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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SOLANO

AVERY LOYN JOSEPH, on behalf of himself and
 current and former aggrieved employees

Case No.: CU25-08249

Plaintiff,

PAGA ACTION

vs.

**PLAINTIFF AVERY LOYN
 JOSEPH'S COMPLAINT FOR:**

VALLEY FINE FOODS COMPANY, LLC; and
 DOES 1 to 100, inclusive,

**1. CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT
 TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
 GENERAL ACT OF 2004
 ("PAGA"), LABOR CODE
 SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

Defendants.

COMES NOW Plaintiff AVERY LOYN JOSEPH ("Plaintiff"), who alleges and complains
 against Defendants VALLEY FINE FOODS COMPANY, LLC; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive
 (collectively "Defendants") as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is a Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*
 ("PAGA") representative action brought by Plaintiff on behalf of the State of California, himself
 and other current and former aggrieved employees of Defendants who worked as hourly non-exempt
 employees in California during the relevant time period seeking civil penalties associated with

1 Defendants' violation of the Labor Code based on Defendants' failure to pay wages for all hours
2 worked at minimum wage and all overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay; failure to
3 authorize or permit all legally required and/or compliant meal periods or pay meal period premium
4 wages; failure to authorize or permit all legally required and/or compliant rest periods or pay rest
5 period premium wages; statutory penalties for failure to timely pay earned wages during
6 employment; statutory penalties for secret payment of wages lower than designated by statute;
7 statutory penalties for failure to establish, implement, and maintain a workplace violence and injury
8 prevention program; failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; statutory waiting
9 time penalties in the form of continuation wages for failure to timely pay employees all wages due
10 upon separation of employment. Plaintiff seeks on a representative basis, following notice to the
11 Labor and Workforce Development Agency, civil penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to
12 Labor Code section 2699(g)(1) and costs brought on behalf of Plaintiff, the State of California, and
13 others aggrieved.

14 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

15 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims of Plaintiff and all other current and
16 former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees because Plaintiff's lawsuit seeks
17 civil penalties on behalf of herself, all other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
18 non-exempt employees, and the State of California in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars
19 (\$25,000); Defendants employed Plaintiff and all other current and former aggrieved California-
20 based hourly non-exempt employees; and the injuries to Plaintiff and all other current and former
21 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees occurred in locations throughout
22 California, including but not limited to Solano County, at 3909 Park Road, Benicia, CA 94510.

23 **III. PARTIES**

24 1. Plaintiff brings this action as a representative of the Labor and Workforce
25 Development Agency on behalf of himself and other current and former employees subject to
26 violations of the Labor Code. The named Plaintiff and the persons on whose behalf this action is
27 filed include current, former and/or future employees of Defendants who work, worked, or will work
28 for Defendants as direct employees as well as temporary employees employed through temp

1 agencies as hourly non-exempt employees in California. At all times mentioned herein, the currently
2 named Plaintiff is and was domiciled and a resident and citizen of California and was employed by
3 Defendants in an hourly position at Defendants' location in Solano from in or around August of
4 2024, until on or about May of 2025.

5 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant VALLEY FINE
6 FOODS COMPANY, LLC is authorized to do business within the State of California and is doing
7 business in the State of California and/or that Defendants DOES 1-50 are, and at all times relevant
8 hereto were persons acting on behalf of Defendant VALLEY FINE FOODS COMPANY, LLC in
9 the establishment of, or ratification of, the aforementioned illegal wage and hour practices or
10 policies. Defendant VALLEY FINE FOODS COMPANY, LLC operates in Solano County and
11 employed Plaintiff and aggrieved employees in Solano County, including but not limited to, at 3909
12 Park Road, Benicia, CA 94510.

13 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES 1
14 through 50 are corporations, or are other business entities or organizations of a nature unknown to
15 Plaintiff that employed Plaintiff and aggrieved California non-exempt employees, permitted
16 Plaintiff and aggrieved employees to work, and exercised control over the wages, hours and working
17 conditions of employment of Plaintiff and aggrieved employees.

