

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

C.H.L. EMS, INC., a California Corporation, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

KADDISH MUNOZ, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public,

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

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(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Civil Division

221 South Mooney Blvd, Room 201
Visalia, CA 93291

CASE NUMBER: VCU309413
(Número del Caso):

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(Adjunto)

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NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.

2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. ☐ on behalf of (specify):

under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation)

☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)

☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)

☐ other (specify):

☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)

☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)

☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)

4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

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Kaddish Munoz, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF TULARE

KADDISH MUNOZ, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public,

Plaintiff,

vs.

C.H.L. EMS, INC., a California Corporation, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive.

CASE NO. VCU309413

CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION COMPLAINT FOR:

1. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF (LABOR CODE § 226.7, 512 and 558);**
2. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF (LABOR CODE § 226.7, 512 and 558);**
3. **FAILURE TO PAY ALL WAGES IN VIOLATION OF (LABOR CODE §§ 510, 1194, 1194.2);**
4. **KNOWING AND INTENTIONAL FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITEMIZED EMPLOYEE WAGE STATEMENT PROVISIONS (LABOR CODE § 226(a), (e));**
5. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY WAGES DUE AT TERMINATION (LABOR CODE §§ 201-203);**
6. **FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY EMPLOYEES IN VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE § 204(a)(b);**
7. **FAILURE TO REIMBURSE FOR BUSINESS EXPENSES IN VIOLATION OF (LABOR CODE § 2802);**

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8. **FAILURE TO PAY FOR ALL HOURS WORKED, INCLUDING OVERTIME HOURS WORKED IN VIOLATION OF (LABOR CODE § 210, 218);**
 9. **VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200;**
 10. **PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE SECTION 2699(f) FOR VIOLATIONS OF LABOR CODE §§ 226.7, 512, 558, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 226(a),(e), 201-203, 204(a)(b), 2802, 210, 218**
 11. **FAILURE TO PRODUCE PERSONNEL FILE AND EMPLOYMENT RECORDS (LABOR CODE §§ 226(b), (c), 1198.5)**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLAINTIFF, Kaddish Munoz (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of herself and other “aggrieved employees” complains of Defendants as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is a Class and Representative Action, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 382 on behalf of Plaintiff and certain individuals who are employed by, or were formerly employed by, C.H.L. EMS, Inc. and any subsidiaries or affiliated companies (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Defendants”) within California.

2. For at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action and continuing to the present (the “liability period”). Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees were routinely unable, and not authorized to take their 10-minute rest periods and were also unable to take an uninterrupted 30-minute meal break for every shift they worked. Specifically, Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees were forced to continue working through their meal and rest breaks in order to assist Defendants’ needs. Because of this, Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees were unable to take their required meal and rest breaks. Moreover, Defendants failed to pay premium wages of one

1 hour's pay for each missed meal and rest break to Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees
2 who were denied timely meal and rest breaks, in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558,
3 and IWC Order No. 5-2001, Section 12.

4 3. Plaintiff also claims that Defendants have failed to pay all overtime wages due to
5 non-exempt employees. As a result, employees are not properly compensated for work performance
6 in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday and work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in a
7 workweek at a rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay. Employees of
8 Defendants regularly work in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours per
9 week and do not receive overtime compensation at a rate of one and one half of their regular rate.
10 Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were forced to work overtime and were not paid for
11 all hours worked including all straight time wages, and overtime wages. These failures to pay all
12 overtime wages constitute violations of Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, 1194.2.

13 4. Defendants failed to issue Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees accurately
14 itemized wage statements. As Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff and Defendants' California
15 employees with all wages due, as detailed above, their wage statements failed to accurately state all
16 gross wages earned, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(1), total hours worked, in violation of
17 Labor Code § 226(a)(2), net wages earned, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(5), and all applicable
18 hourly rates during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked, in violation of
19 Labor Code § 226(a)(9), as a result of Defendants' failure to pay all overtime wages due. Moreover,
20 Plaintiff and the California employees wage statements' failed to accurately state the name and
21 address of the legal entity that is the employer in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(8). Since the
22 wage statements provided to Plaintiff failed to accurately reflect the total number of Plaintiff's
23 worked hours, these violations also violate Labor Code §§ 226(e) and 226.3 with respect to Plaintiff
24 and Defendants' California employees.

25 5. Defendants knowingly and intentionally failed to provide Plaintiff and Defendants'
26 California employees timely, accurate, itemized wage statements in accordance with Labor Code §
27 226 and keep accurate records as required by §1174(d). The statements provided to Plaintiff and
28 Defendants' California employees, and the records maintained by Defendants, have not accurately
reflected actual gross wages earned, including pay for all hours worked, overtime, and meal/rest
premiums, and total hour worked.

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1 6. Our client further alleges that Defendants paid her and Defendants' California
2 employees their final wages beyond the time frames set forth in Labor Code §§ 201 and 202. As they
3 were not paid all wages due and owing throughout the course of their employment as a result of
4 Defendants' failure to pay all premium wages as detailed above, at the time of their separation, they
5 were not paid all final wages due and owing for the entirety of their employment. This violates
6 Labor Code §§ 201-203.

