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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

ANTELMO BARRALES RUIZ,
individually, on behalf of others similarly
situated, and on behalf of other aggrieved
employees,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CERRO PACIFIC LUMBER, INC., a
California corporation; ANDREW LEE
BURGESS, an individual; and DOES 1
through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 24CV00813

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS AND
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT**

- (1) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1198 (Unpaid Overtime)
- (2) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a) (Unpaid Meal Period Premiums)
- (3) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226.7 (Unpaid Rest Period Premiums)
- (4) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 (Unpaid Minimum Wages)
- (5) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203 (Final Wages Not Timely Paid)
- (6) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 204 and 210 (Wages Not Timely Paid During Employment)
- (7) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226(a) (Failure to Provide Accurate Wage Statements)
- (8) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802 (Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses)
- (9) Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq.
- (10) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 2699, et al. (Private Attorneys General Act)

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

1 Plaintiff Antelmo Barrales Ruiz (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of other members
2 of the general public similarly situated, and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to
3 the Private Attorneys General Act, based upon facts that either have evidentiary support or are
4 likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation and
5 discovery, alleges as follows:

6 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7 1. Plaintiff brings this action against Defendant and DOES 1 THROUGH 50
8 (hereinafter also collectively referred to as “Defendant”) for California Labor Code violations,
9 unfair business practices, and civil penalties stemming from Defendants’ failure to pay overtime
10 compensation, failure to provide meal periods, failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure
11 to pay minimum wage, failure to timely pay wages, failure to provide accurate wage statements,
12 failure to maintain accurate time and payroll records, failure to reimburse necessary business-
13 related expenses, and failure to pay reporting wages. In addition, this is a class action lawsuit
14 seeking unpaid wages and interest thereon for unpaid wages for all hours worked at minimum
15 wage and overtime worked at the overtime rate of pay due to defendant’s policy, practice, and/or
16 procedure of rounding down or shaving down employees’ daily hours worked.

17 2. Plaintiff’s First through Ninth Causes of Action are brought as a class action on
18 behalf of himself and similarly situated current and former employees of Defendants (hereinafter
19 collectively referred to as the “Class” or “Class Members,” as defined more fully in paragraph
20 12, below) pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382. The monetary damages
21 and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceeds the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court
22 and will be established according to proof at trial.

23 3. Plaintiff’s Tenth Cause of Action is brought as a representative action on behalf
24 of herself and certain other current and former individuals who performed work for Defendant as
25 employees in California during the statutory period (hereinafter collective referred to as the
26 “Aggrieved Employees”) pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2698, et seq. Plaintiff is an
27 aggrieved employee against whom one or more of the alleged violations occurred. The civil
28 penalties sought by Plaintiff exceed the minimal jurisdictional limits of the Superior Court and

1 will be established according to proof at trial.

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

6 5. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because, upon information and belief,
7 Defendants are citizens of California, have sufficient minimum contacts in California, or
8 otherwise intentionally avail themselves of the California market so as to render the exercise of
9 jurisdiction over them by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and
10 substantial justice.

11 6. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendants
12 maintain offices, have agents, and/or transact business in the State of California, County of
13 Mendocino.

14 **PARTIES**

15 7. Plaintiff Antelmo Barrales Ruiz is an individual residing in the County of
16 Mendocino, State of California.

17 8. Defendant Cerro Pacific Lumber, Inc., is and at all times herein mentioned was, a
18 corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and registered to do
19 business in the state of California.

20 9. Defendant Andrew Lee Burgess is an individual residing in the State of California
21 and is the owner, as well as sole director, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Executive Officer of
22 Defendant Cerro Pacific Lumber, Inc. Defendant Cerro Pacific Lumber, Inc. and Defendant
23 Burgess are collectively referred to as “Defendants.”