18 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES 51
19 through 100 are individuals unknown to Plaintiff. Each of the individual defendants is sued
20 individually and in his or her capacity as an agent, shareholder, owner, representative, manager,
21 supervisor, independent contractor and/or employee of each defendant who violated or caused to be
22 violated the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Labor Code and/or any provision of the
23 Industrial Welfare Commission's wage orders regulating hours and days of work.

24 5. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names of Defendants DOES 1 through 100. Plaintiff
25 sues said defendants by said fictitious names, and will amend this complaint when the true names
26 and capacities are ascertained or when such facts pertaining to liability are ascertained, or as
27 permitted by law or by the Court. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the fictitiously
28 named defendants is in some manner responsible for the events and allegations set forth in this

1 complaint.

2 6. Plaintiff makes the allegations in this complaint without any admission that, as to
3 any particular allegation, Plaintiff bears the burden of pleading, proving, or persuading and Plaintiff
4 reserves all of Plaintiff's right to plead in the alternative.

5 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF**
7 **2004, LABOR CODE SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

8 **(Against all Defendants by Plaintiff on behalf of Themselves, the State of California, and**
9 **Other Current and Former Aggrieved Employees)**

10 7. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

11 8. During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present, Plaintiff alleges
12 Defendants violated Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1197,
13 1198, 6401.7, 6401.9, and the applicable Wage Orders.

14 9. Specifically, Defendants have committed the following violations of California
15 Labor Code:

16 10. **Failure to pay wages for all hours worked at the legal minimum wage:**
17 Defendants employed many of their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt
18 employees. In California, an employer is required to pay hourly employees for all "hours worked,"
19 which includes all time that an employee is under control of the employer and all time the employee
20 is suffered and permitted to work. This includes the time an employee spends, either directly or
21 indirectly, performing services which inure to the benefit of the employer.

22 11. Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 require an employer to compensate employees
23 for all "hours worked" at least at a minimum wage rate of pay as established by the IWC and the
24 Wage Orders.

25 12. In this case, Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
26 non-exempt employees worked more minutes per shift than Defendants credited them with having
27 worked. Specifically, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
28 California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages at the applicable minimum wage for all

1 hours worked due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited
2 to:

3 (a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
4 non-exempt employees to remain on-duty during their off-the-clock meal breaks.

5 13. Therefore, Defendants suffered, permitted, and required Plaintiff and other current
6 and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to be subject to Defendants'
7 control without paying wages for that time. This resulted in Plaintiff and other current and former
8 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees working time for which they were not
9 compensated any wages, in violation of Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 and the applicable
10 Wage Order.

11 14. **Failure to pay wages for overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay**
12 **and/or failure to pay overtime wages at the proper rate of pay:** Defendants employed many of
13 their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt employees. In California, an employer
14 is required to pay hourly employees for all "hours worked," which includes all time that an employee
15 is under control of the employer and all time the employee is suffered and permitted to work. This
16 includes the time an employee spends, either directly or indirectly, performing services that inure to
17 the benefit of the employer.'

18 15. Labor Code sections 510 and 1194 require an employer to compensate employees a
19 higher rate of pay for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday, in excess of forty (40)
20 hours in a workweek, and on any seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek:

21 Any work in excess of eight (8) hours in one workday, any work in excess of forty (40) hours
22 in any one (1) workweek, and the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of work in
23 any one (1) workweek, shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one-and-one-half
24 (1.5) times the regular rate of pay for an employee. Any work in excess of twelve (12) hours
25 in one (1) day shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay
26 for an employee. In addition, any work in excess of eight (8) hours on any seventh day of a
27 workweek shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay of an
28 employee.

26 Labor Code section 510.

27 16. In this case, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
28 California-based hourly non-exempt employees overtime wages for all overtime hours worked due

1 to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to:

2 (a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
3 non-exempt employees to remain on-duty during their off-the-clock meal breaks.