7 7. Defendants pay Plaintiff and their California employees on a bi-weekly basis and
8 have failed to comply with Labor Code § 204(a) which holds that wages earned on a bi-weekly basis
9 must be paid no later than seven calendar days following the close of the payroll period. Due to the
10 violations described above, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees did not receive all of
11 their wages earned in a timely manner as required by Labor Code § 204(a)(b).

12 8. Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees for the
13 supplies they purchased to perform work for Defendants including, but not limited to, shears,
14 notepads, pens, permanent markers, and wristwatch. Defendants also failed to reimburse Plaintiff
15 and Defendants' California employees for their uniforms and maintenance of their uniforms.
16 Defendants further failed to reimburse its California employees for using their personal cell phones
17 for the benefit of Defendants. Labor Code section 2802 provides that "[a]n employer shall indemnify
18 his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct
19 consequence of the discharge of his or her duties." As such, Plaintiff and Defendants' California
20 employees have incurred reasonable and necessary expenses in the course of their job duties, which
21 were not reimbursed by Defendants, in violation of Labor Code § 2802.

22 9. Defendants failed to pay all wages earned to Plaintiff and Defendants' California
23 employees as a result of the unlawful employment policies and practices herein. As a result of these
24 practices, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were underpaid for hours worked,
25 including overtime and penalty wages, and this underpayment resulted in a failure to pay all wages
26 owed twice per month. Due to this failure, Defendants are liable under Labor Code § 210 for failure
27 to pay wages as required by law.

28 10. Plaintiff and all other aggrieved employees bring this claim pursuant to *Business
& Professions Code* § 17200, et seq. The conduct of all Defendants as alleged above has been
and continues to be unfair, unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiff and Defendants' California
employees.

1 11. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all proposed Plaintiff Class members (specifically,
2 the “California Class” as defined herein), brings this action pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512,
3 and 558, Labor §§ 510, 1194, 1194.2, Labor § 226(a)(e), 1174(d), Labor Code § 201-203, Labor
4 Code § 204(a)(b), Labor Code § 2802, Labor Code § 210, 218, Business & Professions Code §
17200, et seq.

5 12. Venue as to each Defendant is proper in this judicial district, pursuant to Code
6 of Civil Procedure § 395. Defendants operate within the State of California. The unlawful acts
7 alleged herein took place in Visalia, California.

8 **II. PARTIES**

9 **A. PLAINTIFF**

10 13. Plaintiff Kaddish Munoz is a resident of Visalia, California. At all times
11 relevant herein, she was employed by Defendants in Tulare County, California. Plaintiff was
12 employed by Defendants as a non-exempt, hourly employee in California, including in and around
the city of Visalia, County of Tulare. During Plaintiff’s employment:

- 13 A. Plaintiff did not receive final wages upon termination.
- 14 B. Plaintiff and the Class were not paid in a timely manner pertaining to the waiting time
15 penalties in accordance with Labor Code §§ 201-203.
- 16 C. Plaintiff was forced to receive inaccurately itemized and deficient wage statements, in
17 violation of Labor Code § 226(a).
- 18 D. Plaintiff did not receive her compensation in accordance with Labor Code Section 204 in
19 that Defendant failed to issues wages to its employees within seven (7) calendar days
after the pay period ended.
- 20 E. Plaintiff was required to work without meal and rest periods, nor compensation in lieu
21 thereof, as required by the Labor Code and relevant Wage Orders.
- 22 F. Plaintiff was required to work either in excess of eight hours per workday or in excess of
23 forty hours per workweek without receiving compensation at a rate of one and one half
the regular rate of pay.
- 24 G. Defendant also failed to reimburse Plaintiff and Defendant’s California employees for
25 reasonable and necessary expenses in the course of their job duties, in violation of Labor
26 Code § 2802.

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1 **B. DEFENDANTS**

2 14. Defendant C.H.L. EMS, Inc., is a California Corporation doing business in Visalia,
3 California. It operates within the State of California. Defendants employed Plaintiff and similarly
4 situated employees within California. The violations alleged herein arose in Visalia, California.

5 15. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise,
6 of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 to 10, inclusive, are currently unknown to Plaintiff, who
7 therefore sues Defendants by such fictitious names under Code of Civil Procedure § 474. Plaintiff is
8 informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants designated herein as a
9 DOE is legally responsible in some manner for the unlawful acts referred to herein. Plaintiff will
10 seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of the
11 Defendants designated hereinafter as DOES when such identities become known.

12 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each Defendant
13 acted in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent of the other Defendants, carried out a joint
14 scheme, business plan or policy in all respects pertinent hereto, and the acts of each Defendant are
15 legally attributable to the other Defendants. Furthermore, Defendants in all respects acted as the
16 employer and/or joint employer of Plaintiff and the proposed Class.

17 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

18 17. Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were routinely unable, and not
19 authorized to take their 10-minute rest periods and were also unable to take an uninterrupted 30-
20 minute meal break for every shift they worked. Specifically, Plaintiff and Defendants' California
21 employees were forced to continue working through their meal and rest breaks in order to assist
22 Defendants' needs. Because of this, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were unable to
23 take their required meal and rest breaks. Moreover, Defendants failed to pay premium wages of one
24 hour's pay for each missed meal and rest break to Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees
25 who were denied timely meal and rest breaks, in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558,
26 and IWC Order No. 5-2001, Section 12.

