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

19 DANGELO RANDLE-TATUM, an
20 individual, on behalf of himself and others
21 similarly situated

22 PLAINTIFF,

23 v.

24 HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC.; and
25 DOES 1 thru 50, inclusive,

26 DEFENDANTS.

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County of Los Angeles

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CASE NO. 21STCV21015

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS AND
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT**

1. Failure to Pay Wages and/or Overtime Under Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1199
2. Failure to Provide Rest Breaks Pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7
3. Failure to Reimburse Expenses Pursuant to Labor Code § 2802
4. Penalties Pursuant to Labor Code § 203
5. Violation of Business & Professions Code § 17200
6. Penalties Pursuant to Labor Code § 2699, et seq.

1 Plaintiff DANGELO RANDLE-TATUM, an individual, on behalf of himself, all others
2 similarly situated, and on behalf of the people of the State of California and as an “aggrieved
3 employee” under Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, §2699, et seq. (hereafter
4 “PAGA”), complains of Defendant HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC. (“Defendant”) and each
5 of them, as follows:

6 **I.**

7 **INTRODUCTION**

8 1. This is a Class and Representative Action, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §
9 382, and Labor Code §2699, et seq., on behalf of Plaintiff and a Proposed Class defined as:

10 All persons who are employed or have been employed as a non-
11 exempt employee by HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC., in the
12 State of California since four (4) years prior to the filing of this
action to the present. (“Proposed Class”)

13 2. From at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action continuing to the present,
14 Defendant has had a consistent policy of failing to pay wages and/or overtime to all Proposed Class
15 Members. Plaintiff and other Proposed Class Members were not compensated for time spent
16 working off the clock.

17 3. For at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action and continuing to the
18 present, Defendant has had a consistent policy of failing to inform Proposed Class Members of
19 their right to take rest periods by way of a lawful policy and of failing to provide Proposed Class
20 Members within the State of California, including Plaintiff, rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes
21 per four (4) hours worked or major fraction thereof and failing to pay such employees one (1) hour
22 of pay at the employee’s regular rate of compensation for each workday that the rest period was
23 not provided, as required by California state wage and hour laws.

24 4. For at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action and continuing to the
25 present, Defendant has failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the Proposed Class for the cost of
26 purchasing required applications on their phone and personal cellphone usage necessary to perform
27 their job duties.

28 5. For at least three (3) years prior to the filing of this action continuing to the present,

1 Defendant has failed to pay all wages due at the time of termination or resignation to Plaintiff and
2 the Proposed Class.

3 6. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all Proposed Class Members brings this action
4 pursuant to Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 226.7, 510, 1194, 1199, and 2802; Wage Order 5-2001;
5 and California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11050, seeking unpaid wages/overtime, rest
6 period penalties, unreimbursed cost of required applications and personal cell phone usage for
7 business related purposes, other penalties, injunctive and other equitable relief, and reasonable
8 attorneys' fees and costs.

9 7. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all Proposed Class Members, pursuant to
10 Business & Professions Code §§ 17200-17208, also seeks injunctive relief, restitution, and
11 disgorgement of all benefits Defendant enjoyed from its unlawful conduct as described herein.

12 8. For at least one (1) year prior to the date of the letter sent to the Labor Workforce
13 and Development Agency ("LWDA") and Defendant giving notice of the claims pursuant to
14 PAGA and continuing to the present, Defendant has violated Labor Code provisions, as detailed
15 below and in his notice letter, giving rise to a claim pursuant to PAGA. Plaintiff, on behalf of
16 himself and all aggrieved employees presently or formerly employed by Defendant during the
17 liability period as defined in his PAGA notice letter (*see* Exhibit "1"), brings this representative
18 action pursuant to Labor Code §2699, et seq. seeking penalties for Defendant's failure to pay all
19 wages and/or overtime, failure to provide lawful rest breaks, failure to reimburse Plaintiff and the
20 Proposed Class for business-related expenses, and failure to pay all wages due at the time of
21 termination.

22 II.

23 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

24 9. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted herein
25 pursuant to Article VI, § 10 of the California Constitution and California Code of Civil Procedure
26 § 410.10 by virtue of the fact that this is a civil action in which the matter in controversy, exclusive
27 of interest, exceeds \$25,000, and because each cause of action asserted arises under the laws of the
28 State of California or is subject to adjudication in the courts of the State of California.

