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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES—SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE**

LAIJAYNA CASEY, 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.

CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC., a
 California corporation; and DOES 1 through
 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 20STCV36086

Honorable Carolyn B. Kuhl
 Department SSC-12

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION
 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND
 ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE
 PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT,
 CAL. 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. (Private Attorneys
General Act of 2004)

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW, Plaintiff LAIJAYNA CASEY (“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 Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”), 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.

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 Los Angeles. 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 Los Angeles. At all relevant times, Defendant maintained its headquarters/“nerve center” within the State of California, County of Los Angeles.

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PARTIES

5. Plaintiff LAIJAYNA CASEY is an individual residing in the State of California, County of Los Angeles.

6. Defendant CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC., at all times herein mentioned, was and is, upon information and belief, a California corporation and, at all times herein mentioned, an employer whose employees are engaged throughout the State of California, including the County of Los Angeles.

7. At all relevant times, Defendant CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. was the “employer” of Plaintiff within the meaning of all applicable California laws and statutes.

8. At all times herein relevant, Defendants CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC., and DOES 1 through 100, and each of them, were the agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers, representatives, servants, employees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators and/or assigns, each of the other, and at all times relevant hereto were acting within the course and scope of their authority as such agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers, representatives, servants, employees, successors, co-conspirators and/or assigns, and all acts or omissions alleged herein were duly committed with the ratification, knowledge, permission, encouragement, authorization and/or consent of each defendant designated as a DOE herein.

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

10. Defendant CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100 will hereinafter collectively be referred to as “Defendants.”

11. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants directly or indirectly controlled or

1 affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of
2 Plaintiff and the other class members so as to make each of said Defendants employers liable
3 under the statutory provisions set forth herein.

4 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

5 12. Plaintiff bring this action on her own behalf and on behalf of all other members
6 of the general public similarly situated, and, thus, seeks class certification under California Code
7 of Civil Procedure section 382.

8 13. The proposed class is defined as follows:

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

13 SUBCLASS A. All current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees
14 who worked for any of the Defendants within the State of California at any time
15 during the period from four years preceding the filing of this Complaint to final
16 judgment who earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses, monetary
17 incentives, non-discretionary production and/or performance pay, and/or shift
18 differentials which was not used to calculate the regular rate of pay used to
19 calculate the overtime rate for the payment of overtime wages and who reside in
20 California.

21 14. Plaintiff reserves the right to establish additional subclasses as appropriate.

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

24 a. Numerosity: The class members are so numerous that joinder of all class
25 members is impracticable. The membership of the entire class is unknown
26 to Plaintiff at this time; however, the class is estimated to be greater than
27 fifty (50) individuals and the identity of such membership is readily
28 ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' employment records.

- 1 b. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of all other class members' as
2 demonstrated herein. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the
3 interests of the other class members with whom she has a well-defined
4 community of interest.
- 5 c. Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of each
6 class member, with whom she has a well-defined community of interest
7 and typicality of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff has no interest
8 that is antagonistic to the other class members. Plaintiff's attorneys, the
9 proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing class action
10 discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiff has incurred, and during
11 the pendency of this action will continue to incur, costs and attorneys'
12 fees, that have been, are, and will be necessarily expended for the
13 prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of each class member.
- 14 d. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the
15 fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual joinder
16 of all class members is impractical.
- 17 e. Public Policy Considerations: Certification of this lawsuit as a class action
18 will advance public policy objectives. Employers of this great state violate
19 employment and labor laws every day. Current employees are often afraid
20 to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. However,
21 class actions provide the class members who are not named in the
22 complaint anonymity that allows for the vindication of their rights.