27 18. Plaintiff also claims that Defendants have failed to pay all overtime wages due to
28 non-exempt employees. As a result, employees are not properly compensated for work performance
in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday and work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in a
workweek at a rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay. Employees of
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1 week and do not receive overtime compensation at a rate of one and one half of their regular rate.
2 Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were forced to work overtime and were not paid for
3 all hours worked including all straight time wages, and overtime wages. These failures to pay all
4 overtime wages constitute violations of Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, 1194.2.

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6 itemized wage statements. As Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff and Defendants' California
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13 address of the legal entity that is the employer in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(8). Since the
14 wage statements provided to Plaintiff failed to accurately reflect the total number of Plaintiff's
15 worked hours, these violations also violate Labor Code §§ 226(e) and 226.3 with respect to Plaintiff
16 and Defendants' California employees.

17 20. Defendants knowingly and intentionally failed to provide Plaintiff and Defendants'
18 California employees timely, accurate, itemized wage statements in accordance with Labor Code §
19 226 and keep accurate records as required by §1174(d). The statements provided to Plaintiff and
20 Defendants' California employees, and the records maintained by Defendants, have not accurately
21 reflected actual gross wages earned, including pay for all hours worked, overtime, and meal/rest
22 premiums, and total hour worked.

23 21. Our client further alleges that Defendants paid her and Defendants' California
24 employees their final wages beyond the time frames set forth in Labor Code §§ 201 and 202. As they
25 were not paid all wages due and owing throughout the course of their employment as a result of
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27 were not paid all final wages due and owing for the entirety of their employment. This violates
28 Labor Code §§ 201-203.

22. Defendants pay Plaintiff and their California employees on a bi-weekly basis and
have failed to comply with Labor Code § 204(a) which holds that wages earned on a bi-weekly basis
must be paid no later than seven calendar days following the close of the payroll period. Due to the

1 violations described above, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees did not receive all of
2 their wages earned in a timely manner as required by Labor Code § 204(a)(b).

3 23. Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees for the
4 supplies they purchased to perform work for Defendants including, but not limited to, shears,
5 notepads, pens, permanent markers, and wristwatch. Defendants also failed to reimburse Plaintiff
6 and Defendants' California employees for their uniforms and maintenance of their uniforms.
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8 for the benefit of Defendants. Labor Code section 2802 provides that "[a]n employer shall indemnify
9 his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct
10 consequence of the discharge of his or her duties." As such, Plaintiff and Defendants' California
11 employees have incurred reasonable and necessary expenses in the course of their job duties, which
12 were not reimbursed by Defendants, in violation of Labor Code § 2802.

13 24. Defendants failed to pay all wages earned to Plaintiff and Defendants' California
14 employees as a result of the unlawful employment policies and practices herein. As a result of these
15 practices, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were underpaid for hours worked,
16 including overtime and penalty wages, and this underpayment resulted in a failure to pay all wages
17 owed twice per month. Due to this failure, Defendants are liable under Labor Code § 210 for failure
18 to pay wages as required by law.

19 25. Plaintiff and all other aggrieved employees bring this claim pursuant to *Business*
20 & *Professions Code* § 17200, et seq. The conduct of all Defendants as alleged above has been
21 and continues to be unfair, unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiff and Defendants' California
22 employees.

23 CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

24 26. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated as a
25 Class Action pursuant to § 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

26 27. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class composed of and defined as follows:

27 THE CALIFORNIA CLASS

28 28. All current and former California employees of Defendants since the date
four (4) year prior to the filing of this complaint.

29 29. Plaintiff reserves the right under Rule 3.765, California Rules of Court, to
amend or modify the class description with greater specificity or further division into

1 subclasses or limitation to particular issues.

2 30. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class
3 action under the provisions of § 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure because there is a
4 well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the proposed Class is easily
ascertainable.

5 **A. NUMEROSITY**

6 31. The potential members of the proposed Class as defined are so numerous that joinder
7 of all the members of the proposed Class is impracticable. While the precise number of proposed
8 Plaintiff Class members has not been determined at this time, Plaintiff is informed and believes that
9 Defendants currently employ, and during the relevant time periods employed, over seventy-five (75)
Class members in the State of California.

10 32. Accounting for employee turnover during the relevant periods necessarily increases
11 this number substantially. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' employment records would provide
12 information as to the number and location of all proposed Plaintiff Class members. Joinder of all
13 members of the proposed Class is not practicable.

14 **B. COMMONALITY**

15 33. There are questions of law and fact common to the proposed Class that predominate
16 over any questions affecting only individual Class members. These common questions of law and
17 fact include, without limitation, whether Defendants failed to provide members of the Class with
18 wage statements that fully and accurately itemize the requirements set forth in Labor Code §226(a),
19 accurate final wages, and final wages on the day of termination and or within seventy-two (72) hours
of separation and whether the rest periods were timely made available.

20 **C. TYPICALITY**

21 34. The claims of the named Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the proposed Class.
22 Plaintiff and all members of the proposed Class sustained injuries and damages arising out of and
23 caused by Defendants' common course of conduct in violation of laws, regulations that have the
force and effect of law, and statutes as alleged herein.

