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Kern County Superior Court

By Sophia Munoz Alvarez, Deputy

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: CUMMINGS VACUUM SERVICE, INC., a
(**AVISO AL DEMANDADO**): California corporation, UNIVERSAL
STAFFING, INC., a California corporation, and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: JASON MCLELLAND, on behalf
(**LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE**): of himself and all
"aggrieved employees" pursuant to Labor Code § 2698 et
seq.

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):

Superior Court of California, County of Kern

1415 Truxtun Avenue

Bakersfield, California 93301

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Alex P. Katofsky, Esq. #20754

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Gaines & Gaines, APLC

27200 Agoura Road, Suite 101, Calabasas, CA 91301

DATE:

(Fecha) 2/3/2021

TAMARAH HARBER-PICKENS

Clerk, by

(Secretario)

818-703-8985

, Deputy

(Adjunto)

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

BCV-21-100238

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[SEAL]



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 416.20 (defunct corporation)

☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)

☐ other (specify):

☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)

☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)

☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)

4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Alex P. Katofksy, Esq. SBN: 202754 Gaines & Gaines, APLC 27200 Agoura Road, Suite 101, Calabasas, CA 91301 TELEPHONE NO.: 818-703-8985 FAX NO.: 818-703-8984 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff, Jason Mclelland		FOR COURT USE ONLY ELECTRONICALLY FILED 2/3/2021 12:10 PM Kern County Superior Court By Sophia Munoz Alvarez, Deputy
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN STREET ADDRESS: 1415 Truxtun Avenue MAILING ADDRESS: 1415 Truxtun Avenue CITY AND ZIP CODE: Bakersfield, 93301 BRANCH NAME: Metro Division		
CASE NAME: Mclelland v. Cummings Vacuum Service, Inc., et al.		
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ☒ Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000)	☐ Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)	Complex Case Designation ☐ Counter ☐ Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)
		CASE NUMBER: BCV-21-100238 JUDGE: DEPT:

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 (<i>not specified above</i>) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition ☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21) ☐ Other petition (<i>not specified above</i>) (43)
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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:
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| 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*): One (1)
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: 2/3/21

Alex P. Katofksy, Esq.
 (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)


 (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
Other PI/PD/WD

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

JASON MCLELLAND, on behalf of himself
and all “aggrieved employees” pursuant to
Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CUMMINGS VACUUM SERVICE, INC., a
California corporation, UNIVERSAL
STAFFING, INC., a California corporation,
and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO:BCV-21-100238

**REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT FOR PENALTIES
PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE § 2699(f)
FOR VIOLATIONS OF LABOR CODE
§§ 201, 202, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512, 1174,
1194, AND 1198 AND PURSUANT TO
LABOR CODE § 2699(a) FOR
VIOLATIONS OF LABOR CODE §§ 226.3
AND 558**

1 Plaintiff JASON MCLELLAND (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of himself and others as an
2 “aggrieved employee” under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, complains of
3 CUMMINGS VACUUM SERVICE, INC., a California corporation, UNIVERSAL STAFFING,
4 INC., a California corporation, and/or any subsidiaries or affiliated companies (hereinafter referred
5 to as “Defendants”), as follows:

6 I.

7 **INTRODUCTION AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

8 1. This is a Representative Action, pursuant to Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*, on behalf of
9 Plaintiff and other non-exempt California employees who currently work or formerly worked for
10 Defendants (“Aggrieved Employees”).

11 2. For at least one (1) year prior to the filing of this action and at least one (1) year prior
12 to the date Plaintiff began the process of exhausting the administrative requirements, pursuant to
13 Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*, and continuing to the present (the “liability period”), Defendants have had
14 consistent policies of:

15 a. Failing to pay all minimum and overtime wages earned during the course of
16 employment, in violation of Labor Code §§ 510, 558, and 1194 when it rounded down the hours
17 reflected on Plaintiff’s and other Aggrieved Employees’ time records to pay fewer hours than were
18 actually worked. On a weekly basis, this rounding deprived Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees
19 of significant hours worked. These failures to pay all minimum and overtime wages due constitute
20 violations of Labor Code §§ 510, 558, and 1194;

21 b. Failing to pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees all wages due, in
22 violation of Labor Code §§ 510, 558, and 1194 and IWC Wage Order 9-2001, when it required
23 Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees to be on-call every day of the week and to remain tethered
24 to the Bakersfield, California area to await instructions. If they were not called in to work, Defendants
25 would not compensate them for any time worked that day. An employer is obligated to pay the wages
26 of an hourly employee for all time that the employee is under the control of the employer, and this
27 includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so.
28 When Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were on-call, they were under the control of