24 10. Plaintiff is ignorant of the identities of defendants Does 1 through 50, inclusive,
25 and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. The Doe defendants may be
26 individuals, partnerships, or corporations. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
27 that, at all times mentioned herein, each of the Doe defendants was the parent, subsidiary, agent,
28 servant, employee, co-venturer, and/or co-conspirator of each of the other defendants, and was at

all times mentioned acting within the scope, purpose, consent, knowledge, ratification and authorization of such agency, employment, joint venture and conspiracy. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named Doe defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that Plaintiff's damages as herein alleged were proximately caused by its conduct. Defendant Cerro Pacific Lumber, Inc. and Doe Defendants 1 through 50 are collectively referred to herein as "Defendant."

11. Defendant was and at all times herein mentioned were, (a) conducting business in the County of Mendocino, State of California, and (b) the employer of Plaintiff consistent with the California Labor Code and Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders ("Wage Orders").

12. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendant, directly or indirectly controlled or affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees so as to make each of said Defendant employers and employers jointly liable under the statutory provisions set forth herein.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

13. Plaintiff brings the First through Ninth Causes of Action as a class action on his own behalf and on behalf of all other members of the general public similarly situated, and, thus, seeks class certification under Code of Civil Procedure section 382.

14. The proposed class is defined as follows: All current and former non-exempt employees of any of Defendant within the State of California at any time commencing four (4) years preceding the filing of Plaintiff's complaint up until the time that notice of the certified class action is provided to the class (hereinafter referred to as the "Class" or "Class Members.>").

15. Plaintiff reserves the right to establish other subclasses as appropriate.

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

- a. Numerosity: The Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all Class Members is impracticable. The membership of the entire Class is unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, the Class is estimated to be over fifty (50)

1 individuals and the identity of such membership is readily ascertainable by
2 inspection of Defendant's employment records.

3 b. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of all other Class Members demonstrated
4 herein. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other Class
5 Members with whom she has a well-defined community of interest.

6 c. Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of each Class
7 Member, with whom she has a well-defined community of interest and typicality
8 of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff has no interest that is antagonistic to
9 the other Class Members. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are
10 versed in the rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement.
11 Plaintiff has incurred, and during the pendency of this action will continue to
12 incur, costs and attorneys' fees, that have been, are, and will be necessarily
13 expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of each Class
14 Member.

15 d. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and
16 efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual joinder of all Class
17 Members is impractical.

18 e. Public Policy Considerations: Certification of this lawsuit as a class action will
19 advance public policy objectives. Employers of this great state violate
20 employment and labor laws every day. Current employees are often afraid to
21 assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. However, class
22 actions provide the Class Members who are not named in the complaint
23 anonymity that allows for the vindication of their rights.

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

27 a. Whether Defendant's failure to pay wages, without abatement, or reduction, in
28 accordance with the California Labor Code was willful;

- 1 b. Whether Defendant had a corporate policy and practice of failing to pay Plaintiff
2 and the other Class Members for all hours worked, and missed, short, late or
3 interrupted meal periods and rest breaks in violation of California law;
- 4 c. Whether Defendant required Plaintiff and the other Class Members to work more
5 than eight (8) hours per day and/or more than forty (40) hours per week and failed
6 to pay the legally required overtime compensation to Plaintiff and the other Class
7 Members;
- 8 d. Whether Defendant deprived Plaintiff and the other Class Members of meal
9 and/or rest periods or required Plaintiff and the other Class Members to work
10 during meal and/or rest periods without compensation;
- 11 e. Whether Defendant failed to pay meal period premium wages to Class Members
12 when they were not provided with a legally compliant meal period;
- 13 f. Whether Defendant failed to pay rest period premium wages to Class Members
14 when they were not authorized and permitted to take legally compliant rest
15 periods;
- 16 g. Whether Defendant failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other Class
17 Members for all hours worked;
- 18 h. Whether Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members the
19 required minimum wage pursuant to California law;
- 20 i. Whether Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members proper
21 overtime compensation pursuant to California law;
- 22 j. Whether Defendant failed to pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other Class
23 Members within the time required upon their discharge or resignation from
24 employment;
- 25 k. Whether Defendant failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other Class Members for
26 all necessary business-related expenses and costs in violation of California Labor
27 Code section 2802;
- 28 l. Whether Defendant failed to pay reporting time wages in violation of the

applicable IWC Wage Order;