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

- 26 a. Whether Defendants' failure to pay wages, without abatement or
27 reduction, in accordance with the California Labor Code, was willful;
28 b. Whether Defendants' had a corporate policy and practice of failing to pay

1 their hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California
2 for all hours worked and missed (short, late, interrupted, and/or missed
3 altogether) meal periods and rest breaks in violation of California law;

4 c. Whether Defendants required Plaintiff and the other class members to
5 work over eight (8) hours per day, over forty (40) hours per week, and/or
6 six (6) days per workweek and failed to pay the legally required overtime
7 compensation to Plaintiff and the other class members;

8 d. Whether Defendants failed to use the earned commissions, non-
9 discretionary bonuses, monetary incentives, non-discretionary production
10 and/or performance pay, and/or shift differentials to calculate the regular
11 rate of pay used to calculate the overtime rate for the payment of overtime
12 wages and meal break and rest break premiums where Plaintiff and the
13 other class members earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses,
14 monetary incentives, non-discretionary production and/or performance
15 pay, and/or shift differentials and overtime wages and/or meal break and
16 rest break premiums in the same workweek;

17 e. Whether Defendants deprived Plaintiff and the other class members of
18 meal and/or rest periods or required Plaintiff and the other class members
19 to work during meal and/or rest periods without compensation;

20 f. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the
21 other class members for all hours worked;

22 g. Whether Defendants failed to pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other
23 class members within the required time upon their discharge or
24 resignation;

25 h. Whether Defendants failed to timely pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the
26 other class members during their employment;

27 i. Whether Defendants complied with wage reporting as required by the
28 California Labor Code; including, *inter alia*, section 226;

- 1 j. Whether Defendants kept complete and accurate payroll records as
2 required by the California Labor Code, including, *inter alia*, section
3 1174(d);
- 4 k. Whether Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class
5 members for necessary business-related expenses and costs;
- 6 l. Whether Defendants' conduct was willful or reckless;
- 7 m. Whether Defendants engaged in unfair business practices in violation of
8 California Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq.;
- 9 n. The appropriate amount of damages, restitution, and/or monetary penalties
10 resulting from Defendants' violation of California law; and
- 11 o. Whether Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to
12 compensatory damages pursuant to the California Labor Code.

13 **PAGA ALLEGATIONS**

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

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

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

25 20. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants and the alleged violations were committed
26 against him during his time of employment and he is, therefore, an aggrieved employee. Plaintiff
27 and the other employees are "aggrieved employees" as defined by California Labor Code section
28 2699(c) in that they are current or former employees of Defendants, and one or more of the

1 alleged violations were committed against them.

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

5 a. The aggrieved employee shall give written notice by certified mail
6 (hereinafter "Employee's Notice") to the LWDA and the employer of the specific provisions of
7 the California Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to
8 support the alleged violations.

9 b. The LWDA shall provide notice (hereinafter "LWDA Notice") to the
10 employer and the aggrieved employer by certified mail that it does not intend to investigate the
11 alleged violation within sixty (60) calendar days of the postmark date of the Employee's Notice.
12 Upon receipt of the LWDA Notice, or if the LWDA Notice is not provided within sixty-five (65)
13 calendar days of the postmark date of the Employee's Notice, the aggrieved employee may
14 commence a civil action pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699 to recover civil
15 penalties in addition to any other penalties to which the employee may be entitled.

16 22. On September 18, 2020, Plaintiff provided written notice by certified mail to the
17 LWDA and to Defendants of the specific provisions of the California Labor Code alleged to
18 have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations. Therefore,
19 the administrative prerequisites under California Labor Code section 2699.3(a) to recover civil
20 penalties against Defendants, in addition to other remedies, for violations of California Labor
21 Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 551, 552, 1174(d), 1194, 1197,
22 1197.1, 1198, 2800, and 2802, and Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Orders,
23 including *inter alia* 4-2001, have been satisfied.

24 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

25 23. At all relevant times set forth herein, Defendants employed Plaintiff and other
26 persons as hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California, including the
27 County of Los Angeles.

28 24. Defendants, jointly and severally, employed Plaintiff as an hourly-paid, non-exempt

1 employee, from approximately June 2019 to approximately September 2019, in the State of
2 California, County of Los Angeles.

3 25. Defendants hired Plaintiff and the other class members, classified them as hourly-
4 paid or non-exempt employees, and failed to compensate them for all hours worked and missed,
5 short, late, and/or interrupted meal periods and/or rest breaks.

