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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

ISAIAH RICHARD TYLER ESPINDOLA
HINOJOSA, individually, and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOTEL VALENCIA CORPORATION; and
DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants

Case No.: 25CV461516

[Assigned to the Hon. Theodore C. Zayner,
Dept. 19]

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS AND
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT:**

**[Amended As of Right Pursuant to Labor
Code Section 2699.3(2)(C)]**

1. Failure to Pay Minimum Wages [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197];
2. Failure to Pay Overtime Compensation [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194 and 1198];
3. Failure to Provide Meal Periods [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512];
4. Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Breaks [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7];
5. Failure to Indemnify Necessary Business Expenses [Cal. Lab. Code § 2802];
6. Failure to Timely Pay Final Wages at Termination [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-203];
7. Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements [Cal. Lab. Code § 226];
8. Unfair Business Practices [Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.]; and
9. Civil Penalties Under PAGA [Cal. Lab. Code § 2698, et seq.].

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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1 Plaintiff Isaiah Richard Tyler Espindola Hinojosa (“Plaintiff”), based upon facts that
2 either have evidentiary support or are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable
3 opportunity for further investigation and discovery, alleges as follows:

4 **INTRODUCTION & PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

5 1. Plaintiff brings this action against Defendants Hotel Valencia Corporation, and
6 Does 1 through 10 (collectively referred to as “Defendants”) for California Labor Code
7 violations and unfair business practices stemming from Defendants’ failure to pay minimum
8 wages, failure to pay overtime wages, failure to provide meal periods, failure to authorize and
9 permit rest periods, failure to maintain accurate records of hours worked and meal periods,
10 failure to timely pay all wages to terminated employees, failure to indemnify necessary business
11 expenses, and failure to furnish accurate wage statements.

12 2. Plaintiff brings the First through Eighth Causes of Action individually and as a
13 class action on behalf of himself and certain current and former employees of Defendants
14 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Class” or “Class Members” and defined more fully
15 below). The Class consists of Plaintiff and all other persons who have been employed by any
16 Defendants in California as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee during the statute of
17 limitations period applicable to the claims pleaded here.

18 3. Plaintiff brings the Ninth Cause of Action as a representative action under the
19 California Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”) to recover civil penalties that are owed to
20 Plaintiff, the State of California, and past and present employees of Defendant (hereinafter
21 referred to as the “Aggrieved Employees”).

22 4. Defendants own/owned and operate/operated an industry, business, and
23 establishment within the State of California, including Santa Clara County. As such, and based
24 upon all the facts and circumstances incident to Defendants’ business in California, Defendants
25 are subject to the California Labor Code, Wage Orders issued by the Industrial Welfare
26 Commission (“IWC”), and the California Business & Professions Code.

27 5. Despite these requirements, throughout the statutory period Defendants
28 maintained a systematic, company-wide policy and practice of:

- 1 (a) Failing to pay employees for all hours worked, including all minimum
2 wages, and overtime wages in compliance with the California Labor Code
3 and IWC Wage Orders;
- 4 (b) Failing to provide employees with timely and duty-free meal periods in
5 compliance with the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders, failing
6 to maintain accurate records of all meal periods taken or missed, and
7 failing to pay an additional hour's pay for each workday a meal period
8 violation occurred;
- 9 (c) Failing to authorize and permit employees to take timely and duty-free rest
10 periods in compliance with the California Labor Code and IWC Wage
11 Orders, and failing to pay an additional hour's pay for each workday a rest
12 period violation occurred;
- 13 (d) Failing to indemnify employees for necessary business expenses incurred;
- 14 (e) Willfully failing to pay employees all minimum wages, overtime wages,
15 meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages due within
16 the time period specified by California law when employment terminates;
17 and
- 18 (f) Failing to maintain accurate records of the hours that employees worked.
- 19 (g) Failing to provide employees with accurate, itemized wage statements
20 containing all the information required by the California Labor Code and
21 IWC Wage Orders.

22 6. On information and belief, Defendants, and each of them were on actual and
23 constructive notice of the improprieties alleged herein and intentionally refused to rectify their
24 unlawful policies. Defendants' violations, as alleged above, during all relevant times herein were
25 willful and deliberate.

26 7. At all relevant times, Defendants were and are legally responsible for all of the
27 unlawful conduct, policies, practices, acts and omissions as described in each and all of the
28 foregoing paragraphs as the employer of Plaintiff and the Class. Further, Defendants are

1 responsible for each of the unlawful acts or omissions complained of herein under the doctrine of
2 “respondeat superior”.

3 **THE PARTIES**

4 **A. Plaintiff**

5 8. Plaintiff is a California resident that worked for Defendants in the County of Santa
6 Clara, State of California during the statutory period.

7 9. Plaintiff reserves the right to seek leave to amend this complaint to add new
8 plaintiffs, if necessary, in order to establish suitable representative(s) pursuant to *La Sala v.*
9 *American Savings and Loan Association* (1971) 5 Cal.3d 864, 872, and other applicable law.