24 **D. ADEQUACY OF REPRESENTATION**

25 35. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the members
26 of the proposed Class. Counsel who represents Plaintiff is competent and experienced in litigating
27 large employment class actions.

1 **E. SUPERIORITY OF CLASS ACTION**

2 36. A class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient
3 adjudication of this controversy. Individual joinder of all proposed Plaintiff Class members is not
4 practicable, and questions of law and fact common to the proposed Class predominate over any
5 questions affecting only individual members of the proposed Class. Each member of the proposed
6 Class has been damaged and is entitled to recovery by reason of Defendant's failure to comply with
Labor Code 226(a).

7 37. Class action treatment will allow those similarly situated persons to litigate their
8 claims in the manner that is most efficient and economical for the parties and the judicial system.
9 Plaintiffs are unaware of any difficulties that are likely to be encountered in the management of this
action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

10 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

11 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS OR COMPENSATION IN LIEU THEREOF**
13 **(LABOR CODE §§ 226.7, 512 and 558)**

14 38. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 37 of this Complaint as though fully set
15 forth herein.

16 39. Plaintiff is entitled to one hour of pay for each day that Defendants failed to properly
17 provide one or more meal periods as set forth in the IWC Wage Orders and Labor Code §§ 226.7,
512 and 558.

18 40. Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were routinely unable, and not
19 authorized to take an uninterrupted 30-minute meal break for every shift they worked. Specifically,
20 Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were forced to continue working through their meal
21 breaks in order to assist Defendants' needs. Because of this, Plaintiff and Defendants' California
22 employees were unable to take their required meal breaks. Moreover, Defendants failed to pay
23 premium wages of one hour's pay for each missed meal break to Plaintiff and Defendants'
24 California employees who were denied timely meal breaks, in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7,
512, and 558, and IWC Order No. 5-2001, Section 12.

25 41. Pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512 and 558 Plaintiff seeks the payment of all meal
26 period compensations, which she was owed since she commenced to work for Defendant, according
27 to proof.

42. Additionally, Plaintiff is entitled to, and seeks, attorney's fees and costs, and prejudgment interest.

43. Wherefore, Plaintiff seeks to represent request relief as described below.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST PERIODS OR COMPENSATION IN LIEU THEREOF
(LABOR CODE §§ 226.7, 512 and 558)**

44. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1 through 43 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

45. Plaintiff is entitled to one hour of pay for each day that Defendants failed to properly provide one or more rest periods as set forth in the IWC Wage Orders and Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512 and 558.

46. Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were routinely unable, and not authorized to take their 10-minute rest periods for every shift they worked. Specifically, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were forced to continue working through their rest breaks in order to assist Defendants' needs. Because of this, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were unable to take their required rest breaks. Moreover, Defendants failed to pay premium wages of one hour's pay for each missed rest break to Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees who were denied timely rest breaks, in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558, and IWC Order No. 5-2001, Section 12.

47. Pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512 and 558 Plaintiff seeks the payment of all rest period compensations, which she was owed since she commenced to work for Defendant, according to proof.

48. Additionally, Plaintiff is entitled to, and seeks, attorney's fees and costs, and prejudgment interest.

49. Wherefore, Plaintiff seeks to represent request relief as described below.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

**FAILURE TO PAY ALL WAGES IN VIOLATION OF
(LABOR CODE §§ 510, 1194, 1194.2)**

50. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

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51. During the liability period, Defendant failed to pay all wages to Plaintiff and Defendant's California employees.

52. Plaintiff also claims that Defendants have failed to pay all overtime wages due to non-exempt employees. As a result, employees are not properly compensated for work performance in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday and work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek at a rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay. Employees of Defendants regularly work in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours per week and do not receive overtime compensation at a rate of one and one half of their regular rate. Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were forced to work overtime and were not paid for all hours worked including all straight time wages, and overtime wages. These failures to pay all overtime wages constitute violations of Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, 1194.2.

53. As a result, Plaintiff and Defendant's California employees were not paid for all hours worked including all straight time wages, and overtime wages. These failures to pay wages constitute violations of Labor Code § 510 and 1194.

54. As a result of the unlawful acts of Defendants in willfully filing to pay all alleges, Plaintiff and Defendant's California employees have been deprived of wages in amounts to be determined at trial, and are entitled to restitution and recovery of such amounts, plus interest thereon, attorneys' fees, and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 1194 and liquidated damages pursuant to Labor Code § 1194.2.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

**KNOWING AND INTENTIONAL FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ITEMIZED
EMPLOYEE WAGE STATEMENT PROVISIONS (LABOR CODE § 226(a),(e))**

55. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

56. Section 226(a) of the California Labor Code requires Defendants to provide wage statements to employees. In those wage statements, Defendants must accurately set forth, among other things, the total gross and net wages earned, and all hourly rates in effect, for Plaintiff. Defendants have knowingly and intentionally failed to comply with Labor Code § 226(a).

