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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

TREVION JACKSON, individually, and on
behalf of other members of the general public
similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

v.

DIAMOND FOODS, LLC, a Delaware
limited liability company; and DOES 1
through 100, inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: STK-CV-UOE-2025-7558

**SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**

- (1) Violation of California Labor Code
§§ 510 and 1198 (Unpaid Overtime);
- (2) Violation of California Labor Code
§§ 226.7 and 512(a) (Unpaid Meal Period
Premiums);
- (3) Violation of California Labor Code
§ 226.7 (Unpaid Rest Period Premiums);
- (4) Violation of California Labor Code
§§ 1194 and 1197 (Unpaid
Minimum Wages);
- (5) Violation of California Labor Code
§§ 201 and 202 (Final Wages Not Timely
Paid);
- (6) Violation of California Labor Code
§ 226(a) (Non-Compliant Wage
Statements);
- (7) Violation of California Labor Code §§
2800 and 2802 (Unreimbursed Business
Expenses);
- (8) Violation of California Labor Code §§
2698, *et seq.* (Private Attorneys General
Act of 2004);
- (9) Violation of California Business &
Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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1 COMES NOW, Plaintiff TREVION JACKSON ("Plaintiff"), individually, and on
2 behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated, and alleges as follows:

3 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 1. This class action is brought pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure
5 section 382. The monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceed the minimal
6 jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial.

7 2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California
8 Constitution, Article VI, Section 10, which grants the superior court "original jurisdiction in
9 all other causes" except those given by statute to other courts. The statutes under which this
10 action is brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.

11 3. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant because, upon information and
12 belief, Defendant is a citizen of California, has sufficient minimum contacts in California, or
13 otherwise intentionally avails itself of the California market so as to render the exercise of
14 jurisdiction over them by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play
15 and substantial justice.

16 4. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendant
17 maintains offices, has agents, and/or transacts business in the State of California, including
18 the County of San Joaquin. The majority of the acts and omissions alleged herein relating to
19 Plaintiff took place in the State of California, County of San Joaquin. Defendant employed
20 Plaintiff within the State of California, County of San Joaquin.

21 **PARTIES**

22 5. Plaintiff TREVION JACKSON is an individual residing in the State of
23 California, County of San Joaquin.

24 6. Defendant DIAMOND FOODS, LLC, at all times herein mentioned, was and is,
25 upon information and belief, a Delaware limited liability company headquartered in the State
26 of California, and at all times herein mentioned, was and is, an employer whose employees
27 are engaged throughout the State of California, including the County of San Joaquin.
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1 7. At all relevant times, Defendant DIAMOND FOODS, LLC was the “employer”
2 of Plaintiff within the meaning of all applicable California laws and statutes.

3 8. At all times herein relevant, Defendant DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1
4 through 100, and each of them, were the agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers,
5 representatives, servants, employees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators and assigns, each
6 of the other, and at all times relevant hereto were acting within the course and scope of their
7 authority as such agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers, representatives, servants,
8 employees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators and assigns, and all acts or omissions
9 alleged herein were duly committed with the ratification, knowledge, permission,
10 encouragement, authorization, and consent of each defendant designated herein.

11 9. The true names and capacities, whether corporate, associate, individual or
12 otherwise, of Defendants DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff, who sues
13 said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on that
14 information and belief alleges, that each of the Defendants designated as a DOE is legally
15 responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, and unlawfully caused
16 the injuries and damages to Plaintiff and the other class members as alleged in this Complaint.
17 Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to show the true names and
18 capacities when the same have been ascertained.

19 10. Defendant DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100 will hereinafter
20 collectively be referred to as “Defendants.”

21 11. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants directly or indirectly controlled or
22 affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of
23 Plaintiff and the other class members so as to make each of said Defendants and employers
24 liable under the statutory provisions set forth herein.

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CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

12. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all other members of the general public similarly situated, and, thus, seeks class certification under Code of Civil Procedure section 382.

13. The proposed class is defined as follows:

All current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees of Defendant within the State of California at any time during the period from May 30, 2021, through September 22, 2026 or the date of preliminary approval, whichever date is earlier.

14. Plaintiff reserves the right to establish subclasses as appropriate.

15. The class is ascertainable and there is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation:

- a. Numerosity: The class members are so numerous that joinder of all class members is impracticable. The membership of the entire class is unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, the class is estimated to be greater than fifty (50) individuals and the identity of such membership is readily ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' employment records.
- b. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of all other class members' claims as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members with whom Plaintiff has a well-defined community of interest.
- c. Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of each class member, with whom Plaintiff has a well-defined community of interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff has no interest that is antagonistic to the other class members. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiff has

1 incurred, and during the pendency of this action will continue to incur,
2 costs and attorneys' fees, that have been, are, and will be necessarily
3 expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of
4 each class member.

5 d. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the
6 fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual joinder
7 of all class members is impractical.