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

9 27. Defendants exercised sufficient authority over the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's
10 and the other class members' employment for them to be joint employers of Plaintiff and the
11 other class members.

12 28. Defendants directly hired and paid wages and benefits to Plaintiff and the other class
13 members.

14 29. Defendants continue to employ hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the
15 State of California.

16 30. Plaintiff and the other class members worked over eight (8) hours in a day, forty
17 (40) hours in a week, and/or over six (6) days during their employment with Defendants.

18 31. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
19 engaged in a uniform policy and systematic scheme of wage abuse against their hourly-paid or
20 non-exempt employees within the State of California. This scheme involved, *inter alia*, failing
21 to pay them for all hours worked and missed meal periods and rest breaks in violation of
22 California law.

23 32. 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 certain wages for overtime compensation and that they were not receiving accurate overtime
26 compensation for all overtime hours worked. The deficiencies include, *inter alia*, requiring
27 Plaintiff and the other class members to perform work overtime off-the-clock, the failure to
28 include earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses, monetary incentives, non-discretionary

1 production and/or performance pay, and/or shift differentials to calculate the regular rate of pay
2 used to calculate the overtime rate.

3 33. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants failed
4 to use the earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses, monetary incentives, non-
5 discretionary production and/or performance pay, and/or shift differentials to calculate the regular
6 rate of pay, such as the regular rate of pay used to calculate the overtime rate for the payment of
7 overtime wages and for the meal break and rest break premiums, where Plaintiff and the other
8 class members earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses, monetary incentives, non-
9 discretionary production and/or performance pay, and/or shift differentials and overtime wages
10 and/or meal break and rest break premiums in the same workweek.

11 34. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
12 failed to provide Plaintiff and the other class members all required rest and meal periods during
13 the relevant time period as required under the IWC Wage Orders and thus they are entitled to
14 any and all applicable premium wages. Defendants' failure included, *inter alia*, failing to
15 provide uninterrupted ten (10) minute rest periods and timely, uninterrupted thirty (30) minute
16 meal periods to Plaintiff and the other class members. Plaintiff and the other class members
17 were required to perform work during meal periods and rest periods, and Defendants incentivized
18 Plaintiff and the other class members to forego statutorily required meal periods and rest periods.

19 35. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
20 failed to relieve Plaintiff and the other class members of all duties, failed to relinquish control
21 over Plaintiff and the other class members' activities, failed to permit Plaintiff and the other
22 class members a reasonable opportunity to take, and impeded or discouraged them from taking
23 thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal breaks no later than the end of their fifth hour of work for
24 shifts lasting at least six (6) hours, and/or to take second thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal
25 breaks no later than their tenth hour of work for shifts lasting more than ten (10) hours.

26 36. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
27 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
28 all meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class

1 member's regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, short, late, and/or interrupted, and
2 they did not receive all meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and
3 the other class member's regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, short, late, and/or
4 interrupted and Defendants failed to include earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses,
5 monetary incentives, non-discretionary production and/or performance pay, and/or shift
6 differentials to calculate the regular rate of pay used when the meal period was missed, short,
7 late and/or interrupted.

8 37. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
9 failed to provide, authorize, and permit Plaintiff and the other class members to take full,
10 uninterrupted, off-duty rest periods for every shift lasting three and one-half (3.5) to six (6) hour
11 and/or two full, uninterrupted, off-duty rest periods for every shift lasting six (6) to ten (10)
12 hours, and failed to make a good faith effort to authorize, permit, and provide such rest breaks
13 in the middle of each work period. Defendants also required Plaintiff and other putative class
14 members to remain on the premises during rest periods.

15 38. 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 all rest periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class
18 member's regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, short, late, and/or interrupted, and
19 they did not receive all rest periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and
20 the other class members' regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed short, late, and/or
21 interrupted and Defendants failed to include earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses,
22 monetary incentives, non-discretionary production and/or performance pay, and/or shift
23 differentials to calculate the regular rate of pay used when the rest period was missed, short, late
24 and/or interrupted.

25 39. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
26 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
27 at least minimum wages for compensation and that they were not receiving at least minimum
28 wages for all hours worked.