4 17. The foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in time during each
5 workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
6 employees were under the control of Defendants but were not compensated. To the extent that the
7 foregoing uncompensated time occurred when Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
8 California-based hourly non-exempt employees worked more than eight (8) hours in a workday,
9 more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, and/or seven (7) days in a workweek, Defendants failed
10 to pay them at their overtime rate of pay for overtime hours worked, in violation of Labor Code
11 sections 510, 1194 and 1198, and the applicable Wage Order.

12 18. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that**
13 **Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant meal periods and/or failure to**
14 **pay period premium wages:** Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
15 hourly non-exempt employees regularly worked shifts of more than five (5) hours in length and
16 shifts of more than ten (10) hours in length.

17 19. California law requires an employer to authorize or permit an employee an
18 uninterrupted meal period of no less than thirty (30) minutes in which the employee is relieved of
19 all duties and the employer relinquishes control over the employee's activities prior to the
20 employee's sixth hour of work. Labor Code sections 226.7, 512, and 1198; Wage Order 9 at §11;
21 *Brinker Rest. Corp. v. Super Ct. (Hohnbaum)* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1004. An employer may not employ
22 an employee for a work period of more than ten (10) hours per day without providing the employee
23 with a second such meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the eleventh
24 hour of work. *Id.* If the employee is not relieved of all duty during a meal period, the meal period
25 shall be considered an "on duty" meal period and counted as time worked. A paid "on duty" meal
26 period is only permitted when: (1) the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved
27 of all duty; and (2) the parties have a written agreement agreeing to on-duty meal periods.

28 20. If an employer fails to provide an employee a meal period in accordance with the

1 law, the employer must pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of pay
2 for each workday that a legally required and compliant meal period was not provided. Labor Code
3 sections 226.7 and 1198; Wage Order 9 at §11.

4 21. In this case, Defendants failed to authorize or permit legally required and compliant
5 meal periods to Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-
6 exempt employees due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures, including but not
7 limited to:

8 (a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
9 hourly non-exempt employees timely, uninterrupted, duty-free meal breaks of at least 30 minutes
10 for every five hours worked;

11 (b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
12 non-exempt employees to travel to a designated area away from their workstations during their meal
13 periods. Defendants did not elongate or otherwise extend Plaintiff's or other current and former
14 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' meal period times to account for travel
15 time between their workstations and the designated break area resulting in meal periods less than a
16 net 30-minutes.

17 22. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or
18 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
19 hourly non-exempt employees one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday that
20 Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees did
21 not receive legally required and compliant meal periods, in violation of Labor Code section 226.7.

22 23. Defendants' foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Plaintiff and
23 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees not receiving
24 wages to compensate them for workdays during which Defendants did not provide them with meal
25 periods in compliance with California law.

26 24. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that**
27 **Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant rest periods and/or failure to pay**
28 **rest period premium:** Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly

1 non-exempt employees regularly worked shifts of more than three-and-a-half (3.5) hours.

2 25. California law requires every employer to authorize and permit an employee a rest
3 period of ten (10) net minutes for every four (4) hours worked or major fraction thereof. Labor Code
4 section 226.7; Wage Order 9 at §12. Under California law, “[e]mployees are entitled to 10 minutes’
5 rest for shifts from three and one-half to six hours in length, 20 minutes for shifts of more than six
6 hours up to 10 hours, 30 minutes for shifts of more than 10 hours up to 14 hours, and so on.” *Brinker*
7 *Restaurant Corp. v. Sup. Ct. (Hohnbaum)* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1004, 1029; Labor Code section 226.7;
8 Wage Order 9 at §12. Rest periods, insofar as practicable, shall be in the middle of each work period.
9 Wage Order 9 at §12. Additionally, the rest period requirement “obligates employers to permit –
10 and authorizes employees to take – off-duty rest periods.” *Augustus v. ABM Security Services, Inc.*,
11 (2016) 5 Cal.5th 257, 269. That is, during rest periods employers must relieve employees of all
12 duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time. *Id.*

13 26. If the employer fails to authorize or permit a required rest period, the employer must
14 pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of pay for each workday the
15 employer did not authorize or permit a legally required rest period. Labor Code section 226.7; Wage
16 Order 9 at § 12.