10 **B. Defendants**

11 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based upon that information and belief
12 alleges, that Defendants are:

- 13 (a) Business entities with their principal places of business in Santa Clara,
14 California.
- 15 (b) Business entities conducting business in numerous counties throughout the
16 State of California, including in Santa Clara County; and
- 17 (c) The former employers of Plaintiff, and the current and/or former employers
18 of the putative Class. Defendants suffered and permitted Plaintiff and the
19 Class to work, and/or controlled their wages, hours, or working conditions;
20 and
- 21 (d) At all times mentioned herein, Defendants are and were the joint employers
22 of Plaintiff and the Class.

23 11. Plaintiff does not currently know the true names or capacities of the persons or
24 entities sued herein as Does 1-10, inclusive, and therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious
25 names. Each of the Doe Defendants was in some manner legally responsible for the damages
26 suffered by Plaintiff and the Class as alleged herein. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to set
27 forth the true names and capacities of these Defendants when they have been ascertained,
28 together with appropriate charging allegations, as may be necessary.

1 12. At all times mentioned herein, the Defendants named as Does 1-10, inclusive, and
2 each of them, were residents of, doing business in, availed themselves of the jurisdiction of,
3 and/or injured a significant number of the Plaintiff and the Class in the State of California.

4 13. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all relevant times
5 each Defendant, directly or indirectly, or through agents or other persons, employed Plaintiff and
6 the other employees described in the class definitions below, and exercised control over their
7 wages, hours, and working conditions. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges
8 that, at all relevant times, each Defendant was the principal, agent, partner, joint venturer, officer,
9 director, controlling shareholder, subsidiary, affiliate, parent corporation, successor in interest
10 and/or predecessor in interest of some or all of the other Defendants, and was engaged with some
11 or all of the other Defendants in a joint enterprise for profit, and bore such other relationships to
12 some or all of the other Defendants so as to be liable for their conduct with respect to the matters
13 alleged below. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each Defendant acted
14 pursuant to and within the scope of the relationships alleged above, that each Defendant knew or
15 should have known about, and authorized, ratified, adopted, approved, controlled, aided and
16 abetted the conduct of all other Defendants.

17 **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

18 14. Plaintiff is a California resident who worked for Defendants in the County of
19 Santa Clara, State of California during the statutory period. During the statutory time period,
20 Defendants classified Plaintiff as a non-exempt employee. Plaintiff was typically scheduled to
21 work at least 5 days in a workweek, and typically in excess of 8 hours in a single workday.

22 15. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff for all hours
23 worked (including minimum wages and overtime wages), failed to provide Plaintiff with
24 uninterrupted meal periods, failed to authorize and permit Plaintiff to take uninterrupted rest
25 periods, failed to indemnify Plaintiff for necessary business expenses, failed to timely pay all
26 final wages to Plaintiff when Defendants terminated Plaintiff's employment, and failed to furnish
27 accurate wage statements to Plaintiff. As discussed below, Plaintiff's experience working for
28 Defendants was typical and illustrative.

1 16. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants maintained a policy and practice of
2 not paying Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees for all hours worked, including all overtime
3 wages. Throughout the statutory period, Plaintiff and the Class were required to work off-the-
4 clock, and uncompensated. For example, Plaintiff and the Class were required to wait in line in
5 order to clock into work, off the clock and uncompensated. Also, prior to clocking into work,
6 Plaintiff and the Class were required to assist others while off the clock due to it being busy,
7 uncompensated. Also, after clocking out of work, Plaintiff and the Class were required to
8 perform duties such as taking boxes of wine into the wine cellar and taking out the trash, as well
9 as other duties, uncompensated. Also, Plaintiff and the Class communicated with employees and
10 supervisors through their personal cellular telephones for work purposes while off the clock, and
11 uncompensated. Also, Plaintiff and the Class were sometimes on-call without compensation.
12 Also, Plaintiff and the Class were sometimes required to return home soon after arriving at work,
13 without being paid reporting time pay. Also, Plaintiff and the Class were sometimes required to
14 work seven consecutive days of work without a day off. Also, Plaintiff and the Class often had
15 their meal breaks interrupted without compensation. Also throughout the statutory period,
16 Plaintiff and the Class received non-discretionary bonuses and other remuneration. However,
17 Defendants failed to incorporate all remuneration when calculating the correct overtime rate of
18 pay, meal break premium rate of pay, and sick day rate of pay, leading to underpayment.

19 17. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants have wrongfully failed to provide
20 Plaintiff and the Class with legally compliant meal periods. Defendants sometimes, but not
21 always, required Plaintiff and the Class to work in excess of five consecutive hours a day without
22 providing 30-minute, continuous and uninterrupted, duty-free meal period for every five hours of
23 work, or without compensating Plaintiff and the Class for meal periods that were not provided by
24 the end of the fifth hour of work or tenth hour of work. Defendants also did not adequately
25 inform Plaintiff and the Class of their right to take a meal period by the end of the fifth hour of
26 work, or, for shifts greater than 10 hours, by the end of the tenth hour of work. Accordingly,
27 Defendants' policy and practice was to not provide meal periods to Plaintiff and the Class in
28 compliance with California law.