8 e. Public Policy Considerations: Certification of this lawsuit as a class
9 action will advance public policy objectives. Employers of this great
10 state violate employment and labor laws every day. Current employees
11 are often afraid to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect
12 retaliation. However, class actions provide the class members who are
13 not named in the complaint anonymity that allows for the vindication of
14 their rights.

15 16. There are common questions of law and fact as to the class members that
16 predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The following common
17 questions of law or fact, among others, exist as to the members of the class:

- 18 a. Whether Defendants' failure to pay wages, without abatement or
19 reduction, in accordance with the California Labor Code, was willful;
20 b. Whether Defendants failed to pay their hourly-paid or non-exempt
21 employees within the State of California for all hours worked;
22 c. Whether Defendants required Plaintiff and the other class members to
23 work over eight (8) hours per day and/or over forty (40) hours per week
24 and failed to pay the legally required overtime compensation to Plaintiff
25 and the other class members;

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- 1 d. Whether Defendants properly calculated the regular rate for Plaintiff and
2 the other class members who worked overtime, earned break premiums,
3 or used sick leave pay and earned incentive pay or shift differentials;
4 e. Whether Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and the other class
5 members legally mandated meal and/or rest periods and failed to
6 compensate them the related premium wages pursuant to California
7 Labor Code section 226.7(c);
8 f. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the
9 other class members for all hours worked;
10 g. Whether Defendants failed to pay all wages due to class members within
11 the required time upon their discharge or resignation;
12 h. Whether Defendants failed to timely pay all wages due to Plaintiff and
13 the other class members during their employment;
14 i. Whether Defendants complied with wage reporting as required by the
15 California Labor Code, including, *inter alia*, section 226;
16 j. Whether Defendants failed to keep complete or accurate payroll records
17 for Plaintiff and the other class members;
18 k. Whether Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class
19 members for necessary business-related expenses and costs;
20 l. Whether Defendants' conduct was willful or reckless;
21 m. Whether Defendants engaged in unfair business practices in violation of
22 California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*;
23 n. The appropriate amount of damages, restitution, and/or monetary
24 penalties resulting from Defendants' violation of California law; and
25 o. Whether Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to
26 compensatory damages pursuant to the California Labor Code.

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18. Defendants, jointly and severally, employed Plaintiff as an hourly-paid non-exempt employee during the relevant time period in the State of California, County of San Joaquin.

20. Defendants exercised sufficient authority over the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's and other class members' employment for them to be joint employers of Plaintiff and the other class members.

22. Defendants continue to employ hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California.

24. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants engaged in a uniform policy and systematic scheme of wage abuse against their hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California. This scheme involved, *inter alia*, failing to pay them for all hours worked, failure to provide sick leave, failing to provide legally mandated meal and rest breaks or pay related premium wages, and failing to provide a day of rest for each workweek in violation of California law.

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1 25. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
2 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
3 certain wages for overtime compensation and that Plaintiff and the other class members were
4 not receiving wages for overtime compensation.

5 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
6 failed to provide Plaintiff and the other class members the required rest and meal periods
7 during the relevant time period as required under the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC")
8 Wage Orders and thus they are entitled to any and all applicable penalties.

9 27. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
10 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
11 all timely and complete meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's
12 and the other class members' regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, late or
13 interrupted, and that Plaintiff and the other class members did not receive all timely and proper
14 meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a meal
15 period was missed.

16 28. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
17 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and other class members were entitled to receive all
18 timely rest periods without interruption or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's
19 and the other class members' regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, late or
20 interrupted, and that Plaintiff and the other class members did not receive all rest periods or
21 payment of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a rest period was
22 missed.

23 29. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
24 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
25 at least minimum wages for compensation and that Plaintiff and the other class members were
26 not receiving at least minimum wages for all hours worked.

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1 30. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
2 knew or should have known that class members were entitled to receive the wages owed to
3 them upon discharge or resignation, including overtime and minimum wages and meal and
4 rest period premiums, and that class members did not, in fact, receive such wages owed to
5 them at the time of their discharge or resignation.

6 31. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
7 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
8 their wages within a specified time period during their employment, and that Plaintiff and the
9 other class members did not, in fact, receive such wages within the specified time period
10 during their employment.

11 32. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
12 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
13 complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with California law, but, in fact,
14 Plaintiff and the other class members did not receive complete and accurate wage statements
15 from Defendants. The deficiencies included, *inter alia*, the failure to include the total number
16 of hours worked by Plaintiff and the other class members.

17 33. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
18 knew or should have known that they had to keep complete and accurate payroll records for
19 Plaintiff and the other class members in accordance with California law, but, in fact, did not
20 keep complete and accurate payroll records for Plaintiff and the other class members.

21 34. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
22 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to
23 reimbursement for necessary business-related expenses.

24 35. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
25 knew or should have known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff and the other class
26 members pursuant to California law, and that Defendants had the financial ability to pay such
27 compensation, but willfully, knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely
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1 represented to Plaintiff and the other class members that they were properly denied wages, all
2 in order to increase Defendants' profits.