57. Defendants failed to issue Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees accurately itemized wage statements. As Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees with all wages due, as detailed above, their wage statements failed to accurately state all

1 gross wages earned, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(1), total hours worked, in violation of
2 Labor Code § 226(a)(2), net wages earned, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(5), and all applicable
3 hourly rates during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked, in violation of
4 Labor Code § 226(a)(9), as a result of Defendants' failure to pay all overtime wages due. Moreover,
5 Plaintiff and the California employees wage statements' failed to accurately state the name and
6 address of the legal entity that is the employer in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(8). Since the
7 wage statements provided to Plaintiff failed to accurately reflect the total number of Plaintiff's
8 worked hours, these violations also violate Labor Code §§ 226(e) and 226.3 with respect to Plaintiff
9 and Defendants' California employees.

10 58. Defendants knowingly and intentionally failed to provide Plaintiff and Defendant's
11 California employees timely, accurate, itemized wage statements in accordance with Labor Code §
12 226 and keep accurate records as required by §1174(d). The statements provided to Plaintiff and
13 Defendant's California employees, and the records maintained by Defendants, have not accurately
14 reflected actual gross wages earned, including pay for all hours worked, overtime, and meal/rest
15 premiums, and total hour worked.

16 59. The wage statements provided to Plaintiff and members of the Class fail to accurately
17 itemize in wage statements total gross and net wages earned, and all hourly rates in effect for
18 Plaintiff. Defendants' violations of Labor Code § 226(a) are knowing and intentional, and Plaintiff
19 has suffered injury as a result of the receipt of defective wage statements, thereby entitling them to
20 penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 226(e).

21 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **FAILURE TO PAY WAGES DUE AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE IN VIOLATION** 23 **OF LABOR CODE §§ 201-202, RESULTING IN SECTION 203 WAGES AND** 24 **PENALTIES (WAITING TIME PENALTIES)**

25 60. Plaintiff hereby incorporates preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though
26 fully set forth herein.

27 61. At all times material herein, the California Labor Code Sections 201, 202, and
28 203 were in effect and binding on Defendant.

62. California Labor Code § 202 requires employers to pay employees all wages due
within seventy-two (72) hours of resignation. California Labor Code § 201 states in pertinent
part that "if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of

1 discharge are due and payable immediately.” California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an
2 employer willfully fails to timely pay such wages the employer must, as penalty, continue to
3 pay the subject employee’s wages until the back wages are paid in full or an action is
4 commenced. The penalty cannot exceed 30 days of wages.

5 63. Plaintiff was entitled to compensation for unpaid wages, but to date has not
6 received such compensation. Specifically, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff all wages due to
7 Plaintiff at the time of her separation of employment from Defendant’s. Thus, since Defendant
8 failed to promptly pay Plaintiff all wages due to Plaintiff at the time of her separation of
9 employment, Defendant violated Section 201 of the Labor Code and Plaintiff is therefore
10 entitled to wages and penalties pursuant to Labor Code Section 203.

11 64. More than 30 days have passed since Plaintiff’s employment ended with
12 Defendant.

13 65. As a consequence of Defendant’s willful conduct in not paying wages owed to
14 Plaintiff, Plaintiff is entitled to 30 days of wages as a penalty pursuant to Labor Code § 203 for
15 Defendant’s failure to timely pay legal wages, together with attorney’s fees and cost of suit,
16 and interest pursuant to California Labor Code Section 218.5.

17 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY EMPLOYEES IN VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE § 204(a)(b)**

19 66. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set
20 forth herein.

21 67. At all times relevant herein, Labor Code § 204 was in full force and effect and
22 binding on Defendants.

23 68. Wages must be paid according to a regularly set schedule. (Labor Code § 204). All
24 earned wages must be paid at least twice a month, on days designated in advance by the employer.
25 Work performed between the 1st and the 15th days, inclusive, of any calendar month must be paid
26 between the 16th and 26th day of the same month. Work performed between the 16th and the last
27 day of the month must be paid between the 1st and 10th day of the following month. (Labor Code §
28 204). Weekly or bi-weekly (every two weeks) payroll must be paid within seven (7) days of the end
of the pay period in which the wages were earned (Labor Code §§ 204(a), 204(b)).

69. Defendants pay Plaintiff and its California employees on a bi-weekly basis and have
failed to comply with Labor Code § 204(a) which holds that wages earned on a bi-weekly basis must

1 be paid no later than seven calendar days following the close of the payroll period. Due to the
2 violations described above, Plaintiff and Defendant's California employees did not receive all of
3 their wages earned in a timely manner as required by Labor Code § 204(a)(b).

4 70. Defendants have failed to comply with the above-section because they waited longer
5 than seven days from the close of the pay period to pay its bi-weekly paid employees.

6 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **FAILURE TO REIMBURSE FOR BUSINESS EXPENSES IN VIOLATION OF** 8 **CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 2802**

9 71. Plaintiff hereby incorporates preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though
10 fully set forth herein.

11 72. Labor Code § 2802 provides that "[a]n employer shall indemnify his or her
12 employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct
13 consequence of the discharge of his or her duties."

14 73. Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees
15 for the supplies they purchased to perform work for Defendants including, but not limited to,
16 shears, notepads, pens, permanent markers, and wristwatch. Defendants also failed to reimburse
17 Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees for their uniforms and maintenance of their
18 uniforms. Defendants further failed to reimburse its California employees for using their personal
19 cell phones for the benefit of Defendants. Labor Code section 2802 provides that "[a]n employer
20 shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the
21 employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties." As such, Plaintiff and
22 Defendants' California employees have incurred reasonable and necessary expenses in the course
23 of their job duties, which were not reimbursed by Defendants, in violation of Labor Code § 2802.