17 27. In this case, Defendants failed to authorize or permit all legally required and
18 compliant rest periods to Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
19 non-exempt employees due to Defendants’ policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not
20 limited to:

21 (a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
22 hourly non-exempt employees with net ten (10) minute rest breaks for every four (4) hours worked
23 or major fraction thereof;

24 (b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
25 non-exempt employees to travel to a designated area away from their workstations during their rest
26 periods. Defendants did not elongate or otherwise extend Plaintiff’s or other current and former
27 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees’ rest period times to account for travel
28 time between their workstations and the designated break area resulting in rest periods less than a

1 net 10-minutes;

2 (c) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
3 hourly non-exempt employees a third uninterrupted duty-free rest period of no less than ten (10) net
4 minutes on each workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
5 hourly non-exempt employees work shifts over ten (10) hours.

6 28. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or
7 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
8 hourly non-exempt employees with one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday
9 they did not receive legally required and compliant rest periods, in violation of Labor Code section
10 226.7.

11 29. Defendants' foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Plaintiff and
12 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees not receiving
13 wages to compensate them for workdays in which Defendants did not provide them with rest periods
14 in compliance with California law.

15 30. **Failure to timely pay earned wages during employment:** In California, wages
16 must be paid at least twice during each calendar month on days designated in advance by the
17 employer as regular paydays, subject to some exceptions. Labor Code section 204(a). Wages earned
18 between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of any calendar month must be paid between the 16th and
19 the 26th day of that month and wages earned between the 16th and the last day, inclusive, of any
20 calendar month must be paid between the 1st and 10th day of the following month. *Id.* Other payroll
21 periods such as those that are weekly, biweekly, or semimonthly, must be paid within seven (7)
22 calendar days following the close of the payroll period in which wages were earned. Labor Code
23 section 204(d).

24 31. As a derivative of Plaintiff's claims above, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants failed to
25 timely pay Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
26 employees' earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages
27 and/or rest period premium wages), in violation of Labor Code section 204. Defendants'
28 aforementioned policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in their failure to pay Plaintiff's and

1 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' their earned
2 wages within the applicable time frames outlined in Labor Code section 204.

3 **32. Secret payment of lower wages than designated by statute:** Labor Code section
4 223 provides that, where any statute or contract requires an employer to maintain the designated
5 wage scale, it shall be unlawful to secretly pay a lower wage while purporting to pay the wage
6 designated by statute or contract. By engaging in the unlawful conduct alleged herein, including by
7 failing to: pay overtime wages at the applicable legal overtime rate, meal break premiums and lawful
8 sick pay at the employees' regular rate of pay, as established by Labor Code sections 226.7, 246,
9 510, 1194 and sections 11 and 12 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, as incorporated by Labor
10 Code section 1198, the Defendant secretly paid a lower wage than designated by statute while
11 purporting to pay the wages designated by statute, in violation of Labor Code section 223.

12 **33. Failure to Implement a Workplace Violence Prevention Policy:** Labor Code
13 Sections 6401.7 and 6401.9 require Defendants to develop and implement a workplace violence
14 prevention plan in accordance with newly codified Labor code section 6401.9, which sets out the
15 requirements for the plan. Starting July 1, 2024, Defendants were required to establish, implement,
16 and maintain a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan that includes: 1) implementation of a
17 Workplace Violence Prevention Plan; 2) maintaining a violence incidence log; 3) providing a
18 training program to discuss a prevent workplace violence; and 4) maintain records relating to
19 workplace violence which includes, records of workplace violence hazard identification,
20 evaluations, and correction must be created and maintained for a minimum of five years; training
21 records must be created and maintained; incident logs; and records of workplace violence incident
22 investigations must be maintained.

23 **34.** Defendants willfully failed to implement a Workplace violence Prevention Policy
24 starting on or about July 1, 2024. Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees are entitled to recover
25 penalties up to \$25,000 for each serious violation, and up to \$124,709 (to be adjusted based on the
26 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers) for "willful violations." See Labor Code Sections
27 6401.7, 6401.9 6428, and 6429.