1 18. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants have wrongfully failed to authorize
2 and permit Plaintiff and the Class to take timely and duty-free rest periods. Defendants
3 sometimes, but not always, required Plaintiff and the Class to work in excess of four consecutive
4 hours a day without Defendants authorizing and permitting them to take a 10-minute, continuous
5 and uninterrupted, rest period for every four hours of work (or major fraction of four hours), or
6 without compensating Plaintiff and the Class for rest periods that were not authorized or
7 permitted. Defendants also did not adequately inform Plaintiff and the Class of their right to take
8 a rest period. Moreover, Defendants did not have adequate policies or practices permitting or
9 authorizing rest periods for Plaintiff and the Class, nor did Defendants have adequate policies or
10 practices regarding the timing of rest periods. Defendants also did not have adequate policies or
11 practices to verify whether Plaintiff and the Class were taking their required rest periods.
12 Further, Defendants did not maintain accurate records of employee work periods, and therefore
13 Defendants cannot demonstrate that Plaintiff and the Class took rest periods during the middle of
14 each work period. Accordingly, Defendants' policy and practice was to not authorize and permit
15 Plaintiff and the Class to take rest periods in compliance with California law.

16 19. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants wrongfully required Plaintiff and the
17 Class to pay expenses that they incurred in direct discharge of their duties for Defendants without
18 reimbursement, such as the use of personal cellular telephones for work purposes, and the
19 purchase of various items including without limitations tools and equipment, uniforms, and the
20 maintenance of uniforms.

21 20. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants willfully failed and refused to timely
22 pay Plaintiff and the Class at the conclusion of their employment all wages for all minimum
23 wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages. Further,
24 Defendants did not pay Plaintiff and the Class their final paychecks immediately upon
25 termination.

26 21. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants failed to furnish Plaintiff and the
27 Class with accurate, itemized wage statements showing all applicable hourly rates, and all gross
28 and net wages earned (including correct hours worked, correct wages earned for hours worked,

1 correct overtime hours worked, correct wages for meal periods that were not provided in
2 accordance with California law, correct wages for rest periods that were not authorized and
3 permitted to take in accordance with California law, and Defendant's address). Further, the wage
4 statements do not show Defendant's address as required by California law. As a result of these
5 violations of California Labor Code § 226(a), the Plaintiff and the Class suffered injury because,
6 among other things:

- 7 (a) the violations led them to believe that they were not entitled to be paid
8 minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest
9 period premium wages to which they were entitled, even though they were
10 entitled;
- 11 (b) the violations led them to believe that they had been paid the minimum,
12 overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages, even
13 though they had not been;
- 14 (c) the violations led them to believe they were not entitled to be paid
15 minimum, overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages
16 at the correct California rate even though they were;
- 17 (d) the violations led them to believe they had been paid minimum, overtime,
18 meal period premium, and rest period premium wages at the correct
19 California rate even though they had not been;
- 20 (e) the violations hindered them from determining the amounts of minimum,
21 overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium owed to them;
- 22 (f) in connection with their employment before and during this action, and in
23 connection with prosecuting this action, the violations caused them to have
24 to perform mathematical computations to determine the amounts of wages
25 owed to them, computations they would not have to make if the wage
26 statements contained the required accurate information;

- 1 (g) by understating the wages truly due them, the violations caused them to
2 lose entitlement and/or accrual of the full amount of Social Security,
3 disability, unemployment, and other governmental benefits;
4 (h) the wage statements inaccurately understated the wages, hours, and wages
5 rates to which Plaintiff and the Class were entitled, and Plaintiff and the
6 Class were paid less than the wages and wage rates to which they were
7 entitled.

8 Thus, Plaintiff and the Class are owed the amounts provided for in California Labor Code §
9 226(e), including actual damages.

10 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

11 22. Plaintiff brings certain claims individually, as well as on behalf of each and all
12 other persons similarly situated, and thus, seek class certification under California Code of Civil
13 Procedure § 382.

14 23. All claims alleged herein arise under California law for which Plaintiff seeks relief
15 authorized by California law.

16 24. The proposed Class consists of and is defined as:

17 All persons who worked for any Defendant in California as an hourly, non-
18 exempt employee at any time during the period beginning four years before the
19 filing of the initial complaint in this action and ending when notice to the Class
is sent.

20 25. At all material times, Plaintiff was a member of the Class.

21 26. Plaintiff undertakes this concerted activity to improve the wages and working
22 conditions of all Class Members.

23 27. There is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the Class is
24 readily ascertainable:

- 25 (a) Numerosity: The members of the Class (and each subclass, if any) are so
26 numerous that joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impractical.
27 The membership of the entire Class is unknown to Plaintiff at this time,
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1 however, the Class is estimated to be greater than 100 individuals and the
2 identity of such membership is readily ascertainable by inspection of
3 Defendants' records.

4 (b) Typicality: Plaintiff is qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect
5 the interests of each Class Member with whom there is a shared, well-
6 defined community of interest, and Plaintiff's claims (or defenses, if any)
7 are typical of all Class Members' claims as demonstrated herein.

