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NOTICE OF LABOR CODE VIOLATIONS PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE SECTION 2699.3

To: California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
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From: CYNTHIA LASCELLES, on behalf of herself and all other current and former aggrieved California-based exempt employees of BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

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Our firm has been retained by aggrieved employee CYNTHIA LASCELLES concerning a representative action pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code sections 2698, *et seq*. ("PAGA") against her employers, BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

We are filing this written notice with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") pursuant to the provisions of the California Labor Code Sections 2699, 2699.3, and 2698, *et seq*. The purpose of this letter is to inquire whether LWDA intends to investigate and seek civil penalties associated with my client's allegations of violations of the Labor Code by her Employer. In addition to submitting this letter and the $75.00 filing fee via the online PAGA filing system, I am causing a copy of this letter to be mailed to the Department of Industrial Relations – Accounting Unit.

FACTUAL STATEMENT AND THEORIES OF LABOR CODE VIOLATIONS

Aggrieved employee CYNTHIA LASCELLES ("Plaintiff" or "Employee") was employed by BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ("Defendants" or "Employers") as an exempt employee since in or around December 28, 2010. Plaintiff believes Defendant(s) employed more than one hundred (100) employees in total during the period covered by this notice, and Labor Code section 2999.3(c)(2) does not apply.

1. *Failure to Indemnify Employees for Employment-Related Expenditures in Violation of Labor Code Section 2802*

Employees allege that during her employment, Employers failed to indemnify her and other current and former California-based employees for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by them in the discharge of their duties. Labor Code section 2802(a) states, "An employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer…"

Employees allege that during their employment, Employers failed to indemnify them and other current and former California-based employees for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by them in the discharge of their duties due to Employers' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to, the following:

- Requiring Employee and other current and former aggrieved California-based employees to use their personal vehicles for employment-related purposes, including to drive between Employers' branch locations without reimbursing Employee and other current and former aggrieved California-based employees for mileage and other expenses incurred as a result thereof.

Employee and other Aggrieved Employees personally suffered these violations. Employee is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Employer's conduct above that gave rise to such violations was malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Employer would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

Employers' aforementioned policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Employees and other current and former aggrieved California-based employees not receiving indemnification for employment-related expenditures, in violation of Labor Code 2802.

Based on this violation, Employees will seek both restitution for themselves and other current and former aggrieved California-based employees for Employers' violations of Labor Code section 2802 and will seek civil penalties under PAGA, Labor Code sections 2698, *et seq.*, on behalf of the LWDA against Employers if authorized to file a representative action on behalf of the State of California.

2. *Secret Payment of Wages Lower Than Designated by Statute, in Violation of Labor Code Section 223*

Labor Code section 223 provides that, where any statute or contract requires an employer to maintain the designated wage scale, it shall be unlawful to secretly pay a lower wage while purporting to pay the wage designated by statute or contract. By engaging in the unlawful conduct alleged herein, including by failing to pay wages no less than the applicable legal minimum and overtime wages, and also meal and rest break premiums, as established by Labor Code sections 226.7, 510, 1194, 1197 and sections 11 and 12 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, as incorporated by Labor Code section 1198, the Employer secretly paid a lower wage than designated by statute while purporting to pay the wages designated by statute, in violation of Labor Code section 223. The Employee with therefore pursue the civil penalties established by Labor Code section 225.5 for all such violations of Labor Code section 223, on behalf of the LWDA and against Employer if authorized to file a representative action on behalf of the State of California. Plaintiff also believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Employer would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

3. *Failure to Establish, Implement, and Maintain a Workplace Violence and Injury Prevention Program in Compliance with Labor Code Sections 6401.7 and 6401.9.*

California Labor Code Section 6401.7 requires every employer to establish, implement, and maintain an effective injury prevention program. California Labor Code Section 6401.9 requires California employers to adopt a comprehensive Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP), train employees on workplace violence, log safety incidents, and conduct periodic inspections to evaluate workplace violence hazards.

Employee alleges that Employer did not comply with Employer's responsibilities and duties under Labor Code sections 6401.7 and 6401.9. Employee is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Employer (1) failed to establish, implement, and maintain an effective injury prevention program; (2) failed to adopt a compliant Workplace Violence Prevention Plan; (3); failed to train Employee and other aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees in workplace violence and injury prevention; (4) failed to log safety incidents; and (5) failed to conduct compliant periodic inspections. Plaintiff believes these failures were willful and intentional. Plaintiff also believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Employer would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

Based on these violations, Employee will seek civil penalties pursuant to PAGA, Labor Code sections 2698, et seq., under Labor Code sections 6401.9(g), 6317(d), and 2699(f) on behalf of LWDA, against Employer if authorized to file a representative action on behalf of the State of California.

CONCLUSION

Our client intends to file a representative action pursuant to PAGA concerning her wage claims as warranted by Employer's violations of Labor Code sections 223, 2802, 6401.7, 6401.9 and sections 3, 4, 11 and 12 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders. This letter is being sent to you as an inquiry into whether LWDA wishes to investigate my client's claims for civil penalties associated with Employer's violations of the Labor Code, as alleged herein. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the above-listed information.

Very truly yours,
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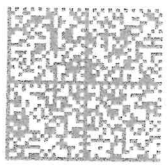

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