1 10. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant has caused
2 injuries in the County of Los Angeles and the State of California through their acts, and by their
3 violation of the California Labor Code, California state common law, and California Business &
4 Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*

5 11. Venue as to each Defendant is proper in this judicial district, pursuant to Code of
6 Civil Procedure § 395. Defendant operates within California and does business within Los
7 Angeles County. The unlawful acts alleged herein have a direct effect on Plaintiff and all Proposed
8 Class Members within the State of California and the county of Los Angeles.

9 12. This case should be classified as complex according to Rule 3.400 of the California
10 Rules of Court, and assigned to a complex litigation judge and department, as it will involve
11 substantial documentary evidence, a large number of witnesses, and is likely to involve extensive
12 motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve and would
13 require substantial post judgment judicial supervision.

14 **III.**

15 **PARTIES**

16 A. **PLAINTIFF**

17 13. Plaintiff DANGELO RANDLE-TATUM is a resident of California and performed
18 work for Defendant in California.

19 14. Plaintiff and all Proposed Class Members, were regularly required to:
20 a. Work without being paid for all hours at the appropriate rate;
21 b. Work without being provided rest periods;
22 c. Work without being reimbursed for their out of pocket expenses for the cost
23 of downloading required applications and for personal cell phone usage necessary for business
24 related purposes.

25 15. Defendant willfully failed to compensate Plaintiff and all Proposed Class Members
26 for wages at the termination of their employment with Defendant.

27 16. As a result of this conduct, Defendant has engaged in unfair competition and
28 unlawful business practices.

1 17. Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees as defined in his notice letter to the LWDA
2 are “aggrieved employees” within the meaning of Labor Code § 2699, *et seq.* (see Labor Code
3 §2699(c).)

4 **B. DEFENDANTS**

5 18. Defendant HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC. is believed to be a Delaware
6 corporation operating within the State of California. Defendant’s corporate address is believed to
7 be 512 E Riverside Dr, Suite 150, Austin, TX 78704. Upon information and belief, Defendant
8 employed Plaintiff and similarly situated persons as hourly employees within California.
9 Defendant has done and does business throughout the State of California.

10 19. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or
11 otherwise, of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 to 50, inclusive, are currently unknown to
12 Plaintiff, who therefore sues Defendants by such fictitious names under Code of Civil Procedure
13 § 474. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants
14 designated herein as a DOE is legally responsible in some manner for the unlawful acts referred
15 to herein. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to reflect the true names and
16 capacities of the Defendants designated hereinafter as DOES when such identities become known.

17 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each Defendant
18 acted in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent of the other Defendants, carried out a joint
19 scheme, business plan or policy in all respects pertinent hereto, and the acts of each Defendant are
20 legally attributable to the other Defendants. Furthermore, Defendants in all respects acted as the
21 employer and/or joint employer of Plaintiff and the Proposed Class Members.

22 21. Furthermore, Defendants acted in all respects as the employers or joint employers
23 of the Proposed Class. Defendants, and each of them, exercised control over the wages, hours or
24 working conditions of the Proposed Class, or suffered or permitted the Proposed Class to work, or
25 engaged, thereby creating a common law employment relationship, with the Proposed Class.
26 Therefore, Defendants, and each of them, employed or jointly employed the Proposed Class.

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1 IV.

2 FACTUAL BACKGROUND

3 22. Plaintiff and the Proposed Class are, and at all times pertinent hereto, have been
4 classified as non-exempt employees by Defendant. Defendant hires employees who work as
5 hourly employees who are paid on an hourly basis.

6 23. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff and the Proposed Class are covered by
7 California Industrial Welfare Commission Occupational Wage Order No. 5-2001 (Title 8 Cal.
8 Code of Regs. § 11050).

9 24. On a regular and consistent basis, Plaintiff and the Proposed Class Members were
10 not paid for all hours worked at the proper rate of compensation. Plaintiff and all Proposed Class
11 Members were required to perform work off the clock. Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and all
12 Proposed Class members for such work at the appropriate rate of pay. Plaintiff and all Proposed
13 Class members were required to download and use a phone application called HOT Schedules.
14 Plaintiff and all Proposed Class members were required to use this application as the main way of
15 communication including seeing their schedules and interacting with managers off the clock. Such
16 off the clock works includes, but is not limited to, the following: Plaintiff and all Proposed Class
17 members were required to regularly use and check the application to view their work schedules,
18 review requests and pick up shifts from coworkers, notify managers of requested schedule changes,
19 and receive and review posted messages from managers.