3 36. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay
4 overtime wages to Plaintiff and the other class members for all hours worked. Plaintiff and
5 other class members were required to work more than eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40)
6 hours per week without overtime compensation.

7 37. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to properly
8 calculate and pay sick leave to Plaintiff and the other class members.

9 38. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to provide the
10 requisite uninterrupted and timely meal and rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class
11 members and failed to compensate them the related premium wages.

12 39. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay
13 Plaintiff and the other class members at least minimum wages for all hours worked.

14 40. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay class
15 members the wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation.

16 41. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay
17 Plaintiff and the other class members wages within a specified time period during their
18 employment.

19 42. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to provide
20 complete or accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other class members.

21 43. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to keep
22 complete or accurate payroll records for Plaintiff and the other class members.

23 44. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to reimburse
24 Plaintiff and the other class members for necessary business-related expenses.

25 45. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to properly
26 compensate Plaintiff and the other class members pursuant to California law in order to
27 increase Defendants' profits.
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46. California Labor Code section 218 states that nothing in Article 1 of the Labor Code shall limit the right of any wage claimant to “sue directly . . . for any wages or penalty due to him [or her] under this article.”

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198)

(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)

47. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 46, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

48. California Labor Code section 1198 and the applicable IWC Wage Order provide that it is unlawful to employ persons without compensating them at a rate of pay either time-and-one-half or two-times that person's regular rate of pay, depending on the number of hours worked by the person on a daily or weekly basis.

49. Specifically, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that Defendants are and were required to pay Plaintiff and the other class members employed by Defendants, who work(ed) more than eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, at the rate of time-and-one-half for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours in a workweek.

50. The applicable IWC Wage Order further provides that Defendants are and were required to pay Plaintiff and the other class members overtime compensation at a rate of two times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day.

51. California Labor Code section 510 codifies the right to overtime compensation at one-and-one-half times the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or forty (40) hours in a week or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of work, and overtime compensation at twice the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day or in excess of eight (8) hours in a day on the seventh day of work.

1 52. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Plaintiff and the other class
2 members worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day, and/or in excess of forty (40) hours in
3 a week.

4 53. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants intentionally and
5 willfully failed to pay overtime wages owed to Plaintiff and the other class members.

6 54. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the unpaid
7 balance of overtime compensation, as required by California laws, violates the provisions of
8 California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198, and is therefore unlawful.

9 55. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194, Plaintiff and the other class
10 members are entitled to recover unpaid overtime compensation, as well as interest, costs, and
11 attorneys' fees.

12 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a))**

14 **(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)**

15 56. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
16 through 55, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
17 forth herein.

18 57. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the IWC Wage Order and
19 California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a) were applicable to Plaintiff's and the other
20 class members' employment by Defendants.

21 58. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code section
22 226.7 provides that no employer shall require an employee to work during any meal or rest
23 period mandated by an applicable order of the California IWC.

24 59. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage Order
25 and California Labor Code section 512(a) provide that an employer may not require, cause or
26 permit an employee to work for a work period of more than five (5) hours per day without
27 providing the employee with a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except that if
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1 the total work period per day of the employee is no more than six (6) hours, the meal period
2 may be waived by mutual consent of both the employer and employee.

3 60. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage Order
4 and California Labor Code section 512(a) further provide that an employer may not require,
5 cause, or permit an employee to work for a work period of more than ten (10) hours per day
6 without providing the employee with a second uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty
7 (30) minutes, except that if the total hours worked is no more than twelve (12) hours, the
8 second meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and the employee only
9 if the first meal period was not waived.

10 61. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Plaintiff and the other class
11 members who were scheduled to work for a period of time no longer than six (6) hours, and
12 who did not waive their legally-mandated meal periods by mutual consent, were required to
13 work for periods longer than five (5) hours without an uninterrupted meal period of not less
14 than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest period.

15 62. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Plaintiff and the other class
16 members who were scheduled to work for a period of time no longer than twelve (12) hours,
17 and who did not waive their legally-mandated meal periods by mutual consent, were required
18 to work for periods longer than ten (10) hours without an uninterrupted meal period of not less
19 than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest period.

20 63. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Plaintiff and the other class
21 members who were scheduled to work for a period of time in excess of six (6) hours were
22 required to work for periods longer than five (5) hours without an uninterrupted meal period
23 of not less than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest period.

24 64. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Plaintiff and the other class
25 members who were scheduled to work for a period of time in excess of twelve (12) hours were
26 required to work for periods longer than ten (10) hours without an uninterrupted meal period
27 of not less than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest period.
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1 65. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants intentionally and
2 willfully required Plaintiff and the other class members to work during meal periods and failed
3 to compensate Plaintiff and the other class members the full meal period premium for work
4 performed during meal periods.

5 66. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay
6 Plaintiff and the other class members the full meal period premium due pursuant to California
7 Labor Code section 226.7.

