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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUSTIN BRAUN, on behalf of himself and all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AV DECKING, INC. doing business in
California as AV METAL DECKING; and
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: STCV01069

CLASS ACTION

*[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon.
Laura A. Seigle, Dept. 17]*

**DECLARATION OF JUSTIN BRAUN
IN SUPPORT OF APPROVAL OF
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

DECLARATION OF JUSTIN BRAUN

I, JUSTIN BRAUN, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18. I am a named plaintiff in this matter against AV Decking, Inc. (“AC Decking”). This declaration is submitted in support of approval of the proposed class action settlement (“Settlement”) reached in this case. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and could testify competently to them if called upon to do so.

2. I am a former employee of AV Decking. I worked for AV Decking as an hourly Laborer for several months, beginning in approximately November 2024 until in or about the spring of 2025.

3. While working for AV Decking, I believe that I was not paid for all of my hours worked, including time spent transporting tools for AV Decking and time spent putting on my gear prior to the start of my shift. I also believe that I was not paid properly for all of the overtime hours I worked. In addition, I believe that I was not provided with the 30-minute meal breaks and 10-minute rest breaks to which I was entitled under the law. Sometimes, I wasn’t able to take a full off-duty meal break or had to take my meal break late, and I wasn’t always able to take off-duty rest breaks on my shifts. As a result of these violations, I understand that I did not receive accurate paystubs and I was not paid all wages owed to me at the end of my employment. In addition, I had to use my personal cell phone for work, including to clock in and out, and I also had to use my personal vehicle for work on some occasions, and I don’t believe I was properly reimbursed for the same. I also had money deducted from my wages for tools. I also believe that my paystubs did not include all the information required by California law.

4. I have been actively involved in this case since I first had discussions with my attorneys at Marquee Law Group about a potential class action back in January 2025. I have had many discussions with my attorneys throughout this case to discuss Av Decking’s policies and practices, identify potentially helpful documents and witnesses, and to discuss the case. I also spent time looking for relevant documents and reviewing documents related to this case, including the settlement agreement. I estimate that I have spent approximately 30 hours on this case from the time I first spoke with my attorneys regarding this case until the present.

5. When I discussed this case with my attorneys and agreed to move forward with this case, I understood that this lawsuit could benefit other AV Decking employees by helping to recover unpaid wages and other penalties. I knew that filing a lawsuit carries risk, but I accepted this risk because I wanted to vindicate my and other employees' rights. Even though I understood that filing a lawsuit is a public record, I accepted that burden in order to help other AV Decking employees.

6. As part of the proposed Settlement, I understand that my attorneys will request that the Court approve a service award of \$10,000 for my efforts on behalf of the Settlement Class. I believe this amount is reasonable based on the amount of time and effort I have devoted to this case as well as the risks I have undertaken as the class representative, as described above. In addition, by the time this settlement is finally approved and funded, it will be approximately 3 years since the time I first agreed to act as a class representative in this case. I believe that the delay in my receiving any payment from this case is another factor supporting my requested service award.

7. I do not have any conflicts with any other Settlement Class member in this case.

8. I do not have any involvement with, or financial interest in, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

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

Dated: 8/7/2026

Signed by:

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 Justin Braun