- m. Whether Defendant failed to timely pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other Class Members during their employment;
- n. Whether Defendant complied with wage reporting as required by the California Labor Code, including section 226;
- o. Whether Defendant's conduct was with malice, fraud or oppression;
- p. Whether Defendant's conduct was willful or reckless;
- q. Whether Defendant engaged in unfair business practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.* based on their improper withholding of compensation and deduction of wages;
- r. The appropriate amount of damages, restitution, and/or monetary penalties resulting from Defendant's violation of California law; and
- s. Whether Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to compensatory damages pursuant to the California Labor Code.

PAGA ALLEGATIONS

18. At all times herein set forth, PAGA was applicable to Plaintiff's employment by Defendant.

19. At all times herein set forth, PAGA provides that any provision of law under the California Labor Code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the LWDA for violations of the California Labor Code may, as an alternative, be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of themselves and other current or former employees pursuant to procedures outlined in California Labor Code section 2699.3.

20. Pursuant to PAGA, a civil action under PAGA may be brought by an "aggrieved employee," who is any person that was employed by the alleged violator and against whom one or more of the alleged violations was committed.

21. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant and the alleged violations were committed against him during his time of employment and he is, therefore, an aggrieved employee. Plaintiff and the other employees are "Aggrieved Employees" as defined by California Labor Code section

1 2699(c) in that they are all current or former employees of Defendant, and one or more of the
2 alleged violations were committed against them.

3 22. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699.3 and 2699.5, aggrieved
4 employees, including Plaintiff, may pursue a civil action arising under PAGA after the following
5 requirements have been met:

6 a. The aggrieved employee shall give written notice by online submission
7 (hereinafter "Employee's Notice") to the Labor & Workforce
8 Development Agency (hereinafter "LWDA") and by U.S. Certified Mail
9 to the employer of the specific provisions of the California Labor Code
10 alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support
11 the alleged violations.

12 b. The LWDA shall provide notice (hereinafter "LWDA Notice") to the
13 employer and the aggrieved employee by certified mail that it does not
14 intend to investigate the alleged violation within sixty (60) calendar days
15 of the postmark date of the Employee's Notice. Upon receipt of the
16 LWDA Notice, or if the LWDA Notice is not provided within sixty-five
17 (65) calendar days of the postmark date of the Employee's Notice, the
18 aggrieved employee may commence a civil action pursuant to California
19 Labor Code section 2699 to recover civil penalties in addition to any
20 other penalties to which the employee may be entitled.

21 23. On July 1, 2024, Plaintiff provided written notice by online submission to the
22 LWDA and by U.S. Certified Mail to Defendant of the specific provisions of the California Labor
23 Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged
24 violations. Plaintiff has not received an LWDA Notice within sixty-five (65) calendar days of
25 the date of Plaintiff's notice.

26 24. Therefore, Plaintiff has satisfied the administrative prerequisites under California
27 Labor Code section 2699.3(a) to recover civil penalties against Defendant, in addition to other
28 remedies, for violations of California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510,

512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800 and 2802.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

25. Defendant sells and manufactures redwood-based products from its sawmill located in Redwood Valley.

26. Defendant employed Plaintiff from approximately 1983 to the present as a non-exempt hourly employee. Plaintiff's job duties included, but were not limited to, turning on the motorized saw and placing wood into the machine to be cut into different sizes. The wood was often between 4-12 inches wide and 14-20 feet long.

27. At all relevant times set forth herein, Defendant employed Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees as hourly-paid or non-exempt employees.

28. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant had the authority to hire and terminate Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees; to directly or indirectly control work rules, working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees; and to hire and terminate the employment of Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees.

29. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant was subject to the Labor Code of the State of California and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Orders.

30. Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees worked more minutes per shift than Defendants credited them with having worked, which resulted in them working for periods of time in which they were not paid at the minimum wage or overtime rate, as well as not taking proper and compliant meal breaks. Defendants "rounded" down or "shaved" Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees' total daily hours worked at the time of their clock-in and clock-out to the nearest quarter (or tenth) of an hour, to the benefit of Defendants, in policy and/or practice. Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees were not paid for this time. Despite the fact that California law requires employers to pay employees for all hours worked at least at a minimum wage rate, Defendants rounded down or shaved down Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees' daily hours worked, Defendants suffered, permitted, and required its hourly employees to be subject to Defendant's control without paying wages for that time. This

1 resulted in Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees' working time for which they were
2 not compensated any wages, in violation of California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and the
3 Wage Orders. In addition, Plaintiff's meal periods were auto-deducted and/or rounded such that
4 Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees were not provided with compliant meal periods.

5 31. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that Defendant engaged in
6 an ongoing and systematic scheme of wage abuse against their hourly-paid or non-exempt
7 employees. As set forth in more detail below, this scheme involved, *inter alia*, regularly requiring
8 Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees to work off the clock without compensation,
9 thereby failing to pay them for all hours worked, including minimum and overtime wages.
10 Defendant also implemented policies that prohibited Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
11 Employees from accurately recording the actual time worked, resulting in a failure to pay
12 Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees all wages owed. In addition, Defendant
13 routinely failed to permit Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees to take timely and
14 duty-free meal periods and rest periods in violation of California law. Defendant also failed to
15 reimburse Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees for all necessary business-related
16 expenses, and failed to pay reporting wages.

17 32. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant implemented policies
18 and/or practices which failed to provide Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees with
19 timely and duty-free meal periods. Defendant routinely failed to relieve Plaintiff, the Class and
20 the Aggrieved Employees of all duties during their meal periods, regularly failed to relinquish
21 control over Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees during their meal periods, regularly
22 failed to permit Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees a reasonable opportunity to take
23 their meal periods, and regularly impeded or discouraged Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
24 Employees from taking thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal breaks no later than the end of their
25 fifth hour of work and/or from taking a second thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal break no
26 later than their tenth hour of work for shifts lasting more than ten (10) hours. Defendant also failed
27 to maintain accurate records of meal periods taken by Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
28 Employees.

1 33. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant did not adequately
2 inform Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees of their right to take meal periods under
3 California law. Moreover, Defendant systematically disregarded their own written policies
4 regarding the provision and timing of meal periods for Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
5 Employees. Instead, Defendant's actual policy and practice was to schedule Plaintiff, the Class
6 and the Aggrieved Employees in a way that prohibited them from taking timely and duty-free
7 meal periods, and to require Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees to work through
8 their meal periods, for which they were not compensated.

9 34. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff,
10 the Class and the Aggrieved Employees premium wages for meal periods that were missed, late,
11 interrupted, or shortened in violation of California law. Defendant knew or should have known
12 that Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees were entitled to receive all meal periods or
13 payment of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed,
14 short, late, and/or interrupted. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendant routinely failed to
15 provide legally compliant meal periods to Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees, and
16 routinely failed to pay one additional hour of pay to Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
17 Employees at their regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, short, late, and/or
18 interrupted.

19 35. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants have implemented
20 policies and practices which prohibited Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees from
21 taking timely and duty-free rest periods. Defendant regularly failed to provide, authorize, and
22 permit Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees to take full, uninterrupted, off-duty rest
23 periods for every shift lasting three and one-half (3.5) to six (6) hours and/or two full,
24 uninterrupted, off-duty rest periods for every shift lasting six (6) to ten (10) hours, and failed to
25 make a good faith effort to authorize, permit, and provide such rest breaks in the middle of each
26 work period.

