

**SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):** CFHS HOLDINGS, INC.

Additional Parties Attachment form is attached.

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

MARK LACANIENZA, as an individual and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and as a private attorney general

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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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The name and address of the court is:
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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

CASE NUMBER:
(Número del Caso):

21 ST CV 31671

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

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

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

SHORT TITLE: LACANIENZA v. CFHS HOLDINGS, INC., et al.	CASE NUMBER:
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☐ Plaintiff ☒ Defendant ☐ Cross-Complainant ☐ Cross-Defendant

~~CFHS HOLDINGS, INC.~~ dba MARINA DEL REY HOSPITAL and dba CEDARS-SINAI MARINA DEL REY HOSPITAL, a California corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

MARK LACANIENZA, as an individual and on
behalf of all others similarly situated, and as a
private attorney general,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CFHS HOLDINGS, INC. dba MARINA DEL
REY HOSPITAL and dba CEDARS-SINAI
MARINA DEL REY HOSPITAL, a California
corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. **21 ST CV 31671**

**CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT**

- (1) Unpaid Minimum Wages
(Lab. Code § 1182.12, 1197);
- (2) Meal Period Violations
(Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512);
- (3) Inaccurate Itemized Wage Statements
(Lab. Code § 226(a));
- (4) Unfair or Unlawful Business Practices
(Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.); and
- (5) Violations of the California Labor Code
(Lab. Code §§ 2698 et seq.)

DEMAND OVER \$25,000.00

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1 On behalf of himself and other similarly situated current and former employees, and as a proxy
2 for the State of California, Plaintiff, Mark Lacanienta, submits this Class and Representative Action
3 Complaint against Defendant, CFHS Holdings, Inc. dba Marina Del Rey Hospital and dba Cedars-Sinai
4 Marina Del Rey Hospital, and Does 1 through 50 (collectively, "Defendants").

5 INTRODUCTION

6 1. This class and representative action concerns systemic employment practices that violate
7 the California Labor Code. The Complaint seeks penalties, damages, and other relief pursuant to,
8 among other provisions, Labor Code sections 201-204, 210, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.7, 512, 1174,
9 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, and 2698 et seq.,¹ and the Unfair Competition Law, codified at Business
10 and Professions Code sections 17200 et seq. (the "UCL").

11 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants have jointly and severally acted
12 intentionally and with deliberate indifference and conscious disregard to the rights of employees by
13 failing to pay wages for all hours worked, failing to provide duty-free meal periods, failing to pay
14 premium wages for missed meal periods, failing to timely pay wages during employment or upon
15 termination, and failing to furnish accurate itemized wage statements.

16 3. Defendants routinely fail to pay wages, including minimum wages, for all hours worked,
17 including, for example, the time that Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees spend undergoing
18 mandatory health screenings. Specifically, before clocking in and without the payment of wages,
19 Defendants require Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees to wait for and submit to a mandatory
20 health screening. Defendants do not pay any wages for this time.

21 4. On shifts exceeding five hours of work, Defendants also routinely fail to provide
22 Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees with a duty-free 30-minute meal period within the first five
23 hours of work. Specifically, due to Defendants' staffing practices and Plaintiff and other non-exempt
24 employees' responsibilities to respond to patient and other work-related issues, Plaintiff and other non-
25 exempt employees are routinely not allowed to start a duty-free 30-minute meal period within the first
26 five hours of their work shifts, unable to complete a meal period, or even unable to take a late or short
27 meal period at all. Moreover, even though Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees are not provided

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¹ Except as otherwise noted, all "Section" references are to the Labor Code.

1 duty-free 30-minute meal periods within the first five hours of work, Defendants routinely fail to pay an
2 additional hour of premium wages at the regular rate.

3 5. Because Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees are not paid all of their wages,
4 Defendants also routinely fail to timely pay Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees all of their wages
5 during employment and fail to timely pay all due wages upon separation of employment. Likewise,
6 Defendants also routinely failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements to Plaintiff and other
7 non-exempt employees. Specifically, as a result of the above practices, Defendants fail to furnish
8 Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees with wage statements that accurately itemized and show all
9 applicable hourly rates and the corresponding number of hours worked at each rate, the gross wages
10 earned, the net wages earned, and the total hours worked.

11 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants have engaged in, among other things, a
12 system of willful violations of the Labor Code by creating and maintaining policies, practices, and
13 customs that knowingly deny its employees the above stated rights and benefits.

14 7. The policies, practices, and customs of Defendants resulted in unjust enrichment of
15 Defendants and an unfair business advantage over businesses that comply with the Labor Code.

16 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

17 8. The Complaint seeks relief exceeding \$25,000.00. The Court has jurisdiction of
18 Defendants' violations of Sections 201-204, 210, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.7, 512, 1174, 1182.12,
19 1194, 1194.2, and 1197, and the UCL.

20 9. Venue is proper in the County of Los Angeles. Defendants' principal office is located in
21 Marina del Rey, California.

