

5 Dated: May 29, 2020

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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET

- ☒ **Unlimited** (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) ☐ **Limited** (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)

Complex Case Designation

- ☐ **Counter** ☐ **Joinder**

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Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort

- ☐ Auto (22)
☐ Uninsured motorist (46)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

- ☐ Asbestos (04)
☐ Product liability (24)
☐ Medical malpractice (45)
☐ Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

- ☐ Business tort/unfair business practice (07)
☐ Civil rights (08)
☐ Defamation (13)
☐ Fraud (16)
☐ Intellectual property (19)
☐ Professional negligence (25)
☐ Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)

Employment

- ☐ Wrongful termination (36)
☒ Other employment (15)

Contract

- ☐ Breach of contract/warranty (06)
☐ Rule 3.740 collections (09)
☐ Other collections (09)
☐ Insurance coverage (18)
☐ Other contract (37)

Real Property

- ☐ Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)
☐ Wrongful eviction (33)
☐ Other real property (26)

Unlawful Detainer

- ☐ Commercial (31)
☐ Residential (32)
☐ Drugs (38)

Judicial Review

- ☐ Asset forfeiture (05)
☐ Petition re: arbitration award (11)
☐ Writ of mandate (02)
☐ Other judicial review (39)

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation
(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)

- ☐ Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
☐ Construction defect (10)
☐ Mass tort (40)
☐ Securities litigation (28)
☐ Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
☐ Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

- ☐ Enforcement of judgment (20)

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

- ☐ RICO (27)
☐ Other complaint (not specified above) (42)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

- ☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21)
☐ Other petition (not specified above) (43)

 2. This case ☒ is ☐ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

- a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties d. ☒ Large number of witnesses
 b. ☒ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
 c. ☒ Substantial amount of documentary evidence f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision

 3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☒ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): Eleven

 5. This case ☒ is ☐ is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: May 29, 2020

Edwin Aiwanian

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(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you **must** complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

- Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death
- Uninsured Motorist (46) (*if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto*)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

- Asbestos (04)
 - Asbestos Property Damage
 - Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
- Product Liability (*not asbestos or toxic/environmental*) (24)
- Medical Malpractice (45)
 - Medical Malpractice—Physicians & Surgeons
 - Other Professional Health Care Malpractice
- Other PI/PD/WD (23)
 - Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)
 - Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)
 - Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
 - Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

- Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)
- Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (*not civil harassment*) (08)
- Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)
- Fraud (16)
- Intellectual Property (19)
- Professional Negligence (25)
 - Legal Malpractice
 - Other Professional Malpractice (*not medical or legal*)
- Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

- Wrongful Termination (36)
- Other Employment (15)

Contract

- Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
- Breach of Rental/Lease
 - Contract (*not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction*)
- Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller Plaintiff (*not fraud or negligence*)
- Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
- Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
- Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
- Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff
- Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
- Insurance Coverage (*not provisionally complex*) (18)
 - Auto Subrogation
 - Other Coverage
- Other Contract (37)
 - Contractual Fraud
 - Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

- Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
- Wrongful Eviction (33)
- Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
 - Writ of Possession of Real Property
 - Mortgage Foreclosure
 - Quiet Title
 - Other Real Property (*not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure*)

Unlawful Detainer

- Commercial (31)
- Residential (32)
- Drugs (38) (*if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential*)

Judicial Review

- Asset Forfeiture (05)
- Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
- Writ of Mandate (02)
 - Writ—Administrative Mandamus
 - Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter
- Writ—Other Limited Court Case Review
- Other Judicial Review (39)
 - Review of Health Officer Order
 - Notice of Appeal—Labor Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

- Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
- Construction Defect (10)
- Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
- Securities Litigation (28)
- Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
- Insurance Coverage Claims (*arising from provisionally complex case type listed above*) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

- Enforcement of Judgment (20)
 - Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
 - Confession of Judgment (*non-domestic relations*)
 - Sister State Judgment
 - Administrative Agency Award (*not unpaid taxes*)
 - Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
 - Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

- RICO (27)
- Other Complaint (*not specified above*) (42)
 - Declaratory Relief Only
 - Injunctive Relief Only (*non-harassment*)
 - Mechanics Lien
 - Other Commercial Complaint Case (*non-tort/non-complex*)
 - Other Civil Complaint (*non-tort/non-complex*)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

- Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
- Other Petition (*not specified above*) (43)
 - Civil Harassment
 - Workplace Violence
 - Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
 - Election Contest
 - Petition for Name Change
 - Petition for Relief From Late Claim
 - Other Civil Petition

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

MATTHEWS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, an unknown business entity; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

JASON BEINBRECH, individually, "Additional Parties Attachment form is attached."