8 67. Defendants' conduct violates the applicable IWC Wage Order and California
9 Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

10 68. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section
11 226.7(c), Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one
12 additional hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that
13 the meal period was not provided.

14 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7)**

16 **(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)**

17 69. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
18 through 68, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
19 forth herein.

20 70. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage Order
21 and California Labor Code section 226.7 were applicable to Plaintiff's and the other class
22 members' employment by Defendants.

23 71. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code section
24 226.7 provides that no employer shall require an employee to work during any rest period
25 mandated by an applicable order of the California IWC.

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1 72. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage Order
2 provides that “[e]very employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods,
3 which insofar as practicable shall be in the middle of each work period” and that the “rest
4 period time shall be based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net
5 rest time per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof” unless the total daily work time is less
6 than three and one-half (3 ½) hours.

7 73. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants required Plaintiff
8 and the other class members to work four (4) or more hours without authorizing or permitting
9 a ten (10) minute rest period per each four (4) hour period worked.

10 74. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants willfully required
11 Plaintiff and the other class members to work during rest periods and failed to pay Plaintiff
12 and the other class members the full rest period premium for work performed during rest
13 periods.

14 75. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay
15 Plaintiff and the other class members the full rest period premium due pursuant to California
16 Labor Code section 226.7.

17 76. Defendants’ conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor
18 Code section 226.7.

19 77. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code section
20 226.7(c), Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one
21 additional hour of pay at the employees’ regular hourly rate of compensation for each workday
22 that the rest period was not provided.

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1 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1197)**

3 **(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)**

4 78. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
5 through 77 and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
6 forth herein.

7 79. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code sections
8 1194 and 1197 provide that the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of
9 a lesser wage than the minimum so fixed, is unlawful.

10 80. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay
11 minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other class members as required, pursuant to California
12 Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197.

13 81. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the minimum
14 wage as required violates California Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197. Pursuant to those
15 sections, Plaintiff and other class members are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of their
16 minimum wage compensation as well as interest, costs, and attorneys' fees, and liquidated
17 damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

18 82. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the other class
19 members are entitled to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages
20 unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

21 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202)**

23 **(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)**

24 83. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
25 through 82, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
26 forth herein.

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1 84. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code sections
2 201 and 202 provide that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid
3 at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately, and if an employee quits their
4 employment, their wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72) hours
5 thereafter, unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours' notice of their intention to
6 quit, in which case the employee is entitled to their wages at the time of quitting.

7 85. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants intentionally and
8 willfully failed to pay class members who are no longer employed by Defendants their wages,
9 earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.

10 86. Defendants' failure to pay class members who are no longer employed by
11 Defendants their wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving
12 Defendants' employ, is in violation of California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

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

17 88. Class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the statutory penalty
18 wages for each day they were not paid, up to the thirty (30) day maximum as provided by
19 Labor Code section 203.

20 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a))**

22 **(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)**

23 89. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
24 through 88, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
25 forth herein.

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90. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code section 226(a) provides that every employer shall furnish each of their employees an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (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 only the last four digits of their 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. The deductions made from payment of wages shall be recorded in ink or other indelible form, properly dated, showing the month, day, and year, and a copy of the statement and the record of the deductions shall be kept on file by the employer for at least three years at the place of employment or at a central location within the State of California.

91. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to provide Plaintiff and the other class members with complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include but are not limited to: the failure to include the total number of hours worked by Plaintiff and other class members.

92. As a result of Defendants' violation of California Labor Code section 226(a), Plaintiff and the other class members have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily protected rights.

93. More specifically, Plaintiff and the other class members have been injured by Defendants' intentional and willful violation of California Labor Code section 226(a) because they were denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving, accurate and itemized wage statements pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(a).

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1 94. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the
2 greater of their actual damages caused by Defendants' failure to comply with California Labor
3 Code section 226(a), or an aggregate penalty not exceeding four thousand dollars per
4 employee.

5 95. Plaintiff and the other class members are also entitled to injunctive relief to
6 ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(h).

7 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802)**

9 **(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)**

10 96. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
11 through 95, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
12 forth herein.

13 97. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802, an employer must
14 reimburse its employee for all necessary expenditures incurred by the employee in direct
15 consequence of the discharge of their job duties or in direct consequence of their obedience to
16 the directions of the employer.

17 98. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the
18 other class members for all necessary business-related expenses and costs. Plaintiff and the
19 other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants their business-related expenses and
20 costs incurred during the course and scope of their employment, plus interest accrued from the
21 date on which the employee incurred the necessary expenditures at the same rate as judgments
22 in civil actions in the State of California.

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1 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Violation of Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.* ("PAGA"))**

3 **(Against DIAMOND FOODS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100)**

4 99. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
5 through 98, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
6 forth herein.