22 PARTIES

23 10. In or about November of 2019 Plaintiff began working for Defendants. When Plaintiff
24 reported to work, Defendants required Plaintiff to wait for and submit to a mandatory health screening,
25 before clocking in. Even though Plaintiff was a non-exempt employee and paid on an hourly basis,
26 Defendants did not pay any wages for this time. When Plaintiff worked more than five and six hours in
27 a day, Plaintiff routinely was neither provided a duty-free 30-minute meal period within the first five
28 hours of work or paid an additional hour of premium wages at the regular rate. Plaintiff received wage

1 statements that inaccurately showed all applicable hourly rates and the corresponding number of hours
2 worked at each rate, the gross wages earned, the net wages earned, and the total hours worked. Plaintiff
3 thus is a victim of the policies, practices, and customs of Defendants complained of in this action in
4 ways that have deprived him of the rights guaranteed by the Labor Code and the UCL.

5 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes that CFHS Holdings, Inc. dba Marina Del Rey Hospital
6 and dba Cedars-Sinai Marina Del Rey Hospital was and is a California corporation. Plaintiff is informed
7 and believes that at all times herein mentioned named defendants and Does 1 through 50, were and are
8 corporations, business entities, individuals, or partnerships that are and were licensed to do business and
9 actually doing business in the State of California. Based upon all the facts and circumstances incident to
10 Defendants' business, Defendants are subject to Sections 201-204, 210, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.7,
11 512, 1174, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197, and the UCL.

12 12. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities of the defendants sued herein as
13 Does 1 through 50, whether individual, partner, or corporate, and for that reason, said defendants are
14 sued under such fictitious names. Plaintiff prays for leave to amend this Complaint when the true names
15 and capacities are known. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of said fictitious defendants was
16 responsible in some way for the matters alleged herein and proximately caused the illegal employment
17 practices, wrongs, and injuries complained of herein.

18 13. At all times herein mentioned, each of said Defendants participated in the doing of the
19 acts alleged herein. Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, servants, or employees of each of
20 the other Defendants, as well as the agents of all Defendants, and were acting within the course and
21 scope of said agency and employment.

22 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes that at all times material hereto, each of said
23 Defendants was the agent, employee, alter ego, or joint venturer of, or was working in concert with,
24 each of the other Defendants and was acting within the course and scope of such agency, employment,
25 joint venture, or concerted activity. To the extent said acts, conduct, or omissions were perpetrated by
26 certain Defendants, each of the remaining Defendants confirmed and ratified said acts, conduct, or
27 omissions of the acting Defendants.

15. Plaintiff is informed and believes that at all times material hereto each of the Defendants (i) aided and abetted the acts and omissions of each of the other Defendants in proximately causing the alleged harms, or (ii) were members of, engaged in, and acting within the course and scope of, and in pursuance of, a joint venture, partnership, or common enterprise.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

16. **Definition:** Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 382. Plaintiff seeks class certification of the following class and subclasses: (i) all current and former non-exempt employees of Defendants in the State of California since August 26, 2017 (the “Wage Class”), and (ii) all current and former non-exempt employees of Defendants in the State of California who worked more than 5.0 hours in a work shift since August 26, 2017 (the “Meal Period Sub-Class”). The Wage Class and Meal Period Sub-Class are collectively referred to as the “Class.”

17. **Numerosity and Ascertainability:** The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members would be impractical, if not impossible. The identities of the members of the Class are readily ascertainable by review of Defendants' records, including payroll records. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants violated Sections 201-204, 210, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.7, 512, 1174, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197, and the UCL against Plaintiff and the Class by failing to pay wages for all hours worked, failing to provide duty-free meal periods, failing to pay premium wages for missed meal periods, failing to timely pay wages during employment or upon termination, and failing to furnish accurate itemized wage statements.

18. **Adequacy of Representation:** Plaintiff is fully prepared to take all necessary steps to represent fairly and adequately the interests of the Class defined above. Plaintiff's attorneys are ready, willing, and fully and adequately able to represent Plaintiff and the Class. Plaintiff's attorneys have prosecuted and settled wage-and-hour class actions in the past and continue to litigate numerous wage-and-hour class actions currently pending in California state and federal courts.

19. **Common Question of Law and Fact:** There are predominant common questions of law and fact and a community of interest amongst the claims of Plaintiff and of the Class. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants uniformly administer a corporate policy and practice of routinely failing to pay wages for all hours worked, failing to provide duty-free meal periods, failing to pay

1 premium wages for missed meal periods, failing to timely pay wages during employment or upon
2 termination, and failing to furnish accurate itemized wage statements.

3 20. **Typicality:** The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of all members of the Class
4 in that Plaintiff suffered the alleged harms in a similar and typical manner as other members of the Class
5 suffered. As with other members of the Class, Plaintiff was a non-exempt employee and paid on an
6 hourly basis, required to wait for and submit to a mandatory health screening, before clocking in, and
7 not paid any wages for this time. Plaintiff also worked more than five and six hours in a day and was
8 often neither provided a duty-free 30-minute meal period within the first five hours of work or paid an
9 additional hour of premium wages at the regular rate. Plaintiff thus is a member of the Class and has
10 suffered the alleged violations of the Labor Code.

11 21. The Labor Code is broadly remedial in nature. Its laws serve an important public interest
12 in establishing minimum working conditions and requirements in California. These labor standards
13 protect employees from onerous terms and conditions of employment or exploitation by employers who
14 have superior economic and bargaining power.