20 25. Plaintiff and the Proposed Class have been required to work four-hour increments
21 (or major fractions thereof) without being provided with ten (10) minute rest periods as required.
22 Defendant failed to provide rest periods on a regular and consistent basis. If a rest period was
23 provided at all, Defendant only provided a first rest period, not a second rest period.

24 26. On a regular and consistent basis, Plaintiff and the Proposed Class have not been
25 properly reimbursed expenses associated with the cost of required smart phone applications and
26 personal cell phone usage necessary for the completion of their job duties. Plaintiff and all
27 Proposed Class members were required to use a smart phone a smart phone application called HOT
28 Schedules. This phone application was not free. Plaintiff and all Proposed Class members were

1 required to download this application, pay for it, and were not reimbursed for the cost of the
2 application. Plaintiff and all Proposed Class members were required to use a smart phone a smart
3 phone application called PayCom to view their paystubs and other documents. Plaintiff and all
4 Proposed Class members were required to use their personal smart phones for necessary work
5 related purposes as described herein and were not reimbursed for this cost.

6 27. Defendant willfully failed to pay wages and compensation, when Plaintiff and all
7 Proposed Class Members quit or were discharged. This failure was willful, without legal
8 justification, and interfered with Plaintiff's and Class Members' rights.

9 28. As a result of the acts alleged herein, Defendant violated Labor Code §2699, *et seq.*

10 V.

11 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

12 29. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself, and all others similarly situated, as
13 a Class Action pursuant to § 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff seeks to represent a
14 proposed class composed of and defined as follows:

15 All persons who are employed or have been employed as a non-
16 exempt employee by HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC., in the
17 State of California since four (4) years prior to the filing of this
action to the present. ("Proposed Class")

18 30. Plaintiff reserves the right under Rule 3.765(b) of the California Rules of Court to
19 amend or modify the class description with greater specificity, by division into subclasses, or by
20 limitation to particular issues.

21 31. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action
22 under the provisions of § 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure because there is a well-defined
23 community of interest in the litigation and the Proposed Classes are easily ascertainable.

24 A. NUMEROSITY

25 32. The potential members of the Proposed Class as defined are so numerous that
26 joinder of all the members of the Proposed Class is impracticable. While the precise number of
27 proposed Class Members has not been determined at this time, Plaintiff is informed and believes
28 that Defendant currently employ, and during the relevant time periods employed over 50 members

1 of the Proposed Class.

2 33. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant's employment records would provide information
3 as to the number and location of all Proposed Class Members. Joinder of all members of the
4 Proposed Class is not practicable.

5 **B. COMMONALITY**

6 34. There are questions of law and fact common to the Proposed Class that predominate
7 over any questions affecting only individual Proposed Class Members. These common questions
8 of law and fact include, without limitation:

9 a. Whether Defendant failed to pay wages and/or overtime compensation as
10 required by the Labor Code and Wage Orders under Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1199;

11 b. Whether Defendant violated Labor Code § 226.7 and IWC Wage Order 5 -
12 2001 or other applicable IWC Wage Orders, by failing to inform Plaintiff and the Proposed Class
13 of their right to take rest periods and failing to provide required rest periods throughout the term
14 of employment and failing to compensate said employees one (1) hours wages in lieu of rest
15 periods;

16 c. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code § 2802 and/or Wage Order 5-
17 2001 or other applicable IWC Wage Orders by failing to reimburse out of pocket expenses for the
18 cost of required phone applications and personal cell phone usage necessary for the completion of
19 their job duties;

20 d. Whether Defendant violated §§ 201-203 of the Labor Code by failing to pay
21 compensation due and owing at the time that any Proposed Class Member's employment with
22 Defendant terminated;

23 e. Whether Plaintiff and the members of the Proposed Class are entitled to
24 equitable relief pursuant to Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*

25 f. Whether Defendant violated Labor Code § 2699, *et seq.* by engaging in the
26 acts alleged herein.

27 **C. TYPICALITY**

28 35. The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Proposed Class. Plaintiff and

1 all members of the Proposed Class sustained injuries and damages arising out of and caused by
2 Defendant's common course of conduct in violation of laws, regulations that have the force and
3 effect of law, and statutes as alleged herein.

4 **D. ADEQUACY OF REPRESENTATION**

5 36. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the
6 members of the proposed Class. Counsel who represent Plaintiff and the Proposed Class are
7 competent and experienced in litigating large employment class actions.

