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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

CHRISTIAN SANCHEZ, ATU AKINLABI
WATSON, and TYRON WESLEY
MCCARTHER, individuals, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SPOKE LOGISTICS, LLC, a Wyoming
Limited Liability Company, and Does 1-25,
Inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No. 23-CV-035138

ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO:

The Honorable Victoria Kolakowski
Department 16

CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND
PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF
CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Date: April 14, 2026

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Dept.: 16

Reservation: 408531732666

Complaint filed: June 6, 2023

Trial Date: Not Set

1 SPOKE LOGISTICS, LLC, a California
2 Corporation,

3 Cross-Complainant,

4 v.

5 HE IS THE WAY TRANSPORT
6 SERVICES, INC.,

7 Cross-Defendant.

Complaint filed: September 11, 2023
Trial Date: Not Set

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, on April 14, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., or as soon as the matter may be heard in Department 16 of the above-captioned court, located at Rene C. Davidson Courthouse, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, 94612, the Honorable Victoria Kolakowski presiding, Plaintiffs Christian Sanchez, Atu Akinlabi Watson, and Tyron Wesley McCarther, on behalf of themselves and all current and former drivers who were misclassified as independent contractors and performed work for Defendant in California between September 18, 2021 through December 17, 2025, will move this Court for an Order:

1. Preliminarily approving the Class and Representative Action Settlement as fair, adequate, and reasonable based upon the terms set forth in the Class and Representative Action Settlement Agreement and Release (“Agreement”), including payment by Defendant Spoke Logistics, LLC (“Defendant”) of the Gross Settlement Amount of \$1,050,000.00;

2. Conditionally certifying the case as a class action for settlement purposes only;

3. Approving the Notice of Class Action Settlement and Hearing Date for Final Court Approval be mailed via first class U.S. Mail to all Class Members advising them of the pendency of the proposed Settlement, manner and procedure to submit disputes and requests for exclusion and objections to the Settlement, automatic payment of their share of the Net Settlement Amount without the need to return a claim form, date set for the Final Approval hearing, and of the right to appear at the Hearing;

4. Appointing David R. Markham and Lisa R. Brevard of The Markham Law Firm; Isam C. Khoury, Michael D. Singer and Maggie K. Realin of Cohelan Khoury & Singer as Class Counsel; and, Walter Haines of United Employees Law Group, as Class Counsel;

5. Appointing Plaintiffs Christian Sanchez, Atu Akinlabi Watson, and Tyron Wesley McCarther as Class Representatives;

6. Appointing Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions as the Settlement Administrator; and

7. Setting a hearing date to consider final approval of the Settlement.

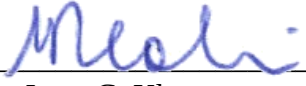
This motion is made based on this Notice, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities, Declarations of Class Counsel David R. Markham, Isam C. Khoury, Maggie Realin, Walter

1 Haines, and Sarkis Sirmabekian, Declaration of Michael Moore on behalf of Phoenix Class
2 Action Settlement Administration, the Agreement, [Proposed] Order Granting Preliminary
3 Approval of Class and Representative Action Settlement, the Court's files, and such other
4 evidence the Court may consider.

5 Respectfully submitted,

6 COHELAN KHOURY & SINGER
7 THE MARKHAM LAW FIRM
8 UNITED EMPLOYEES LAW GROUP
9 SIRMABEKIAN LAW FIRM, PC

10 Dated: March 18, 2026

11 By: 
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Make a Reservation

SANCHEZ vs SPOKE LOGISTICS, LLC

Case Number: 23CV035138 Case Type: Civil Unlimited Category: Other Employment Complaint Case
Date Filed: 2023-06-06 Location: Rene C. Davidson Courthouse - Department 16

Reservation

Case Name: SANCHEZ vs SPOKE LOGISTICS, LLC	Case Number: 23CV035138
Type: Motion for Order (Granting Preliminary Approval of Class and Representative Action Settlement)	Status: RESERVED
Filing Party: Christian Sanchez (Plaintiff)	Location: Rene C. Davidson Courthouse - Department 16
Date/Time: 04/14/2026 2:30 PM	Number of Motions: 1
Reservation ID: 408531732666	Confirmation Code: CR-GDTCCHINWSYYFCYVU

Fees

Description	Fee	Qty	Amount
Motion for Order (name extension)	0.00	1	0.00
Court Technology Fee	1.00	1	1.00
TOTAL			\$1.00

Payment

Amount: \$1.00	Type: Visa
Account Number: XXXX1797	Authorization: 01454D
Payment Date: n/a	

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