1 40. 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 wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation, including earned but unpaid overtime
4 wages and minimum wages and meal and rest period premiums, and they did not, in fact, receive
5 all such wages owed to them at the time of their discharge or resignation.

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

11 42. 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 complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with California law, but, in fact, they did
14 not receive complete and accurate wage statements from Defendants. The deficiencies included,
15 *inter alia*, the failure to include the total number of hours worked by Plaintiff and the other class
16 members.

17 43. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
18 knew or should have known that Defendants had to keep complete and accurate payroll records
19 for Plaintiff and the other class members in accordance with California law, but, in fact, did not
20 keep complete and accurate payroll records.

21 44. 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
23 reimbursement for necessary business-related expenses.

24 45. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
25 knew or should have known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff and the other class
26 members pursuant to California law, and that Defendants had the financial ability to pay such
27 compensation, but willfully, knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely represented
28 to Plaintiff and the other class members that they were properly denied wages, all in order to

1 increase Defendants' profits.

2 46. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay overtime wages to
3 Plaintiff and the other class members for all overtime hours worked. Plaintiff and the other class
4 members did not receive overtime compensation at one-and one-half times the regular rate for
5 all hours spent performing job duties in excess of eight (8) hours per day, forty (40) hours per
6 week, and/or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of work in a workweek
7 without overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked.

8 47. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to use the commissions/non-
9 discretionary bonuses/non-discretionary performance pay to calculate the regular rate of pay used
10 to calculate the overtime rate for the payment of overtime wages where Plaintiff and the other class
11 members earned shift differential pay/commissions/non-discretionary bonuses/non-discretionary
12 performance pay and overtime wages in the same workweek.

13 48. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to provide all requisite
14 uninterrupted meal and rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members.

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

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

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

22 52. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to provide complete or
23 accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other class members.

24 53. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to keep complete or accurate
25 payroll records for Plaintiff and the other class members.

26 54. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the
27 other class members for all necessary business-related expenses and costs.

28 55. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to properly compensate

1 Plaintiff and the other class members pursuant to California law in order to increase Defendants’
2 profits.

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

6 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198)**

8 **(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

9 57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1
10 through 56, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
11 forth herein.

12 58. California Labor Code section 1198 and the applicable IWC Wage Order provide
13 that it is unlawful to employ persons without compensating them at a rate of pay either time-
14 and-one-half or two-times that person’s regular rate of pay, depending on the number of hours
15 worked by the person on a daily or weekly basis.

16 59. Specifically, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that Defendants are and
17 were required to pay Plaintiff and the other class members employed by Defendants, and
18 working more than eight (8) hours in a day, more than forty (40) hours in a week, and/or more
19 than six (6) consecutive days in a workweek, at the rate of time-and-one-half for all hours worked
20 in excess of eight (8) hours in a day, more than forty (40) hours in a week, or the first eight (8)
21 hours worked on the seventh day of work in a workweek.

22 60. The applicable IWC Wage Order further provides that Defendants are and were
23 required to pay Plaintiff and the other class members overtime compensation at a rate of two
24 times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day.

25 61. California Labor Code section 510 codifies the right to overtime compensation at
26 one-and-one-half times the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a
27 day or forty (40) hours in a week or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of
28 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.

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

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

64. 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.

65. 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 CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

66. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 65, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

67. 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.

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

69. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section 512(a) provide that an employer may not require, cause or permit an employee to work for a work period of more than five (5) hours per day without providing the employee with a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except that if the total work period per day of the

1 employee is no more than six (6) hours, the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of
2 both the employer and employee.

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

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

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

18 73. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and other class members' meal periods
19 were missed, shortened, late, and/or were interrupted because Defendants required them to
20 perform and complete work duties, even when it resulted in missed, shortened, late, or
21 interrupted meal periods. Defendants interrupted Plaintiff and the other class members during
22 purported meal periods with business-related inquiries, instructions for tasks, and/or to require
23 them to return to work before a full thirty (30) minutes elapsed to complete or begin tasks.