8 (c) Adequacy: Plaintiff is qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect
9 the interests of each Class Member with whom there is a shared, well-
10 defined community of interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated
11 herein. Plaintiff has no conflicts with or interests antagonistic to any Class
12 Member. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in
13 the rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement.
14 Plaintiff has incurred, and throughout the duration of this action, will
15 continue to incur costs and attorneys' fees that have been, are, and will be
16 necessarily expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial
17 benefit of each class member.

18 (d) Superiority: A Class Action is superior to other available methods for the
19 fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, including consideration
20 of:

- 21 1) The interests of the members of the Class in individually
- 22 controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions;
- 23 2) The extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy
- 24 already commenced by or against members of the Class;
- 25 3) The desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of
- 26 the claims in the particular forum; and
- 27 4) The difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of a
- 28 class action.

1 (e) Public Policy Considerations: The public policy of the State of California
2 is to resolve the California Labor Code claims of many employees through
3 a class action. Indeed, current employees are often afraid to assert their
4 rights out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. Former employees are
5 also fearful of bringing actions because they believe their former
6 employers might damage their future endeavors through negative
7 references and/or other means. Class actions provide the class members
8 who are not named in the complaint with a type of anonymity that allows
9 for the vindication of their rights at the same time as their privacy is
10 protected.

11 28. There are common questions of law and fact as to the Class (and each subclass, if
12 any) that predominate over questions affecting only individual members, including without
13 limitation, whether, as alleged herein, Defendants have:

- 14 (a) Failed to pay Class Members for all hours worked, including minimum
15 wages, and overtime wages;
- 16 (b) Failed to provide meal periods and pay meal period premium wages to
17 Class Members;
- 18 (c) Failed to authorize and permit rest periods and pay rest period premium
19 wages to Class Members;
- 20 (d) Failed to promptly pay all wages due to Class Members upon their
21 discharge or resignation;
- 22 (e) Failed to maintain accurate records of all hours Class Members worked,
23 and all meal periods Class Members took or missed;
- 24 (f) Failed to reimburse Class Members for all necessary business expenses;
25 and
- 26 (g) Violated California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et. seq.* as a
27 result of their illegal conduct as described above.

28 29. This Court should permit this action to be maintained as a class action pursuant to

1 California Code of Civil Procedure § 382 because:

- 2 (a) The questions of law and fact common to the Class predominate over any
3 question affecting only individual members;
- 4 (b) A class action is superior to any other available method for the fair and
5 efficient adjudication of the claims of the members of the Class;
- 6 (c) The members of the Class are so numerous that it is impractical to bring all
7 members of the class before the Court;
- 8 (d) Plaintiff, and the other members of the Class, will not be able to obtain
9 effective and economic legal redress unless the action is maintained as a
10 class action;
- 11 (e) There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and
12 equitable relief for the statutory violations, and in obtaining adequate
13 compensation for the damages and injuries for which Defendants are
14 responsible in an amount sufficient to adequately compensate the members
15 of the Class for the injuries sustained;
- 16 (f) Without class certification, the prosecution of separate actions by
17 individual members of the class would create a risk of:
- 18 1) Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual
19 members of the Class which would establish incompatible standards
20 of conduct for Defendants; and/or
- 21 2) Adjudications with respect to the individual members which would,
22 as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other
23 members not parties to the adjudications, or would substantially
24 impair or impede their ability to protect their interests, including but
25 not limited to the potential for exhausting the funds available from
26 those parties who are, or may be, responsible Defendants; and,
- 27 (g) Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to
28 the Class, thereby making final injunctive relief appropriate with respect to

1 the class as a whole.

2 30. Plaintiff contemplates the eventual issuance of notice to the proposed members of
3 the Class that would set forth the subject and nature of the instant action. The Defendants' own
4 business records may be utilized for assistance in the preparation and issuance of the
5 contemplated notices. To the extent that any further notices may be required, Plaintiff would
6 contemplate the use of additional techniques and forms commonly used in class actions, such as
7 published notice, e-mail notice, website notice, first-class mail, or combinations thereof, or by
8 other methods suitable to the Class and deemed necessary and/or appropriate by the Court.

9 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Minimum Wages for All Hours Worked)**

11 31. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein
12 paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

13 32. "Hours worked" is the time during which an employee is subject to the control of
14 an employer, and includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or
15 not required to do so.

16 33. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Defendants knowingly failed to pay to
17 Plaintiff and the Class compensation for all hours they worked. By their failure to pay
18 compensation for each hour worked as alleged above, Defendants willfully violated the
19 provisions of Section 1194 of the California Labor Code, and any additional applicable Wage
20 Orders, which require such compensation to non-exempt employees.

21 34. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to recover minimum wages for all
22 non-overtime hours worked for Defendants.

23 35. By and through the conduct described above, Plaintiff and the Class have been
24 deprived of their rights to be paid wages earned by virtue of their employment with Defendants.