7 100. The Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA") expressly establishes that
8 any provision of the California Labor Code which provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and
9 collected by the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), or any of
10 its departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies or employees for a violation of the
11 California Labor Code, may be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved
12 employee on behalf of themselves, and other current or former employees.

13 101. On May 29, 2025, Plaintiff provided written notice to the LWDA and Defendants
14 of the specific provisions of the Labor Code that Plaintiff contends were violated, and the
15 theories supporting the contentions. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated by reference
16 is a copy of the written notice to the LWDA. Plaintiff believes that on or about August 4, 2025,
17 the sixty-five (65) days' notice period expired as to all Defendants, and the LWDA did not take
18 any action to investigate or prosecute this matter. Thus, Plaintiff exhausted the administrative
19 remedies.

20 102. Plaintiff and the other non-exempt employees are "aggrieved employees" as
21 defined by California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are all current and former
22 hourly-paid or non-exempt employees of Defendant within the State of California at any time
23 during the period from May 29, 2024, through September 22, 2026 or the date of preliminary
24 approval, whichever date is earlier, and one or more of the alleged violations was committed
25 against them.

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1 **Failure to Pay Minimum and Overtime Wages**

2 103. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to compensate their non-
3 exempt employees minimum wages for all hours worked and overtime wages for all hours
4 worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or forty (40) hours in a workweek, pursuant to the
5 mandate of Labor Code sections 510, 1194, 1197, and 1198.

6 104. As a policy and practice, Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff and the other
7 aggrieved current and former employees for all hours worked, resulting in a failure to pay all
8 minimum wages and overtime wages, where applicable.

9 **Failure to Provide Meal Periods and Rest Breaks**

10 105. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to authorize and permit
11 their non-exempt employees to take a 10-minute rest break for every four (4) hours worked or
12 major fraction thereof and were further required to provide their non-exempt employees with
13 a 30-minute meal period for every five (5) hours worked, pursuant to the mandates of Labor
14 Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

15 106. As a policy and practice, Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and the other
16 aggrieved current and former employees with legally mandated meal periods and rest breaks
17 and failed to pay proper compensation for this failure.

18 **Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment**

19 107. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to pay their employees
20 within a specified time period pursuant to the mandate of Labor Code section 204.

21 108. As a policy and practice, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other aggrieved
22 current and former employees all wages due and owing within the required time period.

23 **Failure to Timely Pay Wages Upon Termination**

24 109. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to pay their employees all
25 wages owed in a timely fashion at the end of employment pursuant to the mandates of Labor
26 Code sections 201 and 202.

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1 110. As a policy and practice, as a result of Defendants' Labor Code violations
2 alleged above, Defendants failed to pay aggrieved former employees their final wages,
3 pursuant to the mandates of Labor Code sections 201 and 202. Accordingly, Defendants owe
4 waiting time penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 203.

5 **Failure to Provide Complete and Accurate Wage Statements**

6 111. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to keep *accurate* records
7 regarding their California employees, pursuant to the mandates of Labor Code sections 226
8 and 1174.

9 112. As a result of Defendants' various Labor Code violations, Defendants failed to
10 keep accurate records regarding Plaintiff and the other aggrieved current and former employees.
11 For example, Defendants failed in their affirmative obligation to keep accurate records regarding
12 Plaintiff and the other aggrieved current and former employees' gross wages earned, total hours
13 worked, all deductions, net wages earned, and all applicable hourly rates and the number of
14 hours worked at each hourly rate.

15 **Failure to Provide and Properly Pay Paid Sick Days**

16 113. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to provide their employees
17 with paid sick days pursuant to Labor Code section 246, *et seq.*

18 114. As a policy and practice, Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and other
19 aggrieved current and former employees with paid sick days at the proper rate of pay pursuant
20 to Labor Code section 246, *et seq.*

21 **Failure to Provide One Day of Rest**

22 115. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required provide their employees
23 with one day of rest if the employees worked more than six days in seven.

24 116. As a policy and practice, Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and other
25 aggrieved employees one day of rest when they worked more than six days in seven.

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1 **Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses**

2 117. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to reimburse their
3 employees for any and all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employees in direct
4 consequences of the discharge of their duties, pursuant to the mandates of Labor Code sections
5 2800 and 2802.

6 118. As a policy and practice, Defendants regularly failed to reimburse Plaintiff and
7 the other aggrieved current and former employees for all business expenses incurred and owed
8 to them within the required time period.

9 **Penalties**

10 119. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699, Plaintiff, individually, and on
11 behalf of other current and former aggrieved employees, requests and is entitled to recover from
12 Defendants, and each of them, civil penalties, interest, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant,
13 including but not limited to:

- 14 a. Penalties under California Labor Code section 2699 in the amount of one
15 hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for
16 the initial violation, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved
17 employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
- 18 b. Penalties under California Code of Regulations Title 8 section 11040 in
19 the amount of fifty dollars (\$50) for each aggrieved employee per pay
20 period for the initial violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for each
21 aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
- 22 c. Penalties under California Labor Code section 210 in addition to, and
23 entirely independent and apart from, any other penalty provided in the
24 California Labor Code in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) for
25 each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation, and two
26 hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for
27 each subsequent violation;
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1 compensation violate California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a). Moreover,
2 Defendants' policy and practice of failing to timely pay wages to class members violate
3 California Labor Code sections 201 and 202. Defendants also violated California Labor Code
4 sections 226(a), 1194, 1197, 2800 and 2802.