27 36. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant did not adequately
28 inform Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees of their right to take rest periods under

1 California law. Moreover, Defendant systematically disregarded their own written policies
2 regarding the provision and timing of rest periods for Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
3 Employees. Instead, Defendant's actual policy and practice was to schedule Plaintiff, the Class
4 and the Aggrieved Employees in a way that regularly prohibited them from taking timely and
5 duty free rest periods, and to regularly require Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees
6 to work through their rest periods.

7 37. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff,
8 the Class and the Aggrieved Employees premium wages for rest periods that were missed, late,
9 interrupted, or shortened in violation of California law. Defendant knew or should have known
10 that Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees were entitled to receive all rest periods or
11 payment of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed,
12 short, late, and/or interrupted. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendant routinely failed to
13 authorize and permit Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees to take duty-free rest
14 periods, and failed to pay one additional hour of pay to Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
15 Employees at their regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, short, late and/or
16 interrupted.

17 38. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly required
18 Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees to perform work off the clock.

19 39. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant implemented policies
20 that prohibited Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees from accurately recording the
21 actual time worked, resulting in a failure to pay Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees
22 all wages owed.

23 40. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Plaintiff, the Class and the
24 Aggrieved Employees worked more than eight (8) hours in a day, and/or forty (40) hours in a
25 week.

26 41. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly failed to
27 pay all overtime compensation owed to Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees when
28 they worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a single work day and/or forty (40) hours in a single

1 work week, or in excess of twelve (12) hours in a single work day and/or eighty (80) hours in a
2 single work week. Defendant knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class and the
3 Aggrieved Employees were entitled to receive certain wages for overtime compensation and that
4 they were not receiving wages for overtime compensation.

5 42. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant failed to pay overtime
6 to Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees for all overtime hours worked based on
7 regular rates of pay correctly calculated to include all applicable remuneration.

8 43. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly failed to
9 pay Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees at least minimum wages for all hours
10 worked. Defendant knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
11 Employees were entitled to receive at least minimum wages for all hours worked and that they
12 were not receiving at least minimum wages for all hours worked. Defendant's failure to pay
13 minimum wages included, *inter alia*, failing to pay Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
14 Employees at the required minimum wage pursuant to California law, requiring Plaintiff, the
15 Class and the Aggrieved Employees to perform work off the clock.

16 44. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly failed to
17 pay Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees all wages owed to them upon discharge or
18 resignation. Defendant knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
19 Employees were entitled to receive all wages owed to them upon termination within the time
20 permissible under California Labor Code section 202. Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
21 Employees did not receive payment of all final wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation,
22 including overtime compensation and minimum wages within any time permissible under
23 California Labor Code section 202.

24 45. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly failed to
25 pay Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees all wages within any time permissible under
26 California law, including, *inter alia*, California Labor Code section 204. Defendant knew or
27 should have known that Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees were entitled to receive
28 all wages owed to them during their employment. Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved

1 Employees did not receive payment of all wages, including overtime compensation, minimum
2 wages, and meal and rest period premiums.

3 46. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly failed to
4 provide complete or accurate wage statements to Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
5 Employees. Defendant knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved
6 Employees were entitled to receive complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with
7 California law, but, in fact, they did not receive complete and accurate wage statements from
8 Defendant. The deficiencies included, *inter alia*, the failure to include the total number of hours
9 worked, the actual gross wages earned, the correct rates of pay, and the address of the legal entity
10 of the employer.

11 47. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly failed to
12 keep complete or accurate payroll records for Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees.
13 Defendant knew or should have known that Defendant was required to keep complete and
14 accurate payroll records for Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees in accordance with
15 California law, but, in fact, did not keep complete and accurate payroll records.

16 48. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant regularly failed to
17 maintain accurate records relating to Plaintiff's and the Class' work periods, meal periods, total
18 daily hours, hours per pay period, and applicable pay rates.