15 22. The nature of this action and the format of laws available to Plaintiff and members of the
16 Class make the class action format a particularly efficient and appropriate procedure to redress the
17 wrongs alleged herein. If each employee were required to file an individual lawsuit, the corporate
18 Defendants would necessarily gain an unconscionable advantage since they would be able to exploit and
19 overwhelm the limited resources of each individual plaintiff with their vastly superior financial and
20 legal resources. Requiring each member of the Class to pursue an individual remedy would also
21 discourage the assertion of lawful claims by employees who would be disinclined to file an action
22 against their former or current employer for real and justifiable fear of retaliation and permanent
23 damage to their careers at their current or subsequent employment.

24 23. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class, even if possible,
25 would create a substantial risk of (a) inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual---
26 members of the Class that would establish potentially incompatible standards of conduct for
27 Defendants, or (b) adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class that would, as a
28 practical matter, be dispositive of, or substantially impair or impede the ability to protect, the interests

1 of other members of the Class not parties to the adjudications. Further, the claims of the individual
2 members of the Class are not sufficiently large to warrant vigorous individual prosecution considering
3 the concomitant costs and expenses.

4 24. Defendants' pattern, practice, and uniform administration of corporate policy in violation
5 of the Labor Code is unlawful. Proof of a common business practice or factual pattern will establish the
6 rights of Plaintiff and the Class under Sections 201-204, 210, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.7, 512, 1174,
7 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197, applicable IWC Wage Orders, the UCL, and Code of Civil Procedure
8 section 1021.5 to recover damages and restitution, including unpaid wages and interest thereon,
9 applicable penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.

10 25. This action is brought for the benefit of the Class, which is commonly entitled to a
11 specific fund with respect to the compensation illegally and unfairly retained by Defendants. The Class
12 is commonly entitled to restitution of those funds being improperly withheld by Defendant.

13 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **Unpaid Minimum Wages (Lab. Code §§ 1182.12 and 1197)**

15 **(By Plaintiff and the Class Against All Defendants)**

16 26. The preceding paragraphs are re-alleged and incorporated by this reference.

17 27. Sections 1182.12 and 1197 provide a minimum wage to be paid to employees and make
18 unlawful the payment of a lesser wage. The applicable IWC Wage Order defines compensable time as
19 "the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer, and includes all the time
20 the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so." Cal. Code. Regs. tit. 8,
21 § 11040(2)(K) (defining "Hours Worked"). California law thus generally requires that employers pay
22 employees at least the minimum wage for all hours worked.

23 28. As a matter of policy and practice, Defendants fail to pay at least minimum wage or any
24 wage for all hours worked by Plaintiff and the Class, including the time that Plaintiff and the Unpaid
25 Wage Class spend undergoing security checks. Specifically, Defendants require Plaintiff and other non-
26 exempt employees to undergo security checks before being allowed to enter the premises at the start of
27 their work shifts and again before being allowed to leave the premises at the end of their work shifts. As
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1 a matter of policy and practice, Plaintiff and the Unpaid Wage Class are not paid any wages for these
2 hours worked. As such, Plaintiff and the Unpaid Wage Class are owed unpaid minimum wages.

3 29. Moreover, Section 204 provides that wages are generally due and payable no later than
4 seven days after the end of a pay period or at least twice during each calendar month, on days
5 designated in advance as the regular paydays. Section 201 provides if an employer discharges an
6 employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately.
7 Section 202 provides that an employee is entitled to receive all unpaid wages no later than 72 hours
8 after an employee quits his or her employment, unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours
9 previous notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages
10 at the time of quitting. Section 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay wages owed in
11 accordance with Sections 201 and 202, then the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from
12 the due date, and at the same rate until paid, but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30)
13 days.

14 30. Based on Defendants' failure to pay all minimum wages to Plaintiff and the Class and as
15 a matter of policy and practice, Defendants fail to timely pay all due wages and fail to timely pay all due
16 wages upon separation of employment. On information and belief, Defendants were advised by skilled
17 lawyers and knew, or should have known, of the mandates of the Labor Code as it relates to Plaintiff's
18 allegations. Because Defendants willfully fail to timely pay Plaintiff and the Class all minimum wages
19 due, Defendants are subject to applicable penalties.

20 31. Separately, even if Defendants had paid Plaintiff and the Class all of their earned wages,
21 Defendants still fail to pay wages in a timely manner. For example, for work performed on September
22 28, 2020, during the pay period ending on October 4, 2020, Defendants did not pay wages until October
23 13, 2020—nine days after the last day of the pay period. Such payment is neither within seven days of
24 the end of the pay period nor otherwise compliant with Labor Code requirements for the prompt
25 payment of wages.

26 32. Such a pattern, practice, and uniform administration of corporate policy is unlawful and
27 entitles Plaintiff and the Class to recover unpaid minimum wages, including interest thereon, liquidated
28 damages, applicable penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.

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37. Based on Defendants' failure to pay meal period premium wages to Plaintiff and the Meal Period Sub-Class and as a matter of policy and practice, Defendants fail to timely pay Plaintiff and the Meal Period Sub-Class all due wages. On information and belief, Defendants were advised by skilled lawyers and knew, or should have known, of the mandates of the Labor Code as it relates to Plaintiff's allegations. Because Defendants willfully fail to timely pay Plaintiff and the Meal Period Sub-Class all meal period premium wages due, Defendants are subject to applicable penalties.