8 **E. SUPERIORITY OF CLASS ACTION**

9 37. A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient
10 adjudication of this controversy. Individual joinder of all Proposed Class Members is not
11 practicable, and questions of law and fact common to the Proposed Class predominate over any
12 questions affecting only individual members of the Proposed Class. Each member of the Proposed
13 Class has been damaged and is entitled to recovery by reason of Defendant's illegal policy and/or
14 practice of failing to pay all wages due, failing to provide rest periods, failing to reimburse
15 expenses, and failing to pay all wages upon resignation or termination.

16 38. Class action treatment will allow those similarly situated persons to litigate their
17 claims in the manner that is most efficient and economical for the parties and the judicial system.
18 Plaintiff is unaware of any difficulties that are likely to be encountered in the management of this
19 action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

20 **VI.**

21 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **PLAINTIFF ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND THE PROPOSED CLASS**

23 **FAILURE TO PAY WAGES AND/OR OVERTIME UNDER**

24 **LABOR CODE §§ 510, 1194, AND 1199**

25 39. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Proposed Class, realleges and incorporates
26 by reference all previous paragraphs.

27 40. Labor Code §§ 510, 1194 and 1199 require an employer to compensate its
28 employees at the minimum wage rate for all hours worked and at a rate of no less than one and

1 one-half times the regular rate of pay for any work in excess of (8) eight hours in one workday and
2 any work in excess of forty (40) hours in any one workweek.

3 41. Plaintiff and the Proposed Class were forced to work on a regular and consistent
4 basis without receiving compensation for all hours worked at the proper rate thereby depriving
5 them of all of the wages owed to them.

6 42. Plaintiff and the Proposed Class are routinely required to work off the clock.
7 Plaintiff and the Proposed Class are required to use their personal cell phones for work, but this
8 time spent using their cell phones was "clocked out" and as such, Plaintiff and the Proposed Class
9 were not compensated at the applicable rate of pay for all hours worked.

10 43. Such off the clock works includes, but is not limited to, the following: Plaintiff and
11 all Proposed Class members were required to regularly use and check the HOT schedules
12 application to view their work schedules, review requests and pick up shifts from coworkers, notify
13 managers of requested schedule changes, and receive and review posted messages from managers

14 44. By their policy of requiring Plaintiff and members of the Proposed Class to work
15 without being paid all wages at the appropriate rate of pay, Defendant willfully violated the
16 provisions of Labor Code §§ 510, 1194 and 1199.

17 45. As a result of the unlawful acts of Defendant, Plaintiff and the Proposed Class have
18 been deprived of wages and/or overtime in amounts to be determined at trial, and are entitled to
19 recovery of such amounts, plus interest and penalties thereon, attorneys' fees, and costs.

20 **VII.**

21 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **PLAINTIFF ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND THE PROPOSED CLASS**

23 **FAILURE TO ALLOW REST PERIODS PURSUANT TO**

24 **LABOR CODE § 226.7**

25 46. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the proposed Class, realleges and incorporates
26 by reference all previous paragraphs.

27 47. Labor Code § 226.7 requires an employer to pay an additional hour (1) of
28 compensation for each rest period the employer fails to provide. Employees are entitled to a paid

1 ten (10) minute rest break for every four (4) hours worked (or major fraction thereof). Defendant
2 failed to maintain a policy informing Plaintiff and the Proposed Class of this right.

3 48. Defendant failed to inform Plaintiff and the members of the Proposed Class of their
4 right to take compliant rest periods by way of a lawful policy.

5 49. Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and the Class with rest breaks of not less than
6 ten (10) minutes as required by the Labor Code during the relevant time period. If a rest period
7 was provided at all, Defendant only provided a first rest period, not a second rest period. Defendant
8 routinely failed to provide a second rest break despite regularly requiring Plaintiff and the
9 Proposed Class to work over six (6) hours.

10 50. Pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7, Plaintiff and the Proposed Class are entitled to
11 damages in an amount equal to one (1) hour of wages per missed rest period, in a sum to be proven
12 at trial.

13 **VIII.**

14 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **PLAINTIFF ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND THE PROPOSED CLASS**

16 **FAILURE TO REIMBURSE EXPENSES PURSUANT TO**

17 **LABOR CODE § 2802**

18 51. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Proposed Class, realleges and incorporates
19 by reference all previous paragraphs.

20 52. Labor Code § 2802 requires employers to indemnify employees for all necessary
21 expenditures or losses incurred by employees in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her
22 duties.

23 53. Defendant has failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the Proposed Class for the cost of
24 downloading phone applications that were not free and for regular and consistent cellular phone
25 usage for work despite the fact that these expenditures were necessary for the performance of their
26 job duties.