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(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

FILED
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT

MAY 29 2020

BY Anthony Martinez
ANTHONY MARTINEZ, DEPUTY

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): State of California

San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino Justice Center
247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, California 92415-0210

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Edwin Aiwazian; 410 West Arden Avenue, Suite 203, Glendale, California 91203; (818) 265-1020

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del caso): CIV DS 2016242

DATE:
(Fecha) MAY 29 2020

Clerk, by Anthony Martinez, Deputy
(Secretario) (Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)
(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

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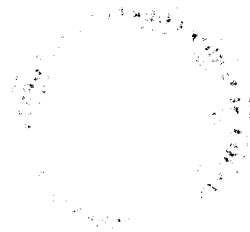


NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
3. ☐ on behalf of (specify):

under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation)	☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)	☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)	☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
☐ other (specify):	
4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

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SHORT TITLE:

Beinbrech vs. Matthews International Corporation

CASE NUMBER:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

- This form may be used as an attachment to any summons if space does not permit the listing of all parties on the summons.
- If this attachment is used, insert the following statement in the plaintiff or defendant box on the summons: "Additional Parties Attachment form is attached."

List additional parties (Check only one box. Use a separate page for each type of party.):

☒ Plaintiff ☐ Defendant ☐ Cross-Complainant ☐ Cross-Defendant

and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act;

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Jason Beinbrech

CIV DS 2016242
Case No. _____

vs.

CERTIFICATE OF ASSIGNMENT

Matthews International Corporation

A civil action or proceeding presented for filing must be accompanied by this certificate. If the ground is the residence of a party, name and residence shall be stated.

The undersigned declares that the above-entitled matter is filed for proceedings in the San Bernardino District of the Superior Court under Rule 404 of this court for the checked reason:

☒ General ☐ Collection

Nature of Action

Ground

BY FAX

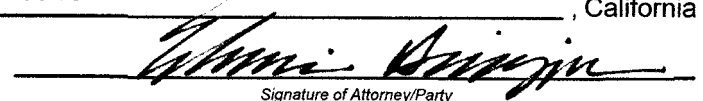
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| ☐ 1 Adoption | Petitioner resides within the district. |
| ☐ 2 Conservator | Petitioner or conservatee resides within the district. |
| ☐ 3 Contract | Performance in the district is expressly provided for. |
| ☐ 4 Equity | The cause of action arose within the district. |
| ☐ 5 Eminent Domain | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 6 Family Law | Plaintiff, defendant, petitioner or respondent resides within the district. |
| ☐ 7 Guardianship | Petitioner or ward resides within the district or has property within the district. |
| ☐ 8 Harassment | Plaintiff, defendant, petitioner or respondent resides within the district. |
| ☐ 9 Mandate | The defendant functions wholly within the district. |
| ☐ 10 Name Change | The petitioner resides within the district. |
| ☐ 11 Personal Injury | The injury occurred within the district. |
| ☐ 12 Personal Property | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 13 Probate | Decedent resided or resides within the district or had property within the district. |
| ☐ 14 Prohibition | The defendant functions wholly within the district. |
| ☐ 15 Review | The defendant functions wholly within the district. |
| ☐ 16 Title to Real Property | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 17 Transferred Action | The lower court is located within the district. |
| ☐ 18 Unlawful Detainer | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 19 Domestic Violence | The petitioner, defendant, plaintiff or respondent resides within the district. |
| ☐ 20 Other _____ | |
| ☒ 21 THIS FILING WOULD NORMALLY FALL WITHIN JURISDICTION OF SUPERIOR COURT. | |

The address of the accident, performance, party, detention, place of business, or other factor which qualifies this case for filing in the above-designated district is:

Defendant/Place of Business	15101 Santa Ana, Unit 101	
(NAME - INDICATE TITLE OR OTHER QUALIFYING FACTOR)	ADDRESS	
Fontana	California	92337
(CITY)	(STATE)	(ZIP CODE)

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on

May 29, 2020 at Glendale, California



 Signature of Attorney/Party