38. Such a pattern, practice, and uniform administration of corporate policy is unlawful and entitles Plaintiff and the Meal Period Sub-Class to recover unpaid meal period premium pay and unpaid wages for on-duty hours worked, including interest thereon, applicable penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Inaccurate Itemized Wage Statements (Lab. Code § 226(a))

(By Plaintiff and the Wage-Statement Sub-Class Against All Defendants)

39. The preceding paragraphs are re-alleged and incorporated by this reference.

40. Section 226(a) requires an employer to furnish to its employees itemized wage statements that show accurate information, including without limitation, all applicable hourly rates and the corresponding number of hours worked at each rate, the gross wages earned, the net wages earned, and the total hours worked.

41. As a result of Defendants' failure to pay all wages, including minimum wages and meal period premium wages, and as a matter of policy and practice, Defendants fail to provide accurate itemized wage statements to Plaintiff and the Wage Statement Sub-Class. Specifically, Defendants furnish Plaintiff and the Wage Statement Sub-Class with wage statements that inaccurately state the applicable hourly rate for overtime wage rate, sick pay wages, and premium pay, as well as the gross wages earned and net wages earned.

42. Such a pattern, practice, and uniform administration of corporate policy is unlawful and entitles Plaintiff and the Wage Statement Sub-Class to recover applicable penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.

1 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **Unfair or Unlawful Business Practices (Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.)**

3 **(By Plaintiff and the Class Against All Defendants)**

4 43. The preceding paragraphs are re-alleged and incorporated by this reference.

5 44. Plaintiff is informed and believes that at Defendants have engaged and continue to
6 engage in unfair and unlawful business practices in California by utilizing the employment policies and
7 practices alleged herein, including the failures to pay wages for all hours worked, provide duty-free
8 meal periods, and pay premium wages for missed meal periods.

9 45. Defendants' utilization of such unfair and unlawful business practices constitutes unfair
10 and unlawful competition and provides an unfair advantage over Defendants' competitors, as proscribed
11 by the UCL. Defendants have deprived Plaintiff and the Class the minimum working condition
12 standards and conditions due to them under the Labor Code and applicable IWC Wage Orders.

13 46. Such a pattern, practice, and uniform administration of corporate policy is unlawful and
14 entitles Plaintiff and the Class to full restitution of all monies withheld, acquired, or converted by
15 Defendants by means of the unfair practices complained of herein, including interest thereon, attorneys'
16 fees, and costs of suit.

17 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **Violation of Labor Code §§ 2698 *Et Seq.***

19 **(By Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees Against All Defendants)**

20 47. The preceding paragraphs are re-alleged and incorporated by this reference.

21 48. Pursuant to the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2698
22 et seq. ("PAGA"), Plaintiff brings this cause of action as a proxy for the State of California. In this
23 capacity, Plaintiff seeks penalties for Defendants' violations of Sections 201-204, 210, 218, 218.5,
24 218.6, 226, 226.7, 512, 1174, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197 committed since June 7, 2020, against
25 all aggrieved employees.

26 49. As stated herein, Defendants fail to (i) pay wages for all hours worked, (ii) provide duty-
27 free meal periods, (iii) pay premium wages for missed meal periods, (iv) timely pay wages during
28 employment or upon termination, and (v) furnish accurate itemized wage statements. Under Section

1 2699(c), Plaintiff is an “aggrieved employee,” as one or more of the alleged violations was committed
2 against Plaintiff as an employee of Defendants.

3 50. On or about June 7, 2021, Plaintiff sent written notice to the Labor & Workforce
4 Development Agency (“LWDA”) of specific facts and theories for Defendants’ violations of Sections
5 201-204, 226, 226.7, 510, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1175, 1182.12, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, and 2802.
6 Plaintiff simultaneously sent written notice to Defendants via certified mail. As of the date of the filing
7 of this Complaint, the LWDA has neither responded nor indicated that it intends to investigate the
8 allegations in the written notice.

9 51. As such, pursuant to Section 2699(a), (f), and (g), Plaintiff seeks recovery of all
10 applicable penalties for Defendants’ violations against all aggrieved employees for the period described
11 above.

12 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment for himself and all others on whose behalf this suit
14 is brought against Defendants, jointly and severally, as follows:

- 15 1. For an order certifying the proposed Class;
- 16 2. For an order appointing Plaintiff as the representative of the Class;
- 17 3. For an order appointing Counsel for Plaintiff as Class Counsel;
- 18 4. Upon the First Cause of Action for damages, including unpaid wages and interest
19 thereon, penalties, liquidated damages, and costs and attorneys’ fees pursuant to Sections 210, 218.6,
20 1194, 1194.2, and 1197.1;
- 21 5. Upon the Second Cause of Action for damages, including unpaid meal period premium
22 wages or unpaid wages, and interest thereon, penalties, and costs and attorneys’ fees pursuant to
23 Sections 210, 218.6, 226.7, 512, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197.1;
- 24 6. Upon the Third Cause of Action for penalties and for costs and attorneys’ fees pursuant
25 to Section 226;
- 26 7. Upon the Fourth Cause of Action for restitution of all funds unlawfully acquired by
27 Defendants by any acts or practices declared to be in violation of the UCL, including interest thereon,
28 and for costs and attorneys’ fees;