1 Defendants and required to be compensated for all hours worked. Defendants, however, failed to do
2 so, in violation of Labor Code §§ 510, 558, and 1194 and IWC Wage Order 9-2001, section 5;

3 c. Requiring Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees to report to work only to
4 be told they were no longer needed and be sent home within 2 hours of reporting to work. Defendants,
5 however, failed to pay the required “half the usual or scheduled day’s work, but in no event . . . less
6 than two (2) hours . . . at the employee’s regular rate of pay, which shall not be less than the minimum
7 wage.” This violates Labor Code §§ 510, 558, and 1194 and IWC Wage Order 9-2001;

8 d. Failing to pay premium wages to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees who were
9 denied rest periods, in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 558 and IWC Wage Order 9-2001.
10 Plaintiff and all other Aggrieved Employees were routinely not authorized and unable to take an off-
11 duty 10-minute rest period for every four (4) hours of work or major fraction thereof, but were not
12 paid premium wages of one hour’s pay for each missed rest period. During their employment with
13 Defendants, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees rarely if ever received a rest period despite routinely
14 working in excess of twelve hours in a workday. This violates Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 558 and IWC
15 Wage Order 9-2001;

16 e. Failing to pay Plaintiff and all other Aggrieved Employees premium wages
17 for missed meal periods, in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512 and 558 and IWC Wage Order 9-
18 2001. Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were routinely denied, and not authorized to take, an
19 uninterrupted, 30-minute meal period for every shift worked over five hours in duration, and a second
20 30-minute meal period for every shift worked over ten hours in duration, but were not paid premium
21 wages of one hour’s pay for each missed meal period. When Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees did
22 receive a meal period, they would typically be required to work through it, also depriving them of all
23 wages due. Defendants also failed to maintain meal period records, which show the time that meal
24 periods were taken. This violates Labor Code §§ 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1171, 1194, and 1198 and
25 IWC Wage Order 9-2001;

26 f. Failing to provide Plaintiff and non-exempt Aggrieved Employees with wage
27 statements that fully and accurately itemized the requirements set forth in Labor Code §§ 226(a) and
28 226.3. Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were not paid all wages due, as stated above. As

1 such, the wage statements provided by Defendants failed to accurately state all gross wages earned,
2 in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(1), total hours worked, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(2),
3 net wages earned, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(5), and all applicable hourly rates in effect
4 during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked, in violation of Labor Code §
5 226(a)(9). Separately the wage statements issued to Plaintiff and all other Aggrieved Employees also
6 failed to set forth all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding
7 number of hours worked, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(9), as the wage statements failed to set
8 forth the applicable overtime rate when overtime hours were worked; and

9 g. Failing to timely pay Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees all wages due at the
10 separation of their employment based on the time frames required by Labor Code §§ 201 and 202.
11 As stated above, Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees were not paid all wages due during the
12 course of their employment and, as a result of this failure, they were not timely paid all wages due at
13 the separation of their employment. Furthermore, when Plaintiff was terminated, he did not receive
14 his final paycheck at the time of his termination; instead, it was issued to him well after his last day
15 of employment. This violates Labor Code §§ 201-202 and is alleged on behalf of Plaintiff and certain
16 Aggrieved Employees who have left their employment with Defendants.

17 3. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all Aggrieved Employees pursuant to Labor Code §
18 2698 *et seq.*, seeks civil penalties for Defendants' violations of the California Labor Code.

19 4. Venue is proper in this judicial district, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 395.
20 The Labor Code violations alleged against Defendants herein arose in Kern County, California.

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1 II.

2 **PARTIES**

3 **A. Plaintiff**

4 5. Plaintiff JASON MCLELLAND was employed by Defendants from March 2019
5 through August 2020 as a non-exempt employee in Kern County, California.

6 **B. Defendant**

7 6. Defendant CUMMINGS VACUUM SERVICE, INC., is a California corporation.
8 Defendant CUMMINGS VACUUM SERVICE, INC. employed Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees
9 throughout the State of California, including Kern County, California.

10 7. Defendant UNIVERSAL STAFFING, INC., a California corporation. Defendant
11 UNIVERSAL STAFFING, INC. employed Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees throughout the State
12 of California, including Kern County, California.

13 8. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise,
14 of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 to 10, inclusive, are currently unknown to Plaintiff, who
15 therefore sues Defendants by such fictitious names under Code of Civil Procedure § 474. Plaintiff is
16 informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants designated herein as a
17 DOE is legally responsible in some manner for the unlawful acts referred to herein. Plaintiff will
18 seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of the Defendants
19 designated hereinafter as DOES when such identities become known.