19 49. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant failed to reimburse
20 Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees for all necessary business-related expenses.
21 Defendant knew or should have known that Defendant was required to reimburse Plaintiff, the
22 Class and the Aggrieved Employees for all necessary business-related expenses and costs, but, in
23 fact, failed to do so in violation of California law.

24 50. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendant knew or should have
25 known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff, the Class and the Aggrieved Employees
26 pursuant to California law. Defendant had the financial ability to pay such compensation, but
27 willfully, knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely represented to Plaintiff, the
28 Class and the Aggrieved Employees that they paid all wages owed to them, all in order to increase

1 Defendant's profits.

2 51. California Labor Code section 218 states that nothing in Article 1 of the Labor
3 Code shall limit the right of any wage claimant to "sue directly ... for any wages or penalty due
4 to him [or her] under this article."

5 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1198**

7 **(Against All Defendants)**

8 52. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
9 every allegation set forth above.

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

14 54. Specifically, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that Defendant is and was
15 required to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members employed by Defendant, and working more
16 than eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, at the rate of time-and-
17 one-half for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours
18 in a workweek.

19 55. The applicable IWC Wage Order further provides that Defendant is and was
20 required to pay Plaintiff and the Class overtime compensation at a rate of two times their regular
21 rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day and for all hours worked
22 in excess of eight (8) hours on the seventh day of work in a workweek.

23 56. California Labor Code section 510 codifies the right to overtime compensation at
24 one-and-one-half times the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a
25 day or forty (40) hours in a week or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of
26 work, and no overtime compensation at twice the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess
27 of twelve (12) hours in a day or in excess of eight (8) hours in a day on the seventh day of work.

28 57. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other Class Members regularly

1 worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day, and/or in excess of forty (40) hours in a week.

2 58. Plaintiff and similarly situated employees worked more minutes per shift than
3 Defendants credited them with having worked.

4 59. Defendants “rounded” down or “shaved” Plaintiff and similarly situated
5 employees’ total daily hours worked to the nearest quarter of an hour at the clock-in and clock-
6 out times, to the benefit of Defendants without Plaintiff and similarly situated employees being
7 paid wages for this time. Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees were not paid for this
8 time. The foregoing resulted in time during each workday which Plaintiff and similarly situated
9 employees were under control of Defendants, but were not compensated at their overtime rate of
10 pay when they worked more than eight hours in a day or 40 hours in a week, in violation of Labor
11 Code sections 510, 1194, and 1198.

12 60. During the relevant time period, Defendant intentionally and willfully failed to pay
13 overtime wages owed to Plaintiff and the other Class Members.

14 61. Defendant’s failure to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members the unpaid
15 balance of overtime compensation, as required by California laws, violates the provisions of
16 California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198, and is therefore unlawful.

17 62. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194, Plaintiff and the other Class
18 Members are entitled to recover unpaid overtime compensation, as well as interest, costs, and
19 attorneys’ fees.

20 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a)**

22 **(Against All Defendants)**

23 63. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
24 every allegation set forth above.

25 64. At all relevant times, the relevant IWC Order and California Labor Code sections
26 226.7 and 512(a) were applicable to Plaintiff and the other Class Members’ employment by
27 Defendant.

28 65. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no

1 employer shall require an employee to work during any meal or rest period mandated by an
2 applicable order of the California IWC.

3 66. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code
4 section 512(a) provide that an employer may not require, cause or permit an employee to work
5 for a work period of more than five (5) hours per day without providing the employee with a meal
6 period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except that if the total work period per day of the
7 employee is no more than six (6) hours, the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of
8 both the employer and employee.

9 67. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 512(a) further provides that
10 an employer may not require, cause or permit an employee to work for a work period of more
11 than ten (10) hours per day without providing the employee with a second uninterrupted meal
12 period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except that if the total hours worked is no more than
13 twelve (12) hours, the second meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and
14 the employee only if the first meal period was not waived.