27 54. As a result of the unlawful acts of Defendants, Plaintiff and the Proposed Class
28 have been deprived of reimbursement in the amounts to be determined at trial, and are entitled to

1 recovery of such amounts, plus interest and penalties thereon, attorneys' fees, and costs.

2 **IX.**

3 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **PLAINTIFF ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND THE PROPOSED CLASS**

5 **WAITING TIME PENALTIES UNDER LABOR CODE § 203**

6 55. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Proposed Class, realleges and incorporates
7 by reference all previous paragraphs.

8 56. Numerous members of the Proposed Class including the Plaintiff are no longer
9 employed by Defendant. They were either fired or quit Defendant's employ.

10 57. Plaintiff received his final paycheck more than two weeks after his last day of work
11 for Defendant.

12 58. As described above Plaintiff and all members of the Proposed Class were not paid
13 all wages due and as such were not paid all wages due upon their separation from Defendant's
14 employ. Defendant's failure to pay wages, as alleged above, was willful in that Defendant knew
15 wages to be due but failed to pay them, thus entitling Plaintiff and the Proposed Class to penalties
16 under Labor Code § 203, which provides that an employee's wages shall continue as a penalty
17 until paid for a period of up to thirty (30) days from the time they were due.

18 59. Defendant has failed to pay Plaintiff and others a sum certain at the time of
19 termination or within seventy-two (72) hours of their resignation, and have failed to pay those
20 sums for thirty (30) days thereafter. Pursuant to the provisions of Labor Code § 203, Plaintiff and
21 the Proposed Class are entitled to a penalty in the amount of Plaintiff's and the Proposed Class
22 Members' daily wage multiplied by thirty (30) days.

23 **X.**

24 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

25 **PLAINTIFF ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND THE PROPOSED CLASS**

26 **UNFAIR COMPETITION PURSUANT TO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200**

27 60. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Proposed Class, realleges and incorporates
28 by reference all previous paragraphs.

1 61. This is a Class Action for Unfair Business Practices. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself,
2 on behalf of the general public, and on behalf of the Proposed Class, bring this claim pursuant to
3 Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.* The conduct of Defendant as alleged in this
4 Complaint has been and continues to be unfair, unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiff, the general
5 public, and the Proposed Class. Plaintiff seeks to enforce important rights affecting the public
6 interest within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

7 62. Plaintiff is a “person” within the meaning of Business & Professions Code § 17204,
8 and therefore has standing to bring this cause of action for injunctive relief, restitution, and other
9 appropriate equitable relief.

10 63. Business & Profession Code § 17200, *et seq.* prohibits unlawful and unfair business
11 practices.

12 64. California’s wage and hour laws express fundamental public policies. Providing
13 employees with proper wages and compensation are fundamental public policies of this State and
14 of the United States. Labor Code § 90.5(a) articulates the public policies of this State to enforce
15 vigorously minimum labor standards, to ensure that employees are not required or permitted to
16 work under substandard and unlawful conditions, and to protect law-abiding employers and their
17 employees from competitors who lower their costs by failing to comply with minimum labor
18 standards.

19 65. Defendant has violated statutes and public policies as alleged herein. Through the
20 conduct alleged in this Complaint, Defendant has acted contrary to these public policies, have
21 violated specific provisions of the Labor Code, and have engaged in other unlawful and unfair
22 business practices in violation of Business & Profession Code § 17200, *et seq.*, depriving Plaintiff,
23 and all persons similarly situated, and all interested persons of rights, benefits, and privileges
24 guaranteed to all employees under law.

25 66. Defendant’s conduct, as alleged hereinabove, constitutes unfair competition in
26 violation of § 17200, *et seq.* of the Business & Professions Code.

27 67. Defendant, by engaging in the conduct herein alleged, either knew or in the exercise
28 of reasonable care, should have known that the conduct was unlawful. As such it is a violation of

1 § 17200, *et seq.* of the Business & Professions Code.

2 68. As a proximate result of the above-mentioned acts of Defendant, Plaintiff and
3 others similarly situated have been damaged in a sum as may be proven.

4 69. Unless restrained, Defendant will continue to engage in the unlawful conduct as
5 alleged above. Pursuant to the Business & Professions Code, this court should make such orders
6 or judgments, including the appointment of a receiver, as may be necessary to prevent the use or
7 employment by Defendant, its agents, or employees, of any unlawful or deceptive practices
8 prohibited by the Business & Professions Code, and/or, including but not limited to, restitution
9 and disgorgement of profits which may be necessary to restore Plaintiff and members of the
10 proposed Class the money Defendant has unlawfully failed to pay.