20 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each Defendant acted
21 in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent of the other Defendants, carried out a joint scheme,
22 business plan or policy in all respects pertinent hereto, and the acts of each Defendant is legally
23 attributable to the other Defendants.

24 10. The Defendants named herein as DOE 1 through DOE 10 are and were persons acting
25 on behalf of, or acting jointly with, Defendants, who violated, or caused to be violated, one or more
26 provisions of the California Labor Code as alleged herein.

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III.

CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

**PLAINTIFF AND ALL AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS
PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE § 2699(f) FOR VIOLATIONS OF LABOR
CODE §§ 201, 202, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512, 1174, 1194, AND 1198 AND PURSUANT TO
LABOR CODE § 2699(a) FOR VIOLATIONS OF LABOR CODE §§ 226.3 AND 558**

11. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 10 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

12. As a result of the acts alleged above, including the Labor Code violations set forth in paragraph 2 above, Plaintiff seeks civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code §§ 2698 *et seq.*

13. For each such violation, Plaintiff and all other Aggrieved Employees are entitled to penalties and other relief in an amount to be shown at the time of trial subject to the following formula:

a. Pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(f), \$100 for each initial violation and \$200 for each subsequent violation of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512, 1174, 1194, and 1198; and

b. Pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(a), the penalties as authorized by Labor Code §§ 226.3 and 558.

14. Civil penalties recovered will be allocated 75% to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and 25% to the affected employees.

15. On November 23, 2020, Plaintiff sent a letter, by online submission to the LWDA and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Defendants setting forth the facts and theories of the violations alleged against Defendants, as prescribed by Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.* Pursuant to Labor Code § 2699.3(a)(2)(A), no notice was received by Plaintiff from the LWDA within sixty-five (65) calendar days of November 23, 2020. Plaintiff may therefore commence this action to seek civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*

Wherefore, Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees he seeks to represent request relief as described below.

1 IV.

2 **RELIEF REQUESTED**

3 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- 4 1. For civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.* for Plaintiff and all other
5 Aggrieved Employees;
- 6 2. An award providing for payment of costs of suit pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1)
7 and other applicable law;
- 8 3. An award of attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1) and other applicable
9 law; and
- 10 4. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

11 Dated: February 3, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

12 GAINES & GAINES
13 A Professional Law Corporation

14 By: Daniel F. Gaines
15 DANIEL F. GAINES
16 EVAN S. GAINES
17 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN

FEBRUARY 03, 2021

By Sophia Munoz Alvarez DEPUTY

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER:

JASON MCLELLAND

**JASON MCLELLAND, ON BEHALF OF "ALL AGGRIEVED
EMPLOYEES" PERSUANT TO LABOR CODE 2698 ET SEQ.**

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT:

**CUMMINGS VACUUM SERVICE, INC., A CALIFORNIA
CORPORATION**

UNIVERSAL STAFFING, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES AND
NOTICE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE CRC RULE 3.110 AND
NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

CASE NUMBER:

BCV-21-100238

By order of the presiding judge, the above entitled case is assigned to the Honorable Thomas S. Clark for all purposes. It will be managed on the direct calendar program in Bakersfield Department 17 until its conclusion. Peremptory challenges, if any, must be made within the times set out in CCP §170.6. Please include the initials **TSC** after the case number on all future pleadings filed in this case.

TO PLAINTIFF AND PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:

You are ordered to appear on **May 19, 2021** in **Bakersfield Department 17** at **8:30 AM** in the above entitled court to give any legal reason why sanctions shall not be imposed for failure to serve the complaint on all named defendants and file proof(s) of service with the court within sixty (60) days after the filing of the complaint pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110. All appearances are mandatory, unless the court receives the required proof(s) of service five (5) court days prior to the hearing date, and then no appearance is necessary.

TO EACH PARTY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEY(S) OF RECORD:

This case is set for Case Management Conference, by the Honorable Thomas S. Clark on **August 02, 2021** at **8:15AM** in **Bakersfield Department 17** of the above entitled court. Case management statements are to be filed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the conference in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rules 3.720 – 3.730. All parties shall comply with California Rules of Court, Rules 3.720 – 3.730.

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL

IMPORTANT: You are required to serve this Notice of Assignment and Notice of Order to Show Cause Date and Notice of Case Management Conference Date with the Summons, Complaint [Local Rule 3.7(a)], Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Packet, and ADR Stipulation and Order Form (California Rules of Court, Rule 3.221).

