

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiff Erika A. Ahrens (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Amerit Consulting, Inc. (“Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant captioned *Ahrens vs Amerit Consulting, Inc.*, Case No. CVPS2502076 initiated on March 24, 2025, in the County of Riverside and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Apex Class Action LLC (“Apex”), the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with this Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means a person employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Aggrieved Employee Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Aggrieved Employee mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Aggrieved Employees.
- 1.6. “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Defendant’s possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.7. “Aggrieved Employee PAGA Penalties” means the 35% of the Net Settlement Amount paid to Aggrieved Employees.
- 1.8. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside.
- 1.9. “Defendant” means named Defendant Amerit Consulting, Inc.

- 1.10. “Defense Counsel” means Medina McKelvey LLP.
- 1.11. “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Approving the PAGA Settlement and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the day that the Court enters Judgment.
- 1.12. “Gross Settlement Amount” means One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars Exactly (\$175,000.00), which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 8 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees, PAGA Counsel Expenses, PAGA Representative Service Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment.
- 1.13. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of the Aggrieved Employee PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.14. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the final approval of the Settlement reflected in this Agreement.
- 1.15. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (m).
- 1.16. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 65% of the Net Settlement Amount paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (m).
- 1.17. “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: PAGA Representative Service Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment.
- 1.18. “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.19. “PAGA Counsel” means Lavi & Ebrahimian, LLP, including Joseph Lavi, Vincent Granberry, Alan Turton, Paolo Policastro, and all lawyers affiliated with this firm.

- 1.20. “PAGA Counsel Fees Payment” and “PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to PAGA Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.21. “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s January 15, 2025, letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a).
- 1.22. “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.23. “PAGA Period” means the period from January 15, 2024, ending on either the date of Approval of the Settlement by the Court or May 18, 2026, whichever date occurs earlier.
- 1.24. “PAGA Representative” means the named Plaintiff in the operative complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a PAGA Representative.
- 1.25. “PAGA Representative Service Payment” means the payment to the PAGA Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.26. “Plaintiff” means Erika A. Ahrens, the named Plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.27. “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.28. “Released Parties” means: Defendant and each of its former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, and assigns.
- 1.29. “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1. On March 24, 2025, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Complaint (the “Operative Complaint”) alleging causes of action against Defendant for Civil Penalties Pursuant to PAGA. Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

- 2.2. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.3. On February 17, 2026, Plaintiff and Defendant participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Jeffrey P. Fuchsman, which led to this Agreement to settle the Action.
- 2.4. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, time records, pay records, and information relating to the size and scope of Aggrieved Employees, as well as data permitting Plaintiff to fully understand the nature and scope of the allegations in the Operative Complaint, including approximately 40% of time and wage records which were analyzed by Plaintiff's Counsel. Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").
- 2.5. The Parties represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 8 below, Defendant promises to pay One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars Exactly (\$175,000.00) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.
- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court:
 - 3.2.1 To Plaintiff: PAGA Representative Service Payment to the PAGA Representative of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) (in addition to any Individual PAGA Payment that the PAGA Representative is entitled to receive as an Aggrieved Employee). Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a PAGA Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. If the Court approves a PAGA Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

- 3.2.2 To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than One-Third of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be Fifty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$57,750.00), and a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$20,000.00. In the event that the escalator clause described in Paragraph 8 herein is triggered and the Gross Settlement Amount is increased, PAGA Counsel may, at their discretion, increase the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment in order to remain One-Third of the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff will file a motion for PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and Plaintiff's Litigation Expenses Payment. If the Court approves a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms.
- 3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administration Expenses Payment not to exceed \$8,000.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent that the Administrator's expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$8,000.00, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.
- 3.2.4 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: The LWDA PAGA Payment in the amount of 65% of the Net Settlement Amount, a share currently estimated to be \$51,512.50, shall be paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (m). The Aggrieved Employee PAGA Penalties in the amount of 35% of the Net Settlement Amount shall be allocated for the Individual PAGA Payments.
- 3.2.4.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees PAGA Penalties, representing 35% of the Net Settlement Amount, a share currently estimated to be \$27,737.50, by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.
- 3.2.4.2. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

- 3.2.5 In the event that the Court reduces or does not approve the requested PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, PAGA Counsel reserves their right to appeal such order, however, Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel will not request or demand an increase to the Gross Settlement Amount on that basis.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

- 4.1. Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records as of the Parties' February 17, 2026 mediation, Defendant estimates there are 519 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 5,523 PAGA Pay Periods (which number has been reduced by 50% pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(o).
- 4.2. Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 30 days of the Court's order granting approval of the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employees' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if it discovers that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted Aggrieved Employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Aggrieved Employee Data.
- 4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.
- 4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the PAGA Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the PAGA Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual PAGA Payments.
- 4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments

and send them to the Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. Before mailing any checks, the Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- 4.4.2 The Administrator must conduct an Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all other Aggrieved Employee whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Aggrieved Employee whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to the void date.
- 4.4.3 For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee.
- 4.4.4 The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Aggrieved Employee (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1. Release by Aggrieved Employees: Plaintiff and the State of California hereby release Defendant and all current and former members, insurers, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, employees, officers, and directors thereof (collectively the “Released Parties”), from any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys’ fees, damages, action or causes of action contingent or accrued for, during the PAGA Period, arising out of the PAGA claims asserted in the operative Complaint in the pending Action and the LWDA letter filed by Plaintiff, based upon the following alleged violations: 1) failure to pay hours worked at minimum wage and all overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay; 2) failure to pay overtime wages at the proper overtime rate of pay; 3) failure to provide meal periods; 4) failure to provide rest periods; 5) failure to timely pay wages due upon termination; 6) failure to timely pay wages during employment; 7) failure to provide accurate, itemized wage statements; 8) failure to reimburse business expenses; and 9) secret payment of lower wages than designated by statute. This release shall include a release for PAGA claims under California Labor Code Sections 201-203, 204, 210, 223, 225.5, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1194, 1197, 1198, 2802, 2699, 2699.3, 2699.5, 2082, and the applicable IWC Wage Order(s).

6. MOTION FOR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file an application or motion for approval of this Settlement.

- 6.1. Plaintiff’s Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining approval of this Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2) including (i) a draft proposed Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement; (ii) a signed declaration from PAGA Counsel attesting to its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); (iii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.
- 6.2. Responsibilities of Counsel. The Parties are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement and, if necessary, obtaining a prompt hearing date for the motion and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the motion. Plaintiff is responsible for delivering the Court’s Approval Order to the Administrator.

- 6.3. Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed application or motion for approval of this Settlement and/or the supporting declarations and documents, the Parties will expeditiously work together, by and through their respective Counsel, by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant motion for approval of this Settlement or conditions its approval on any material change to this Agreement, the Parties, by and through their respective Counsel, will expeditiously work together by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Apex to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Apex agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for the Administration Expenses Payment. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4. Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

8. AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES AND ESCALATOR CLAUSE. It is currently estimated that Aggrieved Employees worked 5,523 Pay Periods (which number has been reduced by 50% pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(o), as Defendant paid on a weekly basis) during the PAGA Period through February 17, 2026. If more than 6,075 Pay Periods (10% increase, which number has been reduced by 50% pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(o)) are identified during the PAGA Period, the Gross Settlement Amount will be increased on a pro rata basis according to the number of additional PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees in excess of 6,075 (10% increase, which number has been reduced by 50% pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(o)) with respect to the total number of Pay Periods worked by all of the Aggrieved Employees. Alternatively, Defendant shall have the option to shorten the PAGA Period to end on a date when the number of Pay Periods during the PAGA Period does not exceed 6,075 (when reduced by 50% pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(o)), and the Gross Settlement Amount will not increase in this instance. Defendant will notify Plaintiff of its election if this escalator is triggered prior to the settlement approval motion hearing.

8.1. Defendant's Obligation to Advise the Court in Advance of Approval. No later than five court days prior to Plaintiff's hearing date for the Motion for PAGA Settlement Approval, Defendant shall, by and through its counsel, file a declaration informing the Court (1) whether or not the Escalator Clause has been triggered; (2) the option Defendant will select; and (3) in the event that the cut-short option is selected, the PAGA period, as adjusted.

9. CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

9.1. Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Parties, their respective counsel waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If another party appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

10. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- 10.1. No Admission of Liability or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does not approve this Settlement, Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).
- 10.2. Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 10.3. Attorney Authorization. The Parties separately warrant and represent that they have authorized their respective Counsel to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 10.4. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 10.5. No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 10.6. No Tax Advice. The Parties are not providing any advice regarding taxes or

taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

- 10.7. Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 10.8. Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 10.9. Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 10.10. Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 10.11. Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement. The Parties and their counsel agree to keep the terms of the Settlement confidential until the filing of Plaintiff's motion for approval of the Settlement.
- 10.12. Use and Return of Aggrieved Employee Data. Information provided to PAGA Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Aggrieved Employee Data provided to PAGA Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Aggrieved Employee Data received from Defendant unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant makes a written request to PAGA Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Aggrieved Employee Data.
- 10.13. Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.

- 10.14. Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to “days” in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 10.15. Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, to the other Party’s respective counsel of record.

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- 10.16. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
- 10.17. Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.
- 10.18. Bankruptcy. In the event that any Defendant files for bankruptcy prior to the final

disbursement of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff shall be permitted to file the claims asserted in the Action in the bankruptcy proceedings, and such claims are not limited by the amount of the Gross Settlement Amount as set forth in this Settlement Agreement. If any settlement funds have been disbursed as provided in this agreement as of the date Defendant files for bankruptcy, Defendant shall not be entitled to a return of such funds from the recipients. However, Defendant will be entitled to claim a credit for any previously disbursed funds in the bankruptcy proceedings.

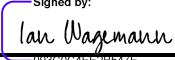
- 10.19. Enforcement Action. In the event that one or more of the Parties institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other Party or Parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement, the successful Party or Parties will be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including expert witness fees in connection with any enforcement actions.

Dated: _____

Erika A. Ahrens

Dated: 4/29/2026

Amerit Consulting, Inc.

Signed by:

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Name: Ian Wagemann

Title: President

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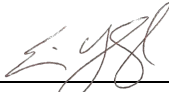
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