24 74. As a result, Defendants failed to relieve Plaintiff and the other class members of
25 all duties, failed to relinquish control over Plaintiff and the other class members' activities, failed
26 to permit Plaintiff and the other class members a reasonable opportunity to take, and impeded or
27 discouraged them from taking thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal periods no later than the
28 end of their fifth hour of work for shifts lasting at least six (6) hours, and/or to take second thirty

(30) minute uninterrupted meal periods no later than their tenth hour of work for shifts lasting more than ten (10) hours.

75. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully required Plaintiff and the other class members to work during meal periods and failed to compensate Plaintiff and the other class members the full meal period premium for work performed during meal periods.

76. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the full meal period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7 and failed to include earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses, monetary incentives, non-discretionary production and/or performance pay, and/or shift differentials to calculate the regular rate of pay used when calculating the meal period premium.

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

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

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7)

(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

79. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 78, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

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

81. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no employer shall require an employee to work during any rest period mandated by an applicable

order of the California IWC.

82. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that “[e]very employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods, which insofar as practicable shall be in the middle of each work period” and that the “rest period time shall be based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof” unless the total daily work time is less than three and one-half (3 ½) hours.

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

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

85. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the full rest period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7 and failed to include earned commissions, non-discretionary bonuses, monetary incentives, non-discretionary production and/or performance pay, and/or shift differentials to calculate the regular rate of pay used when calculating the rest period premium.

86. Defendants’ conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code section 226.7.

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

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

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

(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

88. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1

1 through 87, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
2 forth herein.

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

6 90. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay minimum wage to
7 Plaintiff and the other class members as required, pursuant to California Labor Code sections
8 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Defendants' failure to pay minimum wages included, *inter alia*,
9 Defendants' effective payment of zero dollars per hour for hours Plaintiff and the other class
10 members worked off-the-clock performing work duties.

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

16 92. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1197.1, Plaintiff and the other class
17 members are entitled to recover a penalty of \$100.00 for the initial failure to timely pay each
18 employee minimum wages, and \$250.00 for each subsequent failure to pay each employee
19 minimum wages.

20 93. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the other class
21 members are entitled to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully
22 unpaid and interest thereon.

23 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

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

25 **(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

26 94. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
27 through 93, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
28 forth herein.

1 95. At all relevant times herein set forth, California Labor Code sections 201 and 202
2 provide that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of
3 discharge are due and payable immediately, and if an employee quits his or her employment, his
4 or her wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72) hours thereafter,
5 unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours' notice of his or her intention to quit, in
6 which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

7 96. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to
8 pay Plaintiff and the other class members who are no longer employed by Defendants their
9 wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.
10 Plaintiff and other class members were not paid at the time of their discharge wages earned and
11 unpaid throughout their employment, including but not limited to, wages for time worked off-
12 the-clock to perform work duties, for meal and rest period premium payments.

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

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

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

23 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

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

25 **(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

26 100. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
27 through 99, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
28 forth herein.

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

102. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all wages earned by any person in any employment between the 16th and the last day, inclusive, of any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and payable between the 1st and the 10th day of the following month.

103. 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.

104. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to pay Plaintiff and the other class members all wages due to them, within any time period permissible under California Labor Code section 204.

105. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover all remedies available for violations of California Labor Code section 204.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

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

(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

106. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 105, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

107. 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

1 dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her
2 social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9)
3 all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours
4 worked at each hourly rate by the employee. The deductions made from payments of wages
5 shall be recorded in ink or other indelible form, properly dated, showing the month, day, and
6 year, and a copy of the statement or a record of the deductions shall be kept on file by the
7 employer for at least three years at the place of employment or at a central location within the
8 State of California.

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

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

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

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

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

25 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

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

27 **(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

28 113. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1

1 through 112, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
2 forth herein.

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

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

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

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

20 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

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

22 **(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

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

26 119. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802, an employer must
27 reimburse its employee for all necessary expenditures incurred by the employee in direct
28 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.

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

121. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class members for all necessary business-related expenses and costs.