NOTICE TO CROSS COMPLAINANT'S COUNSEL

IMPORTANT: If you are bringing a cross complaint against new parties, you are, likewise, required to serve this Notice of Assignment pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110 and Notice of Order to Show Cause date and Notice of Case Management Conference date on the new cross defendants.

**TAMARAH HARBER-PICKENS
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

Date: February 03, 2021

By: Sophia Munoz Alvarez
Sophia Munoz Alvarez, Deputy Clerk

The Clerk of the Superior Court's office has received a civil complaint from you for filing. Pursuant to the Trial Court Delay Reduction Act, your case has been assigned to the Honorable Thomas S. Clark as monitoring judge.

Judge Thomas S. Clark has instituted a direct calendaring system for all cases assigned to him/her as the monitoring judge.

All law and motion, case management and trial setting conferences, ex parte matters and trials will be scheduled before him/her in Bakersfield Department 17. This will involve all cases in which the clerk has assigned the initials TSC to the complaint at the time of filing. Counsel is expected to make the initials of the monitoring judge a part of the case number on all pleadings and papers.

Law & Motion and Ex-Parte hearing dates must be pre-cleared by contacting the Direct Calendaring Clerk at 661-868-4900. Tentative rulings can be located by visiting "<http://www.kern.courts.ca.gov/>", after 4:00 pm. Click on the Non-Criminal Case Information link to enter the case number. Please note, not all departments provide tentative rulings.

At the time of filing the complaint, plaintiff's counsel will be given a Notice of Case Management Conference which sets a conference approximately one hundred eighty (180) days after filing of the complaint. This notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants. Defendants must serve the notice on all cross-defendants named. The notice must also be served on interveners and lien claimants.

Telephonic appearances for case management conferences and law and motion hearings are available through Court Call. The toll free telephone number for Court Call is (888) 88-COURT. Proper procedures must be complied with under California Rules of Court, Rule 3.670. Arrangements to make appearances through Court Call must be made at least five (5) court days prior to the hearing date.

Another judge will hear settlement conferences in cases assigned to Judge Thomas S. Clark. However, those cases that do not settle will be set for trial before him/her.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN
SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES**

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the case management conference, each party shall prepare, file and serve on each other party a case management conference statement providing the Court with the following information:

1. The “at-issue” status of the case including any new parties that may be contemplated;
2. A brief statement of the type of case and the general facts or contentions;
3. A description of the discovery done to date and that contemplated to be done;
4. Estimated time for trial and whether a jury is demanded;
5. Whether or not the case is entitled to priority in trial setting and if so, the legal authority thereof;
6. An evaluation of the case for alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration (judicial or binding), mediation or private judge handling;
7. If a person injury action, a description of the injuries sustained by each plaintiff and the elements of claimed damage;
8. A statement of any settlement negotiations undertaken thus far;
9. The name of the attorney primary responsible for the case on behalf of the party filing the statement.

More than one party may join in the filing of a single statement.

The case management conference shall be attended by the attorney primarily responsible for the case on behalf of each party or a member of his or her firm or counsel formally associated in the case. The attorney attending shall be thoroughly familiar with the case, and be able to engage in meaningful discussions with court and counsel, and to enter into agreements on behalf of his or her client on the following subjects:

1. The “at-issue” status of the case including the dismissal of the unnamed doe defendants or cross-defendants by agreement of all parties;
2. Discovery conducted and remaining to be done;
3. Amenability of the case to alternative dispute resolution including, but no limited to, arbitration (judicial or binding), mediation, and private judge handling.
4. Delineation of issues including stipulation of facts not in substantial controversy;
5. Settlement prospects;
6. Setting the matter for trial, pre-trial conferences, settlement conference or further case management conference;
7. Any other matters relevant to the processing of the case to a final resolution.

Any violation of these rules shall result in the imposition of substantial sanctions which may include monetary, issue, termination, or other appropriate sanctions.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The undersigned, of said Kern County, certify: That I am a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Kern, that I am a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, I reside in or am employed in the County of Kern, and not a party to the within action, that I served the *Notice of Assignment/Notice of Order to Show Cause Re CRC 3.110/Notice of Case Management Conference* attached hereto on all interested parties and any respective counsel of record in the within action by posting true copies thereof, to the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Non-Criminal Case Information Portal (<https://odyprodportal.kern.courts.ca.gov/portalprod>).

Date of Posting: February 03, 2021

Place of Posting: Bakersfield, CA

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

TAMARAH HARBER-PICKENS
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Date: February 03, 2021

By: Sophia Munoz Alvarez
Sophia Munoz Alvarez, Deputy Clerk