11 **XI.**

12 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE §2699, ET SEQ.**

14 70. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all aggrieved employees, realleges and
15 incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

16 71. As a result of the acts alleged above and specifically incorporated herein, Plaintiff
17 seeks penalties under Labor Code § 2699, *et seq* use of Defendant's violation of Labor Code §§
18 201, 202, 203, 226.7, 510, 1194, 1199, 2802, Wage Order 5-2001; and California Code of
19 Regulations, Title 8, Section 11050, which call for civil penalties.

20 72. For each such penalty, Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees are entitled to
21 penalties in an amount to be shown at trial, subject to the following formula:

22 a. \$100 for the initial violation per employee per pay period.

23 b. \$200 for each subsequent violation per employee per pay period.

24 73. These penalties shall be allocated seventy-five percent (75%) to the LWDA and
25 twenty-five percent (25%) to the affected employees.

26 74. Pursuant to Labor Code § 2699.3(a)(1), Plaintiff uploaded a notice letter to the
27 LWDA¹ and mailed a letter by certified mail to Defendant HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC.'s

28 ¹ Plaintiff electronically filed a PAGA Claim Notice to the LWDA, via the State of California

entity address, which is 512 E Riverside Dr, Suite 150, Austin, TX 78704, as proscribed by the Code on June 4, 2021, describing Defendant's conduct in violation of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 226.7, 510, 1194, 1199, and 2802. (*see* Exhibit "1.") Plaintiff also obtained an e-filing confirmation from the LWDA confirming receipt of the notice (*see* Exhibit "2").

75. As no letter evidencing the LWDA's intention to investigate was received by Plaintiff's Counsel within sixty-five (65) calendar days, Plaintiff is entitled to commence a civil action as though the LWDA had not chosen to investigate pursuant to Labor Code §2699.3(a)(2)(A). Plaintiff will also provide the LWDA with a filed-stamped copy of the First Amended Class and Representative Action Complaint immediately.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

1. For compensatory damages in the amount of unpaid wages and/or overtime not paid to Plaintiff and each Proposed Class Member from at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action to the present as may be proven;

2. For compensatory damages in the amount of Plaintiff's and each Proposed Class Members' hourly wage for each rest period missed or taken late from at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action to the present as may be proven;

3. For compensatory damages in the amount of Plaintiff's and each Proposed Class Members' unreimbursed cost of applications and personal cell phone usage for business related purposes as a requirement of employment;

4. For penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 203 for all employees who were terminated or resigned equal to their daily wage times thirty (30) days;

5. An award of prejudgment and post judgment interest;

6. An order enjoining Defendant and its agents, servants, and employees, and all persons acting under, in concert with, or for it from providing Plaintiff with proper wages and/or overtime, rest periods, reimbursement for the cost of required applications and personal cell phone

Labor and Workforce Development Agency / Department of Industrial Relations website (<https://dir.tfaforms.net/308>).

usage for business related purposes, and wages upon termination/resignation pursuant to Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 226.7, 510, 1194, 1199, 2802, and IWC 5-2001;

7. For restitution for unfair competition pursuant to Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*, including disgorgement or profits, in an amount as may be proven;

8. For penalties under Labor Code §2699, *et seq.* for Defendant's violation of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 226.7, 510, 1194, 1199, 2802, and Wage Order 5-2001;

9. An award providing for payment of costs of suit;

10. An award of attorneys' fees; and

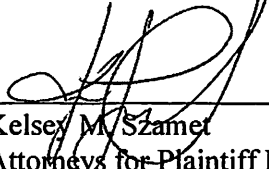
11. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem proper and just.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of his claims by jury to the extent authorized by law.

DATED: August 9, 2021

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EXHIBIT "1"

KINGSLEY & KINGSLEY

| L A W Y E R S |

June 4, 2021

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HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC.
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Re: DANGELO RANDLE-TATUM v. HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC.
California Labor Code § 2699 Penalties

Gentlepersons:

This office represents DANGELO RANDLE-TATUM ("Plaintiff") and a proposed group of current and former employees working for HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC. ("Defendant") in the State of California. The purpose of this letter is to comply with the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, pursuant to California Labor Code § 2698, *et. seq.* We herein set forth the facts and theories of California Labor Code violations which we allege Defendant engaged in with respect to Plaintiff and all of Defendant's aggrieved employees.