15 68. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other Class Members who were
16 scheduled to work for a period of time longer than six (6) hours, and who did not waive their
17 legally-mandated meal periods by mutual consent, were required to work for periods longer than
18 five (5) hours without an uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes.

19 69. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other Class Members who were
20 scheduled to work for a period of time in excess of ten (10) hours were required to work for
21 periods longer than ten (10) hours without a second uninterrupted meal period of not less than
22 thirty (30) minutes.

23 70. During the relevant time period, Defendants “rounded” down or “shaved” Plaintiff
24 and similarly situated employees’ total number of hours (or fraction thereof) in which they took
25 lunch. This policy of rounding meal periods made it such that Plaintiff and other similarly situated
26 employees were not provided with legally compliant meal breaks and were not paid meal period
27 premiums for any meal breaks that were less than thirty (30) minutes in duration.

28 71. During the relevant time period, Defendant intentionally and willfully required

1 Plaintiff and the other Class Members to miss their meal periods and to take meal periods that
2 were late, shortened, or interrupted, and failed to compensate Plaintiff and the other Class
3 Members the full meal period premium for missed, shortened, late, or interrupted meal periods.

4 72. During the relevant time period, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
5 Class Members the full meal period premiums due pursuant to California Labor Code section
6 226.7.

7 73. Defendant's conduct violates the applicable IWC Wage Order and California
8 Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

9 74. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section
10 226.7(b), Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to recover from Defendant one
11 additional hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each work day that the
12 meal period was not provided.

13 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226.7**

15 **(Against All Defendants)**

16 75. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
17 every allegation set forth above.

18 76. At all times herein set forth, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
19 Code section 226.7 were applicable to Plaintiff and the other Class Members' employment by
20 Defendant.

21 77. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no
22 employer shall require an employee to work during any rest period mandated by an applicable
23 order of the California IWC.

24 78. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that "[e]very
25 employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods, which insofar as
26 practicable shall be in the middle of each work period" and that the "rest period time shall be
27 based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4)
28 hours or major fraction thereof unless the total daily work time is less than three and one-half

1 (3.5) hours.”

2 79. During the relevant time period, Defendant required Plaintiff and other Class
3 Members to work four (4) or more hours without authorizing or permitting a ten (10) minute rest
4 period per each four (4) hour period worked.

5 80. During the relevant time period, Defendant willfully required Plaintiff and the
6 other Class Members to work during rest periods, failed to allow Plaintiff and the other Class
7 Member to take any rest period and/or failed to authorize and permit Plaintiff and the other Class
8 Members to take uninterrupted, duty-free rest breaks.

9 81. During the relevant time period, Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
10 Class Members the full rest period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7
11 for work performed during rest periods, and/or for failure to authorize and permit Plaintiff and
12 other Class Members from taking uninterrupted rest periods.

13 82. Defendant’s conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor
14 Code section 226.7.

15 83. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code section
16 226.7(b), Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to recover from Defendant one
17 additional hour of pay at the employees’ regular hourly rate of compensation for each work day
18 that the rest period was not provided.

19 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1**

21 **(Against All Defendants)**

22 84. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
23 every allegation set forth above.

24 85. At all relevant times, California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1
25 provide that the minimum wage to be paid to employees and the payment of a lesser wage than
26 the minimum so fixed is unlawful.

27 86. During the relevant time period, Defendant regularly failed to pay minimum wage
28 to Plaintiff and the other Class Members as required pursuant to California Labor Code sections

1 1194, 1197, and 1197.1.

2 87. Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members the minimum
3 wage as required violates California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Pursuant to
4 those sections, Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to recover the unpaid balance
5 of their minimum wage compensation as well as interest, costs, and attorneys' fees, and liquidated
6 damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

7 88. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the other Class
8 Members are entitled to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully
9 unpaid and interest thereon.

10 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

11 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203**

12 **(Against All Defendants)**

13 89. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
14 every allegation set forth above.