5 124. As a result of the herein described violations of California law, Defendants
6 unlawfully gained an unfair advantage over other businesses.

7 125. Plaintiff and the other class members have been personally injured by
8 Defendants' unlawful business acts and practices as alleged herein, including but not
9 necessarily limited to the loss of money and/or property.

10 126. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*,
11 Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and
12 retained by Defendants during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this
13 Complaint; an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil procedure section
14 1021.5 and other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

15 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

16 Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly
17 situated, requests a trial by jury.

18 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

19 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all other members of the
20 general public similarly situated, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and
21 severally, as follows:

22 **Class Certification**

- 23 1. That this action be certified as a class action;
- 24 2. That Plaintiff be appointed as representative of the Class;
- 25 3. That counsel for Plaintiff be appointed as Class Counsel; and
- 26 4. That Defendants provide to Class Counsel immediately the names and most
27 current contact information (address, e-mail and telephone numbers) of all class members.
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9. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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33. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

38. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

39. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 by willfully failing to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class members for all necessary business-related expenses as required by California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802;

- 1 40. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;
2 41. For the imposition of civil penalties and/or statutory penalties;
3 42. For punitive damages and/or exemplary damages according to proof at trial;
4 43. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and
5 44. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

6 **As to the Eighth Cause of Action**

7 45. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated California
8 Labor Code sections 2698, *et seq.*, by failing to pay minimum and overtime wages, failing to
9 provide meal periods and rest breaks, failing to timely pay wages during employment and
10 upon termination, failing to provide complete and accurate wage statements, and failing to
11 reimburse expenses;

12 46. For civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code sections 2699 *et seq.*, for Defendants'
13 violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 221, 226(a), 226.3, 226.7,
14 246, 432.5, 510, 512(a), 551, 552, 558, 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800, and 2802;

15 47. For costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code sections 218.5, 1194, 2699,
16 and any other applicable statute; and

17 48. For such other and further relief that the court may deem just and proper.

18 **As to the Ninth Cause of Action**

19 49. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
20 Business and Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.* by failing to provide Plaintiff and the
21 other class members all overtime compensation due to them, failing to provide all meal and
22 rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members, failing to pay at least minimum wages to
23 Plaintiff and the other class members, and failing to pay class members' wages timely as
24 required by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

25 50. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiff and other class members and all pre-
26 judgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;

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1 .51. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all
2 funds disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by
3 Defendants as a result of violation of California Business and Professions Code sections
4 17200, *et seq.*;

5 .52. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
6 California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5;

7 .53. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to
8 California Business and Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*; and

9 .54. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
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11 Dated: September 22, 2026

JUSTICE LAW CORPORATION

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EXHIBIT 1



May 29, 2025

BY U.S. MAIL/ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

PAGAfilings@dir.ca.gov
State of California
Labor & Workforce Development Agency
800 Capitol Mall, MIC-55
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Diamond Foods, LLC

Dear Representative:

We have been retained to represent Trevion Jackson against Diamond Foods, LLC (including any and all affiliates, managers, members, subsidiaries, and parents, and their shareholders, officers, directors, and employees), any individual, owner, officer or managing agent acting on behalf of an "Employer" pursuant to California Labor Code section 558.1, and DOES 1-20¹ for violations of California wage-and-hour laws (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Diamond Foods, LLC").

Mr. Jackson is pursuing his California Labor Code sections 2698, *et seq.*, the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA") claim on a representative basis. Therefore, Mr. Jackson may seek penalties for violations of the Labor Code on behalf of the State of California and aggrieved employees, which are recoverable under PAGA. This letter is sent in compliance with the reporting requirements of California Labor Code section 2699.3.

Diamond Foods, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company located at 1050 S Diamond St Stockton, CA 95205.

Diamond Foods, LLC employed Mr. Jackson as an hourly-paid non-exempt Forklift Operator within one year of the date of this letter (until in or around January of 2025) in the State of California. Diamond Foods, LLC directly controlled the wages, hours and/or working conditions of Mr. Jackson's and other aggrieved employees' employment, including direction, retention, scheduling, supervision, and termination.

¹ Mr. Jackson does not know the true names or capacities, whether individual, partner or corporate, of DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, and for that reason, said DOES are designated under such fictitious names. Mr. Jackson will amend this notice when the true names and capacities are known. Mr. Jackson is informed and believes that each DOE was responsible in some way for the matters alleged herein and proximately caused Mr. Jackson and other current and former aggrieved employees to be subject to the illegal employment practices, wrongs and injuries complained of herein.