25 36. By virtue of the Defendants' unlawful failure to pay additional compensation to
26 Plaintiff and the Class for their non-overtime hours worked without pay, Plaintiff and the Class
27 suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown to
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1 Plaintiff and the Class, but which exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court, and which
2 will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

3 37. By failing to keep adequate time records required by California Labor Code §
4 1174(d), Defendants have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of minimum wage
5 compensation due Plaintiff and the Class.

6 38. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the Class are
7 entitled to recover liquidated damages (double damages) for Defendants' failure to pay minimum
8 wages.

9 39. California Labor Code section 204 requires employers to provide employees with
10 all wages due and payable twice a month. Throughout the statute of limitations period applicable
11 to this cause of action, Plaintiff and the Class were entitled to be paid twice a month at rates
12 required by law, including minimum wages. However, during all such times, Defendants
13 systematically failed and refused to pay Plaintiff and the Class all such wages due, and failed to
14 pay those wages twice a month.

15 40. Plaintiff and the Class are also entitled to seek recovery of all unpaid minimum
16 wages, interest, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code §§
17 218.5, 218.6, and 1194(a).

18 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Overtime Wages)**

20 41. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein
21 paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

22 42. California Labor Code § 510 provides that employees in California shall not be
23 employed more than eight (8) hours in any workday or forty (40) hours in a workweek unless
24 they receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law.

25 43. California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1198 provide that employees in California
26 shall not be employed more than eight hours in any workday unless they receive additional
27 compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law. Additionally, California
28 Labor Code § 1198 states that the employment of an employee for longer hours than those fixed

1 by the Industrial Welfare Commission is unlawful.

2 44. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff and the Class have worked more than eight
3 hours in a workday, as employees of Defendants.

4 45. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Class
5 overtime compensation for the hours they have worked in excess of the maximum hours
6 permissible by law as required by California Labor Code § 510 and 1198. Plaintiff and the Class
7 are regularly required to work overtime hours.

8 46. By virtue of Defendants' unlawful failure to pay additional premium rate
9 compensation to the Plaintiff and the Class for their overtime hours worked, Plaintiff and the
10 Class have suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently
11 unknown to them but which exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court and which will be
12 ascertained according to proof at trial.

13 47. By failing to keep adequate time records required by Labor Code § 1174(d),
14 Defendants have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of overtime compensation due to
15 Plaintiff and the Class.

16 48. Plaintiff and the Class also request recovery of overtime compensation according
17 to proof, interest, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code § 1194(a), as well
18 as the assessment of any statutory penalties against Defendants, in a sum as provided by the
19 California Labor Code and/or other statutes.

20 49. California Labor Code § 204 requires employers to provide employees with all
21 wages due and payable twice a month. The Wage Orders also provide that every employer shall
22 pay to each employee, on the established payday for the period involved, overtime wages for all
23 overtime hours worked in the payroll period. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and the Class
24 with all compensation due, in violation of California Labor Code § 204.

25 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

26 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Provide Meal Periods)**

27 50. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein
28 paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

1 51. Under California law, Defendants have an affirmative obligation to relieve the
2 Plaintiff and the Class of all duty in order to take their first daily meal periods no later than the
3 start of Plaintiff and the Class' sixth hour of work in a workday, and to take their second meal
4 periods no later than the start of the eleventh hour of work in the workday. Section 512 of the
5 California Labor Code, and Section 11 of the applicable Wage Orders require that an employer
6 provide unpaid meal periods of at least 30 minutes for each five-hour period worked. It is a
7 violation of Section 226.7 of the California Labor Code for an employer to require any employee
8 to work during any meal period mandated under any Wage Order.

9 52. Despite these legal requirements, Defendants regularly failed to provide Plaintiff
10 and the Class with both meal periods as required by California law. By their failure to permit
11 and authorize Plaintiff and the Class to take all meal periods as alleged above (or due to the fact
12 that Defendants made it impossible or impracticable to take these uninterrupted meal periods),
13 Defendants willfully violated the provisions of Section 226.7 of the California Labor Code and
14 the applicable Wage Orders.

15 53. Under California law, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to be paid one hour of
16 additional wages for each workday he or she was not provided with all required meal period(s),
17 plus interest thereon.

18 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Periods)**

20 54. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein
21 paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

22 55. Defendants are required by California law to authorize and permit breaks of 10
23 uninterrupted minutes for each four hours of work or major fraction of four hours (i.e. more than
24 two hours). Section 512 of the California Labor Code, the applicable Wage Orders require that
25 the employer permit and authorize all employees to take paid rest periods of 10 minutes each for
26 each 4-hour period worked. Thus, for example, if an employee's work time is 6 hours and ten
27 minutes, the employee is entitled to two rest breaks. Each failure to authorize rest breaks as so
28 required is itself a violation of California's rest break laws. It is a violation of Section 226.7 of

1 the California Labor Code for an employer to require any employee to work during any rest
2 period mandated under any Wage Order.