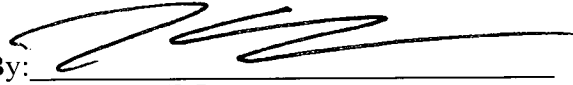
1 8. Upon the Fifth Cause of Action for penalties pursuant to Section 2699(a), (f), and (g),
2 and for costs and attorneys' fees;

3 9. Upon each cause of action for attorneys' fees and costs as provided by the Labor Code,
4 UCL, and Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5; and

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

6 DATED: August 26, 2021

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Larry W. Lee (SBN 228175) / Simon L. Yang (SBN 260286) DIVERSITY LAW GROUP 515 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1250 Los Angeles, California 90071 TELEPHONE NO.: (213) 488-6555 FAX NO.: (213) 488-6554 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff MARK LACANIENZA		FOR COURT USE ONLY CONFORMED COPY ORIGINAL FILED Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles AUG 26 2021 Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012 BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk Courthouse			
CASE NAME: LACANIENZA v. CFHS HOLDINGS, 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: 21ST CV31671 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 (not specified above) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition ☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21) ☐ Other petition (not specified above) (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
b. ☒ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve
c. ☒ Substantial amount of documentary evidence | d. ☒ Large number of witnesses
e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision |
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3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☐ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☐ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): Five (5)
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: August 26, 2021

Larry W. Lee

(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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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION (CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Step 1: After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.

Step 2: In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)

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| 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.
2. Permissive filing in central district.
3. Location where cause of action arose.
4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.
5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.
6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle. | 7. Location where petitioner resides.
8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury). |
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Auto Tort	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
	Auto (22)	☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Asbestos (04)	☐ A6070 Asbestos Property Damage ☐ A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11 1, 11
	Product Liability (24)	☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
	Medical Malpractice (45)	☐ A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons ☐ A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11
	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	☐ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) ☐ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) ☐ A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress ☐ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Non-Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort	Business Tort (07)	☐ A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
	Civil Rights (08)	☐ A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
	Defamation (13)	☐ A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
	Fraud (16)	☐ A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
	Professional Negligence (25)	☐ A6017 Legal Malpractice ☐ A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
	Other (35)	☐ A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1, 2, 3
Employment	Wrongful Termination (36)	☐ A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
	Other Employment (15)	☒ A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case ☐ A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	① 2, 3 10
Contract	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	☐ A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) ☐ A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) ☐ A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) ☐ A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2, 5 2, 5 1, 2, 5 1, 2, 5
	Collections (09)	☐ A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff ☐ A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case ☐ A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	☐ A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
	Other Contract (37)	☐ A6009 Contractual Fraud ☐ A6031 Tortious Interference ☐ A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 5 1, 2, 3, 8, 9
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	☐ A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of parcels_____	2, 6
Real Property	Wrongful Eviction (33)	☐ A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
	Other Real Property (26)	☐ A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure ☐ A6032 Quiet Title ☐ A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2, 6 2, 6 2, 6
	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	☐ A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	☐ A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure (34)	☐ A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	☐ A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	☐ A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	☐ A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
	Writ of Mandate (02)	☐ A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus ☐ A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter ☐ A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2, 8 2 2
	Other Judicial Review (39)	☐ A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2, 8
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	☐ A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
	Construction Defect (10)	☐ A6007 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	☐ A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
	Securities Litigation (28)	☐ A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	☐ A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	☐ A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	☐ A6141 Sister State Judgment ☐ A6160 Abstract of Judgment ☐ A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) ☐ A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) ☐ A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax ☐ A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 5, 11 2, 6 2, 9 2, 8 2, 8 2, 8, 9
	RICO (27)	☐ A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	☐ A6030 Declaratory Relief Only ☐ A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment) ☐ A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) ☐ A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8 2, 8 1, 2, 8 1, 2, 8
	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	☐ A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2, 8
	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	☐ A6121 Civil Harassment ☐ A6123 Workplace Harassment ☐ A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case ☐ A6190 Election Contest ☐ A6110 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender ☐ A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law ☐ A6100 Other Civil Petition	2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2, 3, 9 2 2, 7 2, 3, 8 2, 9

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Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address which is the basis for the filing location, including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

REASON: ☒ 1. ☐ 2. ☐ 3. ☐ 4. ☐ 5. ☐ 6. ☐ 7. ☐ 8. ☐ 9. ☐ 10. ☐ 11.			ADDRESS: 111 N. Hill Street
CITY: Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90012	

Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., §392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)].

Dated: August 26, 2021


 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 02/16).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is court order for waiver, partial or scheduled payments.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp FILED Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles 08/26/2021 Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court By: <u>S. Drew</u> Deputy
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: Spring Street Courthouse 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012		
NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE		
Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below.		CASE NUMBER: 21STCV31671

THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

	ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM		ASSIGNED JUDGE	DEPT	ROOM
✓	Carolyn B. Kuhl	12					

Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

on 08/26/2021
(Date)

By S. Drew, Deputy Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

APPLICATION

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within **15** days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

COMPLAINTS

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

CROSS-COMPLAINTS

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

SANCTIONS

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.