122. 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 CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

123. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 122, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

124. 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' competitors. Accordingly, Plaintiff seek to enforce important rights affecting the public interest within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

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

126. A violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq. may be predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. In this instant case, Defendants' policies and practices of requiring employees, including Plaintiff and the other class members, to work overtime without paying them proper compensation violate California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198. Additionally, Defendants' policies and practices of requiring employees, including Plaintiff and the other class members, to work through their meal and rest periods

without paying them proper compensation violate California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a). Defendants' policies and practices of failing to pay wages for all time worked violate California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Moreover, Defendants' policies and practices of failing to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other class members violate California Labor Code sections 201, 202 and 204. Defendants also violated California Labor Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), 2800 and 2802.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

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

(Against CAINE & WEINER COMPANY INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

133. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 132, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

134. 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.

135. 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.

136. 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

137. Defendants’ failure to pay overtime in violation of the Wage Orders and California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198.

Failing to Provide Meal Periods

138. Defendants’ failure to provide legally required meal periods in violation of the Wage Orders and California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a), as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

Failure to Provide Rest Periods

139. Defendants’ failure to provide legally required rest periods in violation of the Wage Orders and California Labor Code section 226.7, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful

and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226.7.

Failure to Pay Minimum Wages

140. Defendants' failure to pay minimum wages in violation of the Wage Orders and California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197 and 1197.1, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197 and 1197.1.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages Upon Termination

141. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages upon termination in violation of California Labor Code sections 201 and 202, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment

142. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages during employment in violation of California Labor Code section 204, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 204.

Failure to Provide Compliant Wage Statements

143. Defendants' failure to provide compliant wage statements in violation of California Labor Code section 226(a), as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226(a).

Failure to Keep Complete or Accurate Payroll Records

144. Defendants' failure to keep complete or accurate payroll records in violation of California Labor Code section 1174(d), as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 1174(d).

Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses

145. Defendants' failure to reimburse all necessary business-related expenses and costs in violation of California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802.

146. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of all aggrieved employees, request and are entitled to recover from Defendants and each of them, business expenses, unpaid wages, and/or untimely wages according to proof, interest,

attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code section 218.5, as well as all penalties against Defendants, and each of them, including but not limited to:

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

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

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

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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 Attorneys

General Act, requests a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, 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 Attorneys General Act, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, as follows:

Class Certification

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

As to the First Cause of Action

5. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all overtime wages due to Plaintiff and the other class members;
6. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates and such general and special damages as may be appropriate;
7. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;
8. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194; and
9. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Second Cause of Action

10. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to

1 provide all meal periods (including second meal periods) to Plaintiff and the other class
2 members;

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

6 12. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
7 proof;

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

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

11 15. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 23. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
28 Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 by willfully failing to pay minimum wages to

1 Plaintiff and the other class members;

2 24. For general unpaid wages and such general and special damages as may be
3 appropriate;

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

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

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

11 28. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2; and

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

13 **As to the Fifth Cause of Action**

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

18 31. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
19 proof;

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

22 33. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such
23 amounts were due; and

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

25 **As to the Sixth Cause of Action**

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

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

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

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

As to the Seventh Cause of Action

39. 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;

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

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

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

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

As to the Eighth Cause of Action

44. 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);

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

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

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

As to the Ninth Cause of Action

48. 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;

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

- 1 50. For the imposition of civil penalties and/or statutory penalties;
2 51. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and
3 52. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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

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

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

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

18 56. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
19 California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5;

20 57. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California
21 Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.; and

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

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

24 59. For civil penalties and wages pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a),
25 (f) and (g) plus costs and attorneys' fees for violation of California Labor Code sections 201,
26 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 551, 552, 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800,
27 and 2802; and

28 60. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 410 West Arden Avenue, Suite 203, Glendale, California 91203.

On April 27, 2022, I served the foregoing document(s) described as: **FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT, CAL. LABOR CODE § 2698 ET SEQ.** on interested parties as follows:

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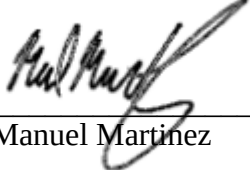
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Manuel Martinez