3 56. Despite these legal requirements, Defendants failed to authorize Plaintiff and the
4 Class to take rest breaks, regardless of whether employees worked more than 4 hours in a
5 workday. By their failure to permit and authorize Plaintiff and the Class to take rest periods as
6 alleged above (or due to the fact that Defendants made it impossible or impracticable to take
7 these uninterrupted rest periods), Defendants willfully violated the provisions of Section 226.7 of
8 the California Labor Code and the applicable Wage Orders.

9 57. Under California law, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to be paid one hour of
10 premium wages rate for each workday he or she was not provided with all required rest break(s),
11 plus interest thereon.

12 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Indemnify Necessary Business Expenses)**

14 58. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein
15 paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

16 59. Defendants violated Labor Code section 2802 and the IWC Wage Orders, by
17 failing to pay and indemnify the Plaintiff and the Class for their necessary expenditures and
18 losses incurred in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties or of their obedience to
19 directions of Defendants.

20 60. As a result, Plaintiff and the Class were damaged at least in the amounts of the
21 expenses they paid, or which were deducted by Defendants from their wages.

22 61. Plaintiff and the class they represent are entitled to attorney's fees, expenses, and
23 costs of suit pursuant to Labor Code section 2802(c) and interest pursuant to Labor Code section
24 2802(b).

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1 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Wages of Discharged Employees – Waiting Time**
3 **Penalties)**

4 62. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein
5 paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

6 63. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 provide that if
7 an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are
8 due and payable immediately, and that if an employee voluntarily leaves his or her employment,
9 his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72) hours thereafter,
10 unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours previous notice of his or her intention to
11 quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

12 64. Within the applicable statute of limitations, the employment of Plaintiff and many
13 other members of the Class ended, i.e. was terminated by quitting or discharge, and the
14 employment of others will be. However, during the relevant time period, Defendants failed, and
15 continue to fail to pay terminated Class Members, without abatement, all wages required to be
16 paid by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202 either at the time of discharge, or within
17 seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.

18 65. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and those Class members who are no longer
19 employed by Defendants their wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge, or within
20 seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ, is in violation of California Labor
21 Code §§ 201 and 202.

22 66. California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay
23 wages owed, in accordance with sections 201 and 202, then the wages of the employee shall
24 continue as a penalty wage from the due date, and at the same rate until paid or until an action is
25 commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30) days.

26 67. Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to recover from Defendants their additionally
27 accruing wages for each day they were not paid, at their regular hourly rate of pay, up to 30 days
28 maximum pursuant to California Labor Code § 203.

68. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 218.5, 218.6 and 1194, Plaintiff and the Class are also entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees, interest, expenses, and costs incurred in this action.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Failure to Provide and Maintain Accurate and Compliant Wage Records)

69. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

70. At all material times set forth herein, California Labor Code § 226(a) provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing nine pieces of information, including: (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

71. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to provide employees with complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include, among other things, the failure to correctly identify the gross wages earned by Plaintiff and the Class, the failure to list the true "total hours worked by the employee," and the failure to list the true net wages earned.

72. As a result of Defendants' violation of California Labor Code § 226(a), Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily-protected rights.

73. Specifically, Plaintiff and the members of the Class have been injured by Defendants' intentional violation of California Labor Code § 226(a) because they were denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving, accurate, itemized wage

1 statements under California Labor Code § 226(a).

2 74. Calculation of the true wage entitlement for Plaintiff and the Class is difficult and
3 time consuming. As a result of this unlawful burden, Plaintiff and the Class were also injured as
4 a result of having to bring this action to attempt to obtain correct wage information following
5 Defendants' refusal to comply with many of the mandates of California's Labor Code and related
6 laws and regulations.

7 75. Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to recover from Defendants their actual
8 damages caused by Defendants' failure to comply with California Labor Code § 226(a).

9 76. Plaintiff and the Class are also entitled to injunctive relief, as well as an award of
10 attorney's fees and costs to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor
11 Code § 226(h).

12 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(Against all Defendants for Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200,**
14 **et seq.)**

15 77. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein
16 paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

17 78. Defendants, and each of them, are "persons" as defined under California Business
18 & Professions Code § 17201.

19 79. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair,
20 unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiff, other Class members, and to the general public. Plaintiff
21 seeks to enforce important rights affecting the public interest within the meaning of Code of Civil
22 Procedure § 1021.5.

23 80. Defendants' activities, as alleged herein, are violations of California law, and
24 constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business & Professions
25 Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

26 81. A violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* may be
27 predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. All of the acts described herein as
28 violations of, among other things, the California Labor Code, are unlawful and in violation of

1 public policy; and in addition are immoral, unethical, oppressive, fraudulent and unscrupulous,
2 and thereby constitute unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices in violation of
3 California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

4 **Failure to Pay Minimum Wages**

5 82. Defendants' failure to pay minimum wages, and other benefits in violation of the
6 California Labor Code constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California
7 Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

8 **Failure to Pay Overtime Wages**

9 83. Defendants' failure to pay overtime compensation and other benefits in violation
10 of California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1198 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity
11 prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

12 **Failure to Maintain Accurate Records of All Hours Worked**

13 84. Defendants' failure to maintain accurate records of all hours worked in accordance
14 with California Labor Code § 1174.5 and the IWC Wage Orders constitutes unlawful and/or
15 unfair activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