Class Actions

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

***Provisionally Complex Cases**

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.



Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKAGE

THE PLAINTIFF MUST SERVE THIS ADR INFORMATION PACKAGE ON EACH PARTY WITH THE COMPLAINT.

CROSS-COMPLAINANTS must serve this ADR Information Package on any new parties named to the action with the cross-complaint.

What is ADR?

ADR helps people find solutions to their legal disputes without going to trial. The main types of ADR are negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and settlement conferences. When ADR is done by phone, videoconference or computer, it may be called Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). These alternatives to litigation and trial are described below.

Advantages of ADR

- **Saves Time:** ADR is faster than going to trial.
- **Saves Money:** Parties can save on court costs, attorney's fees, and witness fees.
- **Keeps Control (with the parties):** Parties choose their ADR process and provider for voluntary ADR.
- **Reduces Stress/Protects Privacy:** ADR is done outside the courtroom, in private offices, by phone or online.

Disadvantages of ADR

- **Costs:** If the parties do not resolve their dispute, they may have to pay for ADR, litigation, and trial.
- **No Public Trial:** ADR does not provide a public trial or a decision by a judge or jury.

Main Types of ADR

1. **Negotiation:** Parties often talk with each other in person, or by phone or online about resolving their case with a settlement agreement instead of a trial. If the parties have lawyers, they will negotiate for their clients.
2. **Mediation:** In mediation, a neutral mediator listens to each person's concerns, helps them evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their case, and works with them to try to create a settlement agreement that is acceptable to all. Mediators do not decide the outcome. Parties may go to trial if they decide not to settle.

Mediation may be appropriate when the parties

- want to work out a solution but need help from a neutral person.
- have communication problems or strong emotions that interfere with resolution.

Mediation may not be appropriate when the parties

- want a public trial and want a judge or jury to decide the outcome.
- lack equal bargaining power or have a history of physical/emotional abuse.

How to Arrange Mediation in Los Angeles County

Mediation for **civil cases** is voluntary and parties may select any mediator they wish. Options include:

a. **The Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List**

If all parties in an active civil case agree to mediation, they may contact these organizations to request a "Resource List Mediation" for mediation at reduced cost or no cost (for selected cases).

- **ADR Services, Inc.** Case Manager Elizabeth Sanchez, elizabeth@adrservices.com (949) 863-9800
- **JAMS, Inc.** Assistant Manager Reggie Joseph, RJoseph@jamsadr.com (310) 309-6209
- **Mediation Center of Los Angeles** Program Manager info@mediationLA.org (833) 476-9145

These organizations cannot accept every case and they may decline cases at their discretion. They may offer online mediation by video conference for cases they accept. Before contacting these organizations, review important information and FAQs at www.lacourt.org/ADR.Res.List

NOTE: The Civil Mediation Vendor Resource List program does not accept family law, probate or small claims cases.

b. **Los Angeles County Dispute Resolution Programs**

<https://hrc.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DRP-Fact-Sheet-23October19-Current-as-of-October-2019-1.pdf>

Day of trial mediation programs have been paused until further notice.

Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). Parties in small claims and unlawful detainer (eviction) cases should carefully review the Notice and other information they may receive about (ODR) requirements for their case.

c. Mediators and ADR and Bar organizations that provide mediation may be found on the internet.

3. Arbitration: Arbitration is less formal than trial, but like trial, the parties present evidence and arguments to the person who decides the outcome. In "binding" arbitration, the arbitrator's decision is final; there is no right to trial. In "nonbinding" arbitration, any party can request a trial after the arbitrator's decision. For more information about arbitration, visit <http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-adr.htm>

4. Mandatory Settlement Conferences (MSC): MSCs are ordered by the Court and are often held close to the trial date or on the day of trial. The parties and their attorneys meet with a judge or settlement officer who does not make a decision but who instead assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement. For information about the Court's MSC programs for civil cases, visit <http://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/C10047.aspx>

Los Angeles Superior Court ADR website: <http://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/C10109.aspx>
For general information and videos about ADR, visit <http://www.courts.ca.gov/programs-adr.htm>

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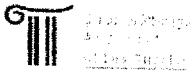


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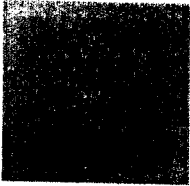


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The Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, Discovery Resolution Stipulation, and Motions in Limine Stipulation are voluntary stipulations entered into by the parties. The parties may enter into one, two, or all three of the stipulations; however, they may not alter the stipulations as written, because the Court wants to ensure uniformity of application. These stipulations are meant to encourage cooperation between the parties and to assist in resolving issues in a manner that promotes economic case resolution and judicial efficiency.

The following organizations endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases.

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section ◆

◆ Los Angeles County Bar Association
Labor and Employment Law Section ◆

◆ Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles ◆

◆ Southern California Defense Counsel ◆

◆ Association of Business Trial Lawyers ◆

◆ California Employment Lawyers Association ◆

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES			
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:			
PLAINTIFF:			
DEFENDANT:			
STIPULATION – EARLY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING			CASE NUMBER:

This stipulation is intended to encourage cooperation among the parties at an early stage in the litigation and to assist the parties in efficient case resolution.