Plaintiff wishes to bring a representative action on behalf of himself and the State of California as well as on behalf of a group of aggrieved employees defined as: All persons who are employed or have been employed as a non-exempt employee by HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC., in the State of California who worked one or more pay periods since one (1) year prior to the date of this letter and continuing to the present. ("aggrieved employees")

Defendant has violated Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1199. These statutes require an employer to compensate its employees at the minimum wage rate for all hours worked and at a rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for any work in excess of (8) eight hours in one workday and any work in excess of forty (40) hours in any one workweek.

Defendant has had a consistent policy of failing to pay wages and/or overtime to Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees at the appropriate rate of pay. Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees were required to use their personal cell phones for work. This time spent on their cell phones was "clocked out" and as such, Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees were not compensated at the appropriate rate of pay for this time worked. Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees were required to download and use a phone application called HOT Schedules. Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees were required to use this application as the main way of communication including seeing their schedules and interacting with managers off the clock. Such off the clock works

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includes, but is not limited to, the following: Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees were required to regularly use and check the application to view their work schedules, review requests and pick up shifts from coworkers, notify managers of requested schedule changes, and receive and review posted messages from managers.

Pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7 and Wage Order 5-2001, Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees with rest breaks of not less than ten (10) minutes per four (4) hour work period, or major fraction thereof. Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees with a second rest period despite regularly requiring Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees to work over six (6) hours. As Such, Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees with compliant rest periods. Further, Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees were not compensated with one (1) hour of wages for each missed rest period as required by Labor Code § 226.7.

In addition, Labor Code § 2802 provides that an employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties. Defendant has failed to reimburse Plaintiff and aggrieved employees the cost of using their personal cell phones for business related purposes. Defendant required Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees to download and pay for phone applications on their personal phones and consistently use these personal cell phones for necessary work-related purposes such as communication with their managers as described above.

Labor Code § 203 provides that if “an employer willfully fails to pay...any wages of an employee who is discharged or who quits, the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an action therefor is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than 30 days.”

Plaintiff received his final paycheck more than two weeks after his last day of work for Defendant. In addition, as described above Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees were not paid all wages due and as such were not paid all wages due upon their separation from Defendant’s employ. As such, Plaintiff is an aggrieved employee and Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees all wages due at the time of termination or within seventy-two (72) hours of their resignation, and have failed to pay those sums for thirty (30) days thereafter in violation of Labor Code §203.

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We are constrained to move forward with the filing of this complaint alleging causes of action pursuant to Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 226.7, 510, 1194, 1199, and 2802 with or without the PAGA claim. Thus, any action by the LWDA would not resolve the entirety of the case, and the interest of judicial economy will be served by allowing the case to proceed as a cohesive whole.

Very truly yours,

KINGSLEY & KINGSLEY, APC

By: _____

Kelsey M. Szamet

KMS/jl

Cc:

1. LWDA Letter filed via Electronic Submission: <https://dir.tfaforms.net/308>
2. HOPDODDY BURGER BAR, INC. via USPS Certified Mail # 7018 1130 0001 5815 3523
3. Davtayan Law Firm, Inc., 880 E. Broadway, Glendale, CA 91205

EXHIBIT "2"



State of California

Labor and Workforce Development Agency /
Department of Industrial Relations

Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) – Filing

New PAGA Claim Notice

Your Information (Person Who is Filing)

Your First Name *

Kelsey

Your Last Name *

Szamet

Firm Name (if any) *

Kingsley & Kingsley

(Enter "in pro per" if you are representing yourself)

Your Email Address *

service@kingsleykingsley.

Your Street Name, Number and Suite/Apt *

16133 Ventura Boulevard

Your Mobile Phone Number

8189908300

Your City *

Encino

Your Work Phone Number

Your State *

California

Your Zip/Postal Code *

91436

Plaintiff Information

Plaintiff/Aggrieved Employee Name *

Dangelo Randle-Tatum

Plaintiff/Aggrieved Employee Occupation *

Hourly Employee

Add Additional Plaintiffs

Employer Information

Employer Entity Type

Corporation

Employer Name *

Hopdoddy Burger Bar, Inc.