24 74. Plaintiff is entitled to reimbursement for these necessary expenditures, plus
25 interest and attorneys' fees and cost, under Labor Code § 2802.

26 75. Plaintiff also requests relief as described below.

27 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

28 **FAILURE TO PAY FOR ALL HOURS WORKED, INCLUDING OVERTIME HOURS** **WORKED IN VIOLATION OF (LABOR CODES §§ 210, 218)**

76. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set
forth herein.

1 77. Section 2(K) or Wage Order 5 defines “hours worked” as “the time during which an
2 employee is subject to the control of an employer, and including all the time the employee is
3 suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so.” Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1197
4 required employers to compensate Plaintiff for all hours worked at least at a minimum wage ad
5 established by the Wage Order. Defendants did not pay for all hours worked and frequently required
6 Plaintiff to work off the clock. Defendants have been engaged in many unlawful employment
practices which resulted in underpayment for hours worked each pay period as more set forth below:

7 78. Failure to Pay All Wages Owed Twice Per Month. Defendants were required to pay
8 Plaintiff all wages earned twice during each calendar month pursuant to Labor Code § 204(a).
9 Defendants failed to pay all wages earned to Plaintiff as a result of the unlawful employment policies
10 and practices herein. As a result of these practices, Plaintiff was underpaid for hours worked,
11 including overtime and penalty wages, and this underpayment resulted in a failure to pay all wages
12 owed twice per month. Due to this failure, Defendants are liable under Labor Code § 210 for failure
to pay wages as required by law.

13 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
14 **UNFAIR COMPETITION PURSUANT TO**
15 **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200**

16 79. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set
forth herein.

17 80. This is an Action for Unfair Business Practices. Plaintiff Kaddish Munoz brings this
18 claim pursuant to *Business & Professions Code* § 17200, et seq. The conduct of all Defendants as
19 alleged in this Complaint has been and continues to be unfair, unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiff and
20 Defendant’s California employees as a result of Defendant’s failure to comply with the labor code
21 sections as set out above. Plaintiff and Defendant’s California employees seek to enforce important
rights affecting the public interest within the meaning of *Code of Civil Procedure* § 1021.5.

22 81. Plaintiff is a “person” within the meaning of *Business & Professions Code* § 17204,
23 and therefore has standing to bring this cause of action for injunctive relief, restitution, and other
24 appropriate equitable relief.

25 82. *Business & Profession Code* § 17200 et. seq. prohibits unlawful and unfair business
26 practices.

27 83. Defendants have violated statutes and public policies. Through the conduct alleged in

1 this Complaint, Defendants, and each of them, have acted contrary to these public policies, have
2 violated specific provisions of the *Labor Code*, and have engaged in other unlawful and unfair
3 business practices in violation of *Business & Professions Code* § 17200, *et seq.*, depriving Plaintiff,
4 of rights, benefits, and privileges guaranteed to Plaintiff under law.

5 84. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, constitutes unfair competition in violation of
6 § 17200 *et. seq.* of the *Business & Professions Code*.

7 85. As a proximate result of the above mentioned acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has been
8 damaged in a sum as may be proven.

9 86. Unless restrained by this Court, Defendants will continue to engage in the unlawful
10 conduct as alleged above. Pursuant to *Business & Professions Code*, this Court should make such
11 orders or judgments, including the appointment of a receiver, as may be necessary to prevent the use
12 or employment, by Defendants, their agents, or Plaintiff, of any unlawful or deceptive practice
13 prohibited by the *Business & Professions Code*, and/or, including but not limited to, disgorgement of
14 profits which may be necessary to restore Plaintiff to the money Defendants have unlawfully failed
15 to pay.

16 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **PENALTIES PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE § 2699(f) FOR VIOLATIONS OF LABOR** 18 **CODE §§ 226.7, 512, 558, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 226(a), (e), 201-203, 204(a)(b), 2802, 210, 218**

19 87. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set
20 forth herein.

21 88. As a result of the acts alleged herein, Plaintiff seeks penalties under Labor Code §
22 2698 *et seq.* because of Defendants' violations of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558, 510, 1194, 1194.2,
23 226(a), (e), 201-203, 204(a)(b), 2802, 210, 218.

24 89. For each such violation, Plaintiff and all aggrieved employees are entitled to penalties
25 in an amount to be shown at the time of trial subject to the following formula:

- 26 a. With respect to the violation of Labor Code § 2699(f) for violations of
27 Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 226(a), (e), 201-203,
28 204(a)(b), 2802, 210, 218, \$100 for the initial violation per employee per
pay period and \$200 for each subsequent violation per employee per pay
period.

90. These penalties will be allocated 75% to the Labor Workforce Development Agency,

1 and 25% to the affected employees.