The "aggrieved employees" that Mr. Jackson may seek penalties on behalf of are all current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees (whether hired directly or through a staffing agency) of Diamond Foods, LLC within the State of California.

Diamond Foods, LLC failed to properly pay its hourly-paid or non-exempt employees for all hours worked, failed to properly compensate minimum and overtime wages, failed to properly provide legally mandated meal and rest breaks or pay premium wages in lieu thereof, failed to issue compliant wage statements, and failed to reimburse for all necessary business-related costs and expenses, thus resulting in Labor Code violations as stated below.

Diamond Foods, LLC has violated and/or continues to violate, among other provisions of the California Labor Code and applicable wage law, California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 221, 226(a), 226.3, 226.7, 246, 432.5, 510, 512(a), 551, 552, 558, 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800 and 2802, and the IWC Wage Orders.

California Labor Code sections 510, 1194, and 1198 require employers to pay time-and-a-half or double-time overtime wages and make it unlawful to work employees for hours longer than eight hours in one day and/or over forty hours in one week without paying the premium overtime rates. During the relevant time period, Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees routinely worked in excess of 8 hours in a day and 40 hours in a week. Diamond Foods, LLC failed to compensate Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees for all hours worked and performing off-the-clock work, including pre- and post-shift, and during meal breaks. Diamond Foods, LLC also failed to include non-discretionary bonuses into Mr. Jackson's and other aggrieved employees' regular rate of pay for purposes of overtime compensation. Therefore, Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees were entitled to receive certain wages for overtime compensation, but they were not paid for all overtime hours worked.

California Labor Code section 246 requires that employers provide employees with paid sick leave of not less than one hour per every 30 hours worked. California Labor Code section 246(l) also requires that paid sick leave be paid at a non-exempt employee's regular rate of pay for the workweek in which the employee uses paid sick time or at a rate calculated by dividing the employee's total wages, not including overtime premium pay, by the employee's total hours worked in the full pay periods of the prior 90 days of employment. During the relevant time period, Diamond Foods, LLC failed to pay Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees paid sick leave that complied with California Labor Code section 246, by, for example, failing to pay paid sick leave at a non-exempt employee's regular rate of pay or at a rate calculated by dividing the employee's total wages, not including overtime premium pay, by the employee's total hours worked in the full pay periods of the prior 90 days of employment.

California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a) require employers to pay an employee one additional hour of pay at the employee's regular rate for each workday that a meal or rest break is not provided. During the relevant time period, Diamond Foods, LLC routinely required Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees to work through, interrupt, cut short, and/or delay their meal and rest breaks to comply with Diamond Foods, LLC's policies and expectations and fulfill orders. Diamond Foods, LLC failed to provide coverage to Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees so they may be relieved of all work duties and take legally mandated meal and rest breaks. Lastly, Diamond Foods, LLC failed to authorize and permit Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees to take the requisite number of meal and rest breaks, including second meal breaks and third rest breaks, when working shifts exceeding 10 hours in length. Despite these facts, Diamond Foods, LLC failed to compensate Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees all the premium wages they were owed, including failing to pay premium wages at aggrieved employees' regular rate of pay.

California Labor Code section 551 states "[e]very person employed in any occupation of labor is entitled to one day's rest therefrom in seven." Section 552 further states "[n]o employer of labor shall cause his employees to work more than six days in seven." Diamond Foods, LLC required Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees to work seven days in a row or more without one day's rest.

California Labor Code section 432.5 states "[n]o employer, or agent, manager, superintendent, or officer thereof, shall require any employee or applicant for employment to agree, in writing, to any term or condition which is known by such employer, or agent, manager, superintendent, or officer thereof to be prohibited by law." Diamond Foods, LLC required Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees to execute arbitration agreements as a condition of employment despite knowing that such agreements are prohibited under Labor Code section 432.6.

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California Labor Code section 201 requires that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately. California Labor Code section 202 requires that if an employee not having a written contract for a definite period quits their employment, their wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours' previous notice of their intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to their wages at the time of quitting. California Labor Code section 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay, without abatement or reduction, in accordance with Labor Code sections 201, 201.3, 201.5, 201.6, 201.8, 201.9, 202, and 205.5, any wages of an employee who is discharged or who quits, the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an action therefor is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than 30 days. During the relevant time period, Diamond Foods, LLC failed to pay Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees all wages, including for uncompensated off-the-clock work, unpaid overtime premiums and premium wages for failing to provide legally mandated meal and rest breaks, due to them within any time period specified by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202 and therefore is liable under California Labor Code section 203.

California Labor Code section 204 requires that all wages earned by any person in any employment between the 1st and the 15th days, inclusive, of any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and payable between the 16th and the 26th day of the month during which the labor was performed, and that all wages earned by any person in any employment between the 16th and the last day, inclusive, of any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and payable between the 1st and the 10th day of the following month. California Labor Code section 204 also requires that all wages earned for labor in excess of the normal work period shall be paid no later than the payday for the next regular payroll period. During the relevant time period, Diamond Foods, LLC failed to pay Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees all wages due to them, including for uncompensated off-the-clock work, unpaid overtime premiums and premium wages for failing to provide legally mandated meal and rest breaks within any time period specified by California Labor Code section 204, and is therefore liable under California Labor Code section 210.