The parties agree that:

1. The parties commit to conduct an initial conference (in-person or via teleconference or via videoconference) within 15 days from the date this stipulation is signed, *to discuss and consider whether there can be agreement on the following:*
 - a. Are motions to challenge the pleadings necessary? If the issue can be resolved by amendment as of right, or if the Court would allow leave to amend, could an amended complaint resolve most or all of the issues a demurrer might otherwise raise? If so, the parties agree to work through pleading issues so that a demurrer need only raise issues they cannot resolve. Is the issue that the defendant seeks to raise amenable to resolution on demurrer, or would some other type of motion be preferable? Could a voluntary targeted exchange of documents or information by any party cure an uncertainty in the pleadings?
 - b. Initial mutual exchanges of documents at the "core" of the litigation. (For example, in an employment case, the employment records, personnel file and documents relating to the conduct in question could be considered "core." In a personal injury case, an incident or police report, medical records, and repair or maintenance records could be considered "core.");
 - c. Exchange of names and contact information of witnesses;
 - d. Any insurance agreement that may be available to satisfy part or all of a judgment, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy a judgment;
 - e. Exchange of any other information that might be helpful to facilitate understanding, handling, or resolution of the case in a manner that preserves objections or privileges by agreement;
 - f. Controlling issues of law that, if resolved early, will promote efficiency and economy in other phases of the case. Also, when and how such issues can be presented to the Court;
 - g. Whether or when the case should be scheduled with a settlement officer, what discovery or court ruling on legal issues is reasonably required to make settlement discussions meaningful, and whether the parties wish to use a sitting judge or a private mediator or other options as

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discussed in the "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Package" served with the complaint;

- h. Computation of damages, including documents, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based;
 - i. Whether the case is suitable for the Expedited Jury Trial procedures (see information at www.lacourt.org under "Civil" and then under "General Information").
2. The time for a defending party to respond to a complaint or cross-complaint will be extended to _____ for the complaint, and _____ for the cross-complaint, which is comprised of the 30 days to respond under Government Code § 68616(b), and the 30 days permitted by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a), good cause having been found by the Civil Supervising Judge due to the case management benefits provided by this Stipulation. A copy of the General Order can be found at www.lacourt.org under "Civil", click on "General Information", then click on "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations".
 3. The parties will prepare a joint report titled "Joint Status Report Pursuant to Initial Conference and Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, and if desired, a proposed order summarizing results of their meet and confer and advising the Court of any way it may assist the parties' efficient conduct or resolution of the case. The parties shall attach the Joint Status Report to the Case Management Conference statement, and file the documents when the CMC statement is due.
 4. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day

The following parties stipulate:

Date:

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STIPULATION – DISCOVERY RESOLUTION			

This stipulation is intended to provide a fast and informal resolution of discovery issues through limited paperwork and an informal conference with the Court to aid in the resolution of the issues.

The parties agree that:

1. Prior to the discovery cut-off in this action, no discovery motion shall be filed or heard unless the moving party first makes a written request for an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the terms of this stipulation.
2. At the Informal Discovery Conference the Court will consider the dispute presented by parties and determine whether it can be resolved informally. Nothing set forth herein will preclude a party from making a record at the conclusion of an Informal Discovery Conference, either orally or in writing.
3. Following a reasonable and good faith attempt at an informal resolution of each issue to be presented, a party may request an Informal Discovery Conference pursuant to the following procedures:
 - a. The party requesting the Informal Discovery Conference will:
 - i. File a Request for Informal Discovery Conference with the clerk's office on the approved form (copy attached) and deliver a courtesy, conformed copy to the assigned department;
 - ii. Include a brief summary of the dispute and specify the relief requested; and
 - iii. Serve the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Request for Informal Discovery Conference no later than the next court day following the filing.
 - b. Any Answer to a Request for Informal Discovery Conference must:
 - i. Also be filed on the approved form (copy attached);
 - ii. Include a brief summary of why the requested relief should be denied;

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- iii. Be filed within two (2) court days of receipt of the Request; and
 - iv. Be served on the opposing party pursuant to any authorized or agreed upon method of service that ensures that the opposing party receives the Answer no later than the next court day following the filing.
- c. No other pleadings, including but not limited to exhibits, declarations, or attachments, will be accepted.
- d. If the Court has not granted or denied the Request for Informal Discovery Conference within ten (10) days following the filing of the Request, then it shall be deemed to have been denied. If the Court acts on the Request, the parties will be notified whether the Request for Informal Discovery Conference has been granted or denied and, if granted, the date and time of the Informal Discovery Conference, which must be within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference.
- e. If the conference is not held within twenty (20) days of the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, unless extended by agreement of the parties and the Court, then the Request for the Informal Discovery Conference shall be deemed to have been denied at that time.
4. If (a) the Court has denied a conference or (b) one of the time deadlines above has expired without the Court having acted or (c) the Informal Discovery Conference is concluded without resolving the dispute, then a party may file a discovery motion to address unresolved issues.
5. The parties hereby further agree that the time for making a motion to compel or other discovery motion is tolled from the date of filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference until (a) the request is denied or deemed denied or (b) twenty (20) days after the filing of the Request for Informal Discovery Conference, whichever is earlier, unless extended by Order of the Court.
- It is the understanding and intent of the parties that this stipulation shall, for each discovery dispute to which it applies, constitute a writing memorializing a "specific later date to which the propounding [or demanding or requesting] party and the responding party have agreed in writing," within the meaning of Code Civil Procedure sections 2030.300(c), 2031.320(c), and 2033.290(c).
6. Nothing herein will preclude any party from applying *ex parte* for appropriate relief, including an order shortening time for a motion to be heard concerning discovery.
7. Any party may terminate this stipulation by giving twenty-one (21) days notice of intent to terminate the stipulation.
8. References to "days" mean calendar days, unless otherwise noted. If the date for performing any act pursuant to this stipulation falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, then the time for performing that act shall be extended to the next Court day.