16 **Failure to Provide Meal Periods**

17 85. Defendants' failure to provide meal periods in accordance with California Labor
18 Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or
19 unfair activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

20 **Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Periods**

21 86. Defendants' failure to authorize and permit rest periods in accordance with
22 California Labor Code § 226.7 and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful
23 and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

24 **Failure to Indemnify Necessary Business Expenses**

25 87. Defendants' failure to indemnify employees for necessary business expenses in
26 accordance with California Labor Code § 2802 and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above,
27 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§
28 17200, *et seq.*

1 **Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements**

2 88. Defendants' failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements in accordance
3 with California Labor Code § 226, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity
4 prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

5 89. By and through their unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices
6 described herein, the Defendants, have obtained valuable property, money and services from
7 Plaintiff, and all persons similarly situated, and have deprived Plaintiff, and all persons similarly
8 situated, of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law, all to their detriment.

9 90. Plaintiff and the Class Members suffered monetary injury as a direct result of
10 Defendants' wrongful conduct.

11 91. Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative Class, is entitled
12 to, and do, seek such relief as may be necessary to disgorge money and/or property which the
13 Defendants have wrongfully acquired, or of which Plaintiff and the Class have been deprived, by
14 means of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices. Plaintiff and
15 the Class are not obligated to establish individual knowledge of the wrongful practices of
16 Defendants in order to recover restitution.

17 92. Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative class, are further
18 entitled to and do seek a declaration that the above described business practices are unfair,
19 unlawful and/or fraudulent, and injunctive relief restraining the Defendants, and each of them,
20 from engaging in any of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business
21 practices in the future.

22 93. Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative class, have no
23 plain, speedy, and/or adequate remedy at law to redress the injuries which the Class Members
24 suffered as a consequence of the Defendants' unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business
25 practices. As a result of the unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices described
26 above, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative Class, has suffered and
27 will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless the Defendants, and each of them, are restrained
28 from continuing to engage in said unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices.

94. Plaintiff also alleges that if Defendants are not enjoined from the conduct set forth herein above, they will continue to avoid paying the appropriate taxes, insurance and other withholdings.

95. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, Plaintiff and putative Class Members are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and retained by Defendants during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this complaint; a permanent injunction requiring Defendants to pay all outstanding wages due to Plaintiff and Class Members; an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**(Against all Defendant for Civil Penalties Under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004,
Cal. Lab. Code § 2698 et seq.)**

96. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs 1 through 21 in this First Amended Complaint.

97. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants were subject to the Labor Code of the State of California and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Orders.

98. California Labor Code § 2699(a) specifically provides for a private right of action to recover penalties for violations of the Labor Code: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision of this code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies, or employees, for a violation of this code, may, as an alternative, be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of himself or herself and other current or former employees pursuant to the procedures specified in Section 2699.3.”

99. Plaintiff has exhausted his administrative remedies pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699.3. On March 15, 2025, Plaintiff gave written notice by online filing to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and by certified mail to Defendants of the specific provisions of the Labor Code that Defendants have violated against Plaintiff and current and

1 former aggrieved employees, including the facts and theories to support the violations (See
2 attached as Exhibit A). Plaintiff's PAGA case number is No. LWDA-CM-1086448-25. At the
3 time of this filing, 65 days has elapsed since Plaintiff provided notice, but the Labor and
4 Workforce Development Agency has not indicated that it intends to investigate Defendants'
5 Labor Code violations discussed in the notice. Accordingly, Plaintiff may commence a civil
6 action to recover penalties under Labor Code § 2699 pursuant to § 2699.3 for the violations of
7 the Labor Code described in this Complaint. These penalties include, but are not limited to,
8 penalties under California Labor Code §§ 210, 226.3, 558, 1197.1, and 2699(f)(2).

9 100. In addition, Plaintiff seeks penalties for Defendants' violation of California Labor
10 Code § 1174(d). Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1174.5, any person, including any entity,
11 employing labor who willfully fails to maintain accurate and complete records required by
12 California Labor Code § 1174 is subject to a penalty under § 1174.5. Pursuant to the applicable
13 IWC Order § 7(A)(3), every employer shall keep time records showing when the employee
14 begins and ends each work period. Meal periods, and total hours worked daily shall also be
15 recorded. Additionally, pursuant to the applicable IWC Order § 7(A)(5), every employer shall
16 keep total hours worked in the payroll period and applicable rates of pay.