2 91. On March 22, 2024, Plaintiff sent a letter, by certified mail, return receipt requested,
3 to the LWDA and Defendants setting forth the facts and theories of the violations alleged against
4 Defendants, as prescribed by Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.* (**Exhibit “A”**). Pursuant to Labor Code §
5 2699.3(a)(2)(A), no notice was received by Plaintiff from the LWDA within sixty-five (65) calendar
6 days of March 22, 2024. Plaintiff may therefore commence this action to seek penalties pursuant to
7 Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*

8 92. Wherefore, Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees he seeks to represent request relief
9 as described herein.

10 **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

11 **FAILURE TO PRODUCE PERSONNEL FILE AND EMPLOYMENT 12 RECORDS IN VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE §§ 226(b), (c), 1198.5**

13 93. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 92 are realleged and
14 incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

15 94. Plaintiff relies on two California labor law provisions. First, § 226(b) gives
16 current and former employees a right to inspect or copy their employment records, and § 226(c)
17 requires that the employer comply with a § 226(b) request as soon as practicable, but no later
18 than 21 calendar days from the date of the request in violation of the California Labor Code §
19 226(b), (c).

20 95. Second, § 1198.5 provides that “[e]very current and former employee. . . has the
21 right to inspect and receive a copy of the personnel records that the employer maintains relating
22 to the employee’s performance or to any grievance concerning the employee.” in violation of
23 the California Labor Code § 1198.5. The employer must take the contents of the personnel
24 records available for inspection at a reasonable time, but no later than 30 days from the request.

25 96. Plaintiff made a written request to Defendant C.H.L. EMS, Inc. on March 22,
26 2024, for documents including her wage statements, payroll records, personnel files, and
27 documents that relate to her holding or obtaining employment.

28 97. Defendant C.H.L. EMS, Inc. failed to produce Plaintiff’s personnel records in
response to Plaintiff’s request.

98. Plaintiff argues that Defendant C.H.L. EMS, Inc. failed to produce all required
documents, including Plaintiff’s wage statements and personnel file.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

1. For a money judgment representing compensatory damages including lost wages, earnings, retirement benefits and other employee benefits, and all other sums of money, together with interest on these amounts, according to proof;

2. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 203 for failure to timely pay wages due at termination.

3. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 226(e) for failure to comply with itemized employee wage statement provisions.

4. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 1174(d) for failure to comply with itemized employee wage statement provisions.

5. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 1174.5 for failure to comply with itemized employee wage statement provisions.

6. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 226.7 for failure to provide meal and rest periods or compensation in lieu thereof.

7. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 510 for failure to pay all wages.

8. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 1194.2 for failure to pay all wages.

9. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 204(b) for failure to timely pay employees.

10. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 2802 for failure to reimburse for business expenses.

11. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 210 for failure to pay all hours worked, including overtime hours worked.

12. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq.;

13. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 226(b),(c);

14. That Defendants are found to have violated the requirements of Labor Code § 1198.5;

15. For penalties and other relief pursuant to Labor Code § 2698 et seq. for Plaintiff and

all other aggrieved employees;

16. An award providing for payment of costs of suit pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1);
17. An award of attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1);
18. An award of prejudgment and post-judgment interest;
19. An award providing for payment of costs of suit;
20. An award of attorneys' fees; and
21. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: May 29, 2024

OTKUPMAN LAW FIRM,
A Law Corporation

By: 

ROMAN OTKUPMAN
Attorneys for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of her claims by jury to the extent authorized by law.

Dated: May 29, 2024

OTKUPMAN LAW FIRM,
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

EXHIBIT “A”

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Re: ***Kaddish Munoz v. C.H.L. EMS, Inc, C.H.L. EMS, Inc. DBA American Ambulance, American Ambulance – Labor Code Violations of C.H.L. EMS, Inc, C H L EMS, Inc. DBA American Ambulance, American Ambulance – Compliance Letter of California Labor Code § 2698 – Private Attorneys General Act***

Dear Sir or Madam:

This office represents Kaddish Munoz (“Plaintiff”), a former California employee of C.H.L. EMS, Inc, C H L EMS, Inc. DBA American Ambulance, American Ambulance (“Defendants”). The purpose of this letter is to comply with the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, pursuant to California Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*

Our client works for Defendants in Central California. Herein we set forth the facts and theories of California Labor Code violations which we allege Defendants engaged in with respect to our client and Defendants’ other California non-exempt employees.

Plaintiff began working for Defendants on or about April 1, 2023. While working for Defendants as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Plaintiff was earning fifteen dollars and fifty cents (\$15.50) per hour.

Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees were routinely unable, and not authorized to take their 10-minute rest periods and were also unable to take an uninterrupted 30-minute meal break for every shift they worked. Specifically, Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees were forced to continue working through their meal and rest breaks in order to assist Defendants’ needs. Because of this, Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees were unable to take their required meal and rest breaks. Moreover, Defendants failed to pay premium wages of one hour’s pay for each missed meal and rest break to Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees who were denied timely meal and rest breaks, in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558, and IWC Order No. 5-2001, Section 12.

Plaintiff also claims that Defendants have failed to pay all overtime wages due to non-exempt employees. As a result, employees are not properly compensated for work performance in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday and work performed in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek at a rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay. Employees of Defendants regularly work in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours per week and do not receive overtime compensation at a rate of one and one half of their regular rate. Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees were forced to work overtime and were not paid for all hours worked including all straight time wages, and overtime wages. These failures to pay all overtime wages constitute violations of Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, 1194.2.