28 **35. Failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements:** Labor Code section

226, subdivision (a). Labor Code section 226(a) provides, *inter alia*, that, upon paying an employee his or her wages, the employer must “furnish each of his or her employees ... an itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any employee whose compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission, (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 pay period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her 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.”

36. As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, Defendants’ failure to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages earned (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and/or rest period premium wages) rendered Plaintiff’s and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees’ wage statements inaccurate, in violation of Labor Code section 226(a)(1, 2, 5 & 9).

37. **Failure to pay employees all wages due at time of termination/resignation:** An employer is required to pay all unpaid wages timely after an employee’s employment ends. The wages are due immediately upon termination (Labor Code section 201) or within seventy-two (72) hours of resignation (Labor Code section 202).

38. As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, because Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all their earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and/or rest period premium wages), Defendants failed to pay those employees timely after each employee’s termination and/or resignation, in violation of Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203.

39. Labor Code sections 2699, subdivisions (a) and (g) authorize an aggrieved employee,

1 on behalf of himself or herself and other current or former employees, to bring a civil action to
2 recover civil penalties against all Defendants pursuant to the procedures specified in Labor Code
3 section 2699.3.

4 40. Plaintiff has complied with the procedures for bringing suit specified in Labor Code
5 section 2699.3. On June 17, 2025, Plaintiff filed a PAGA Claim Notice with the LWDA and
6 provided notice to Defendants by certified mail which provided notice of the specific provisions of
7 the Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the
8 violations alleged.

9 41. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, the LWDA must give written notice by
10 certified mail to the parties that it intends to investigate the alleged violations of the Labor Code
11 within 60 days of the date of the complainant's written notice. The LWDA failed to provide the
12 parties notice within 60 days of the date of Plaintiff's PAGA Claim Notice that the LWDA intends
13 to investigate Plaintiff's claims.

14 42. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 2699(a) and (f), Plaintiff is entitled to recover civil
15 penalties for Defendants' violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226, 226.7,
16 510, 512, 1194, 1197, 1198, 6401.7, and 6401.9

17 43. During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present, preceding
18 Plaintiff sending the initial PAGA Claim Notice to the LWDA to the present, in the following
19 amounts:

20 a. For violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 226(a), 226.7, and 1198;
21 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation and
22 two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent
23 violation [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)].

24 b. For violations of Labor Code section 226(a), alternatively, two hundred fifty
25 dollars (\$250) for each employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each
26 subsequent violation, one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each underpaid employee for each pay period
27 [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 226.3].

28 c. For violations of Labor Code section 510 and 512, fifty dollars (\$50) for each

1 employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, one
2 hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid employee for each pay period [penalty amounts
3 established by Labor Code section 558].

4 d. For violations of Labor Code section 204, one hundred dollars (\$100) for
5 each failure to pay each employee in any initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, or any
6 willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee,
7 plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld [penalty amounts established by Labor Code
8 section 210].

9 e. For violations of Labor Code section 223, one hundred dollars (\$100) for
10 each failure to pay each employee in any initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, or any
11 willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee,
12 plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld [penalty amounts established by Labor Code
13 section 225.5].

14 44. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(g), Plaintiff is entitled to an award of
15 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in connection with his claims for civil penalties.

16 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

17 **WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF, ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ON OTHER AGGRIEVED**
18 **EMPLOYEES, PRAYS AS FOLLOWS:**

19 **ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:**

20 1. That Defendants be found to have violated the provisions of the Labor Code and the
21 IWC Wages Orders as to the Plaintiff and aggrieved employees;

22 2. For any and all legally applicable penalties during the relevant statute of limitations
23 subject to any permissible tolling, including but not limited to those recoverable under the California
24 Labor Code, including but not limited to sections 210, 225.5, 226.3, 558, 2699(f);

25 3. For attorneys' fees and costs of suit, including but not limited to those recoverable
26 under California Labor Code section 2699(g); and

27 4. For such and other further relief, in law and/or equity, as the Court deems just or
28 appropriate.

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