Maximum 80 Character Limit

Employer Street Name, Number and Suite/Apt

Employer City

512 E Riverside Dr, Suite 150

Austin

Employer State

Texas



Employer Zip/Postal Code

78704

Employer Industry *

Restaurant

**Add additional defendants**☐ Add any entity other than an individual☐ Add an individual/sole proprietor employer**Notice General Information**

Estimated Number of Employees Impacted by Violations *

50

Notice Violations – Check All that Apply *

- ☐ Child Labor
- ☐ Misclassification Employee Classified as Contractor
- ☐ Misclassification NonExempt Classified as Exempt
- ☐ Minimum Wage
- ☐ Overtime
- ☒ Not paid for all hours worked
- ☒ Not paid wages due on termination
- ☐ Other Unpaid Wages
- ☐ Tips or Gratuities
- ☒ Payment or Reimbursement of Employee Expenses
- ☐ Improper Form of Payment Including NSF Checks
- ☐ Kickbacks
- ☒ Meal and Rest Breaks
- ☐ Sick Leave
- ☐ Lactation Accommodation (Labor Code 1030–1033)
- ☐ Not providing required time off, other
- ☐ Pay Discrimination on basis of sex, (Labor Code 1197.5)
- ☐ No Wage Statements
- ☐ Improper or Incomplete Wage Statements
- ☐ Other Notice or Posting or Recordkeeping
- ☐ Public Works (Labor Code 1720 – 1815)
- ☐ Apprenticeship (Labor Code 3070 – 3098)
- ☐ Occupational Safety and Health (Labor Code 6300 et seq)
- ☐ No Workers' Compensation
- ☐ Licensing, Registration, or Permit
- ☐ Unfair Immigration Activities
- ☐ Agricultural Labor Relations
- ☐ Industrial Homework
- ☐ Retaliation for Protected Status or Activity (Specify)
- ☐ Other

Child Labor – Specify Ages

PAGA Claim Type – Check All that Apply *

- ☒ Notice asserts one or more Labor Code violations listed in Labor Code 2699.5– not curable subject to 2699.3(a)
- ☐ Notice asserts one or more OSHA violations subject to requirements of 2699.3(b)
- ☐ Includes one or more violations not listed in Labor Code 2699.5 – curable subject to 2699.3(c)

Filing Fee

A filing fee of \$75 is required to file a new PAGA claim notice.

IFP

☐ I wish to claim In Forma Pauperis and am attaching a Confidential Request to Waive Court Fees (Judicial Council Court Form FW-001) or similar form to this submission.

Billing information**Billing First Name ***

Eric

Billing Last Name *

Kingsley

Billing Email *

service@kingsleykingsley.com

Billing Phone**Billing Street Name, Number and Suite/Apt ***

16133 Ventura Boulevard Suite 1200

Billing City *

Encino

Billing State *

California

Billing Zip/Postal Code *

91436

Credit Card Type *

Visa

Credit Card Number ***CVV Number *****Credit Card Expiration Month ***

mm

Credit Card Expiration Year *

YYYY

Notice and Other Attachments**PAGA Claim Notice (must be a .pdf) ***

Choose File

PAGA Letter- H... Bar, Inc..pdf

Other Attachment - (if any) (must be a .pdf)

Choose File

No file chosen

[Add Another Attachment](#)

Should you have questions regarding this online form, please contact PAGAInfo@dir.ca.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF REDACTION RESPONSIBILITY: All filers must redact: Social Security or taxpayer identification numbers; personal addresses, personal telephone numbers, personal email addresses, dates of birth; names of minor children; &

financial account numbers. This requirement applies to all documents, including attachments.

☒ I understand that, if I file, I must comply with the redaction rules consistent with this notice.

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Thank you. If you provided an email address with your submission, a confirmation regarding your submission will be emailed to you. Otherwise, you can search for the case to verify that your submission was properly received.

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6/4/2021

LWDA Case No. LWDA-CM-834070-21
Law Firm : Kingsley & Kingsley
Plaintiff Name : Dangelo Randle-Tatum
Employer: Hopdoddy Burger Bar, Inc.
Filing Fee : \$75.00
IFP Claimed : No

Item submitted: Initial PAGA Notice

Thank you for your submission to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Please make a note of the LWDA Case No. above as you may need this number for future reference when filing any subsequent documents for this Case.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this submission or your case, please send an email to pagainfo@dir.ca.gov.

DIR PAGA Unit on behalf of
Labor and Workforce Development Agency

Website: http://labor.ca.gov/Private_Attorneys_General_Act.htm

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Subject: State of California - Department of Industrial Relations Customer Receipt / Purchase Confirmation

Thank you for your payment.

Order Information

Merchant: State of California - Department of Industrial Relations

Case Number: LWDA-CM-834070-21

Order Number: ORD-000111075

Total:\$75.00

Card Type: Visa

Date: 6/4/2021

Billing Information

Name: Eric Kingsley

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