Defendants failed to issue Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees accurately itemized wage statements. As Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff and Defendants’ California employees with all wages due, as detailed above, their wage statements failed to accurately state all gross wages earned, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(1), total hours worked, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(2), net wages earned, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(5), and all applicable hourly rates during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(9), as a result of Defendants’ failure to pay all overtime wages due. Moreover, Plaintiff and the California employees wage statements’ failed to accurately state the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer in violation of Labor Code § 226(a)(8).

Since the wage statements provided to Plaintiff failed to accurately reflect the total number of Plaintiff's worked hours, these violations also violate Labor Code §§ 226(e) and 226.3 with respect to Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees.

Defendants knowingly and intentionally failed to provide Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees timely, accurate, itemized wage statements in accordance with Labor Code § 226 and keep accurate records as required by §1174(d). The statements provided to Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees, and the records maintained by Defendants, have not accurately reflected actual gross wages earned, including pay for all hours worked, overtime, and meal/rest premiums, and total hour worked.

Our client further alleges that Defendants paid her and Defendants' California employees their final wages beyond the time frames set forth in Labor Code §§ 201 and 202. As they were not paid all wages due and owing throughout the course of their employment as a result of Defendants' failure to pay all premium wages as detailed above, at the time of their separation, they were not paid all final wages due and owing for the entirety of their employment. This violates Labor Code §§ 201-203.

Defendants pay Plaintiff and their California employees on a bi-weekly basis and have failed to comply with Labor Code § 204(a) which holds that wages earned on a bi-weekly basis must be paid no later than seven calendar days following the close of the payroll period. Due to the violations described above, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees did not receive all of their wages earned in a timely manner as required by Labor Code § 204(a)(b).

Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees for the supplies they purchased to perform work for Defendants including, but not limited to, shears, notepads, pens, permanent markers, and wristwatch. Defendants also failed to reimburse Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees for their uniforms and maintenance of their uniforms. Defendants further failed to reimburse its California employees for using their personal cell phones for the benefit of Defendants. Labor Code section 2802 provides that "[a]n 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." As such, Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees have incurred reasonable and necessary expenses in the course of their job duties, which were not reimbursed by Defendants, in violation of Labor Code § 2802.

Defendants failed to continue to take precautions to ensure employee safety after the onset of COVID. Under LC §6409.6(a)(1). "COVID-19" means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees, directly after the onset of COVID, were required to partake in mandatory temperature and health checks, but these activities were not enforced or practiced quickly after the onset of COVID and when COVID was still a health risk to the employees. Plaintiff and Defendants' California employees were also required to provide their own masks at the workplace. As a result of these practices, Defendants

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have violated Cal. Labor Code §§ 6400, 6401, 6402, 6403, 6404, and 6407 for failure to provide a safe and healthful environment for their Employees, as outlines above. Defendants are liable for civil penalties pursuant to Cal. Labor Code § 2699 *et seq.*

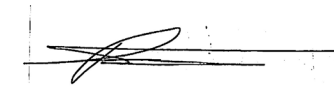
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We invite Defendants or their attorney(s) to contact our office to discuss this matter, including whether an early resolution of the claims can be reached.

Our office awaits your response.

Very truly yours,

OTKUPMAN LAW FIRM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roman Otkupman', is written over a horizontal line.

ROMAN OTKUPMAN

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| a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties
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3. Remedies sought (*check all that apply*): a. ☒ monetary b. ☐ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☒ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (*specify*): Eleven (11)
5. This case ☒ is ☐ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (*You may use form CM-015.*)

Date: May 29, 2024

Roman Otkupman

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NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

CM-010

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you **must** complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

Auto (22)–Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) (*if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto*)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)
Asbestos Property Damage
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
Product Liability (*not asbestos or toxic/environmental*) (24)
Medical Malpractice (45)
Medical Malpractice–Physicians & Surgeons
Other Professional Health Care Malpractice
Other PI/PD/WD (23)
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress
Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (*not civil harassment*) (08)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)
Fraud (16)
Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
Legal Malpractice
Other Professional Malpractice (*not medical or legal*)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)
Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Breach of Rental/Lease
Contract (*not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction*)
Contract/Warranty Breach–Seller Plaintiff (*not fraud or negligence*)
Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
Collection Case–Seller Plaintiff
Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
Insurance Coverage (*not provisionally complex*) (18)
Auto Subrogation
Other Coverage
Other Contract (37)
Contractual Fraud
Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
Wrongful Eviction (33)
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
Mortgage Foreclosure
Quiet Title
Other Real Property (*not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure*)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)
Residential (32)
Drugs (38) (*if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential*)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ–Administrative Mandamus
Writ–Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter
Writ–Other Limited Court Case Review
Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order
Notice of Appeal–Labor Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims (*arising from provisionally complex case type listed above*) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (*non-domestic relations*)
Sister State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award (*not unpaid taxes*)
Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)
Other Complaint (*not specified above*) (42)
Declaratory Relief Only
Injunctive Relief Only (*non-harassment*)
Mechanics Lien
Other Commercial Complaint Case (*non-tort/non-complex*)
Other Civil Complaint (*non-tort/non-complex*)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Other Petition (*not specified above*) (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
Election Contest
Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Civil Petition