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INFORMAL DISCOVERY CONFERENCE (pursuant to the Discovery Resolution Stipulation of the parties)			

1. This document relates to:

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Request for Informal Discovery Conference
 Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference

2. Deadline for Court to decide on Request: _____ (insert date 10 calendar days following filing of the Request).
3. Deadline for Court to hold Informal Discovery Conference: _____ (insert date 20 calendar days following filing of the Request).
4. For a Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe the nature of the discovery dispute, including the facts and legal arguments at issue. For an Answer to Request for Informal Discovery Conference, briefly describe why the Court should deny the requested discovery, including the facts and legal arguments at issue.

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DEFENDANT:			CASE NUMBER:
STIPULATION AND ORDER – MOTIONS IN LIMINE			

This stipulation is intended to provide fast and informal resolution of evidentiary issues through diligent efforts to define and discuss such issues and limit paperwork.

The parties agree that:

1. At least ____ days before the final status conference, each party will provide all other parties with a list containing a one paragraph explanation of each proposed motion in limine. Each one paragraph explanation must identify the substance of a single proposed motion in limine and the grounds for the proposed motion.
2. The parties thereafter will meet and confer, either in person or via teleconference or videoconference, concerning all proposed motions in limine. In that meet and confer, the parties will determine:
 - a. Whether the parties can stipulate to any of the proposed motions. If the parties so stipulate, they may file a stipulation and proposed order with the Court.
 - b. Whether any of the proposed motions can be briefed and submitted by means of a short joint statement of issues. For each motion which can be addressed by a short joint statement of issues, a short joint statement of issues must be filed with the Court 10 days prior to the final status conference. Each side's portion of the short joint statement of issues may not exceed three pages. The parties will meet and confer to agree on a date and manner for exchanging the parties' respective portions of the short joint statement of issues and the process for filing the short joint statement of issues.
3. All proposed motions in limine that are not either the subject of a stipulation or briefed via a short joint statement of issues will be briefed and filed in accordance with the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

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THE COURT SO ORDERS.

Date: _____

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

General Order Re) ORDER PURSUANT TO CCP 1054(a),
Use of Voluntary Efficient Litigation) EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND BY
Stipulations) 30 DAYS WHEN PARTIES AGREE
) TO EARLY ORGANIZATIONAL
) MEETING STIPULATION

Whereas the Los Angeles Superior Court and the Executive Committee of the Litigation Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association have cooperated in drafting "Voluntary Efficient Litigation Stipulations" and in proposing the stipulations for use in general jurisdiction civil litigation in Los Angeles County;

Whereas the Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section; the Los Angeles County Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section; the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles; the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel; the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Los Angeles; and the California Employment Lawyers Association all "endorse the goal of promoting efficiency in litigation, and ask that counsel consider using these stipulations as a voluntary way to promote communications and procedures among counsel and with the court to fairly resolve issues in their cases;"

1 Whereas the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation is intended to encourage
2 cooperation among the parties at an early stage in litigation in order to achieve
3 litigation efficiencies;

4 Whereas it is intended that use of the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation
5 will promote economic case resolution and judicial efficiency;

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7 Whereas, in order to promote a meaningful discussion of pleading issues at the
8 Early Organizational Meeting and potentially to reduce the need for motions to
9 challenge the pleadings, it is necessary to allow additional time to conduct the Early
10 Organizational Meeting before the time to respond to a complaint or cross complaint
11 has expired;

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13 Whereas Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a) allows a judge of the court in
14 which an action is pending to extend for not more than 30 days the time to respond to
15 a pleading "upon good cause shown";

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17 Now, therefore, this Court hereby finds that there is good cause to extend for 30
18 days the time to respond to a complaint or to a cross complaint in any action in which
19 the parties have entered into the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation. This finding
20 of good cause is based on the anticipated judicial efficiency and benefits of economic
21 case resolution that the Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation is intended to
22 promote.

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24 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, in any case in which the parties have entered
25 into an Early Organizational Meeting Stipulation, the time for a defending party to
26 respond to a complaint or cross complaint shall be extended by the 30 days permitted
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1 by Code of Civil Procedure section 1054(a) without further need of a specific court
2 order.

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4 DATED: May 11, 2011

Carolyn B. Kuhl
Carolyn B. Kuhl, Supervising Judge of the
Civil Departments, Los Angeles Superior Court

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