17 101. During the time period of employment for Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees,
18 Defendants failed to maintain records pursuant to the Labor Code and IWC Orders by failing to
19 maintain accurate records showing meal periods, and accurate records showing when employees
20 begin and end each work period. Defendants' failure to provide and maintain records required by
21 the Labor Code IWC Wage Orders deprived Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees the ability to
22 know, understand and question the accuracy and frequency of meal periods, and the accuracy of
23 their hours worked stated in Defendants' records. Therefore, Plaintiff and the Aggrieved
24 Employees had no way to dispute the resulting failure to pay wages, all of which resulted in an
25 unjustified economic enrichment to Defendants. As a direct result, Plaintiff and the Aggrieved
26 Employees have suffered and continue to suffer, substantial losses related to the use and
27 enjoyment of such wages, lost interest on such wages and expenses and attorney's fees in seeking
28 to compel Defendants to fully perform its obligation under state law, all to their respective

1 damage in amounts according to proof at trial. Because of Defendants' knowing failure to
2 comply with the Labor Code and applicable IWC Wage Orders, Plaintiffs and the Aggrieved
3 Employees have also suffered an injury in that they were prevented from knowing,
4 understanding, and disputing the wage payments paid to them.

5 102. Based on the conduct described in this First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff is
6 entitled to an award of civil penalties on behalf of themselves, the State of California, and
7 similarly Aggrieved Employees of Defendants. The exact amount of the applicable penalties, in
8 all, is in an amount to be shown according to proof at trial. These penalties are in addition to all
9 other remedies permitted by law.

10 103. In addition, Plaintiff seeks an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs
11 pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(g)(1), which states, "Any employee who prevails in
12 any action shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs."

13 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

14 Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated only with respect to
15 the class claims, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, as
16 follows:

17 **Class Certification**

- 18 1. That this action be certified as a class action with respect to the First, Second,
19 Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Causes of Action;
20 2. That Plaintiff be appointed as the representative of the Class; and
21 3. That counsel for Plaintiff be appointed as Class Counsel.

22 **As to the First Cause of Action**

- 23 4. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
24 Labor Code §§ 204 and 1194 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all
25 minimum wages due;
26 5. For general unpaid wages as may be appropriate;
27 6. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date
28 such amounts were due;

1 7. For liquidated damages;

2 8. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
3 California Labor Code § 1194(a); and,

4 9. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

5 As to the Second Cause of Action

6 10. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
7 Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all
8 overtime wages due;

9 11. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates as may be appropriate;

10 12. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing
11 from the date such amounts were due;

12 13. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
13 California Labor Code § 1194(a); and,

14 14. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

15 As to the Third Cause of Action

16 15. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
17 Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders;

18 16. For unpaid meal period premium wages as may be appropriate;

19 17. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date
20 such amounts were due;

21 18. For reasonable attorneys' fees under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5,
22 and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

23 19. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

24 As to the Fourth Cause of Action

25 20. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
26 Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders;

27 21. For unpaid rest period premium wages as may be appropriate;

22. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;

23. For reasonable attorneys' fees under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

24. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Fifth Cause of Action

25. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated Labor Code § 2802 and the IWC Wage Orders;

26. For general unpaid wages and reimbursement of business expenses as may be appropriate;

27. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;

28. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

29. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Sixth Cause of Action

30. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time of termination of the employment;

31. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 203 for former employees who have left Defendants' employ;

32. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were due;

33. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

34. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Seventh Cause of Action

35. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the record keeping provisions of California Labor Code § 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders, and willfully failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements thereto;

- 1 36. For penalties and actual damages pursuant to California Labor Code § 226(e);
2 37. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California
3 Labor Code § 226(h);
4 38. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and
5 39. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

6 As to the Eighth Cause of Action

7 40. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
8 Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* by failing to pay wages for all hours worked
9 (including minimum and overtime wages), failing to provide meal periods, failing to maintain
10 accurate records of meal periods, failing to authorize and permit rest periods, and failing to
11 maintain accurate records of all hours worked and meal periods, failing to furnish accurate wage
12 statements, and failing to indemnify necessary business expenses;

13 41. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiff and all Class Members and
14 prejudgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;

15 42. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all
16 funds disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by
17 Defendants as a result of violations of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*;

18 43. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
19 California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5;

20 44. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California
21 Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*; and,

22 45. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

23 As to the Ninth Cause of Action

24 46. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the California
25 Labor Code by failing to pay minimum wages, failure to pay overtime wages, failure to provide
26 meal periods, failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to maintain accurate records of
27 hours worked and meal periods, failure to timely pay all wages to terminated employees, failure
28 to indemnify necessary business expenses, and failure to furnish accurate wage statements;

1 47. For all civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699, et seq., and all
2 other applicable Labor Code provisions;

3 48. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
4 California Labor Code § 2699;

5 49. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

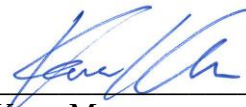
6 As to all Causes of Action

7 50. For any additional relief that the Court deems just and proper.

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9 Dated: May 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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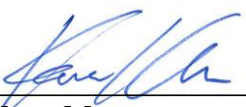
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15 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

16 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all causes of action triable by jury.

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18 Dated: May 20, 2025

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1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

5 I am employed in the county of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18
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8 **FIRST AMENDED CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION COMPLAINT**

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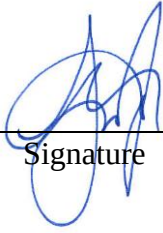
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24 [✓] **BY E-MAIL:** I hereby certify that this document was served from Los Angeles, California,
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27 X (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California
28 that the above is true and correct.

Executed on May 20, 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

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