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California Labor Code section 226 requires employers to make, keep and provide complete and accurate itemized wage statements to their employees. During the relevant time period, Diamond Foods, LLC did not provide Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees with complete and accurate itemized wage statements. The wage statements they received from Diamond Foods, LLC were in violation of California Labor Code section 226(a). The violations include, but are not limited to, the failure to include (1) gross wages earned by Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees, (2) total hours worked by Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate by aggrieved employees, (4) all deductions for Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees, (5) net wages earned by Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which aggrieved employees are paid, (7) the name of the aggrieved employee and only the last four digits of their 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 aggrieved employees.

California Labor Code section 558 allows recovery of penalties. Pursuant to the code, (a) Any employer or other person acting on behalf of an employer who violates, or causes to be violated, a section of this chapter or any provision regulating hours and days of work in any order of the Industrial Welfare Commission shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows: (1) For any initial violation, fifty dollars (\$50) for each underpaid employee for each pay period for which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount sufficient to recover underpaid wages. (2) For each subsequent violation, one hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid employee for each pay period for which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount sufficient to recover underpaid wages. (3) Wages recovered pursuant to this section shall be paid to the affected employee. Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees have been denied their wages and premium wages and, therefore, are entitled to penalties.

California Labor Code section 1174(d) requires an employer to keep, at a central location in the state or at the plants or establishments at which employees are employed, payroll records showing the hours worked daily by and the wages paid to, and the number of piece-rate units earned by and any applicable piece rate paid to, employees employed at the respective plants or establishments. These records shall be kept with rules established for this purpose by the commission, but in any case, shall be kept on file for not less than three years. During the relevant time period, Diamond Foods, LLC failed to keep accurate and complete payroll records showing the hours worked daily and the wages paid to Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees.

California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197 and 1197.1 provide the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a lesser wage than the minimum so fixed is unlawful. During the relevant time period, Diamond Foods, LLC did not provide Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees with the minimum wages to which they were entitled despite constructive and actual knowledge of off-the-clock work, including pre- and post-shift, and during meal breaks.

California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 require an employer to reimburse its employee for all necessary expenditures incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of their job duties or in direct consequence of their obedience to the directions of the employer. During their employment, Mr. Jackson and other aggrieved employees incurred necessary business-related expenses and costs that were not fully reimbursed by Diamond Foods, LLC, including for using their personal cellular phones and vehicles for work-related purposes.

We believe that Mr. Jackson and other current and former California-based hourly-paid or non-exempt employees are entitled to penalties as allowed under California Labor Code sections 2698, *et seq.* for violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 221, 226(a), 226.3, 226.7, 246, 432.5, 510, 512(a), 551, 552, 558, 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800 and 2802, and the IWC Wage Orders.

California Labor Code section 2699.3 requires that a claimant send a certified letter to the employer in question and the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency setting forth the claims, and the basis for the claims, thereby giving the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency an opportunity to investigate the claims and/or take any action it deems appropriate.

The purpose of this letter is to satisfy the requirement created by California Labor Code section 2699 prior to seeking penalties allowed by law for the aforementioned statutory violations. We look forward to determining whether the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency intends to take any action in reference to these claims. We kindly request that you respond to this notice according to the time frame contemplated by the California Labor Code.

Mr. Jackson will seek these penalties on his own behalf and on behalf of other similarly situated California-based hourly-paid or non-exempt employees of Diamond Foods, LLC within one year of the date of this letter, as allowed by law.

LWDA
May 29, 2025
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your attention to this matter and the noble cause you advance each and every day.

Very truly yours,

JUSTICE LAW CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Han', written over a horizontal line.

Douglas Han, Esq.

CC: (By Certified U.S. Mail Only):

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 751 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Suite 101, Pasadena, California 91103 and my electronic service address is dmather@justicelawcorp.com.

On September 29, 2026, I served the foregoing document described as

SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

for the following case: **Jackson v. Diamond Foods, LLC**
LWDA/Court Case No.: **LWDA Case No.: LWDA-CM-1101811-25**
Court Case No.: STK-CV-UOE-2025-7558
San Joaquin County Superior Court

on interested parties in this action by electronically submitting as follows:

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Labor & Workforce Development Agency
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Sacramento, California 95814

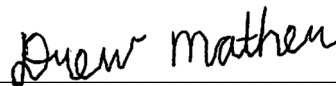
[X] BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Pursuant to California Senate Bill No. 836, I caused the documents described above to be electronically submitted by and through the procedure stated on the website of the State of California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

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

Executed on September 29, 2026, at Pasadena, California.



Drew Mather