15 90. At all relevant times herein set forth, California Labor Code sections 201 and 202
16 provide that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of
17 discharge are due and payable immediately, and if an employee quits his or her employment, his
18 or her wages shall become due and payable not later seventy-two (72) hours thereafter, unless the
19 employee has given seventy-two (72) hours' notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case
20 the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

21 91. During the relevant time period, the employment of Plaintiff and many other Class
22 Members with Defendant ended, *i.e.* was terminated by quitting or discharge. Defendant
23 intentionally and willfully failed to pay Plaintiff and other Class Members who are no longer
24 employed by Defendant all of their wages, earned and unpaid, including but not limited to
25 minimum wages, straight time wages, and overtime wages, within seventy-two (72) hours of their
26 leaving Defendant's employ.

27 92. Defendant's failure to pay Plaintiff and other Class Members who are no longer
28 employed by Defendant their wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72) hours of their

1 leaving Defendant's employ, is in violation of California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

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

6 94. Plaintiff and other Class Members who are no longer employed by Defendant are
7 entitled to recover from Defendant the statutory penalty wages for each day they were not paid,
8 up to a thirty (30) day maximum pursuant to California Labor Code section 203.

9 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 204 and 210**

11 **(Against All Defendants)**

12 95. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
13 every allegation set forth above

14 96. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all
15 wages earned by any person in any employment between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of any
16 calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and payable
17 between the 16th and 26th day of the month during which the labor was performed.

18 97. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all
19 wages earned by any person in any employment between the 16th and the last day, inclusive, of
20 any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and
21 payable between the 1st and the 10th day of the following month.

22 98. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all
23 wages earned for labor in excess of the normal work period shall be paid no later than the payday
24 for the next regular payroll period.

25 99. During the relevant time period, Defendant intentionally and willfully failed to pay
26 Plaintiff and other Class Members all wages due to them, within any time period permissible
27 under California Labor Code section 204.

28 100. Plaintiff and other Class Members are entitled to recover all available remedies for

1 Defendant's violations of California Labor Code section 204, including statutory penalties
2 pursuant to Labor Code section 210(b).

3 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226(a)**

5 **(Against All Defendants)**

6 101. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
7 every allegation set forth above.

8 102. At all material times set forth herein, California Labor Code section 226(a)
9 provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate itemized
10 statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, (3)
11 the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a
12 piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the
13 employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates
14 of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her social
15 security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all
16 applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours
17 worked at each hourly rate by the employee. The deductions made from payments of wages shall
18 be recorded in ink or other indelible form, properly dated, showing the month, day, and year, and
19 a copy of the statement or a record of the deductions shall be kept on file by the employer for at
20 least three years at the place of employment or at a central location within the State of California.

21 103. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to provide Plaintiff and the
22 Class with complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include, but are not limited
23 to the failure list the total number of hours worked and/or the actual gross wages earned.

24 104. Because of Defendant's violation of California Labor Code section 226(a),
25 Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily-protected rights.

26 105. More specifically, Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendant's
27 intentional and willful violation of California Labor Code section 226(a) because they were
28 denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving, accurate and

1 itemized wage statements pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(a).

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

5 107. Plaintiff and the Class are also entitled to injunctive relief to ensure compliance
6 with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(g).

7 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802**

9 **(Against All Defendants)**

10 108. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
11 every allegation set forth above.

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

16 110. Plaintiff and the Class incurred necessary business-related expenses and costs that
17 were not fully reimbursed by Defendant. Defendant's failure to reimburse for all necessary
18 business-related expenses and costs included their failure to reimburse Plaintiff and the Class for
19 costs incurred as a result of, including but not limited to, simple negligence.

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

25 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

26 **Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.**

27 **(Against All Defendants)**

28 112. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and

1 every allegation set forth above.

2 113. Defendant's conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair,
3 unlawful and harmful to Plaintiff and the Class, to the general public, and Defendant's
4 competitors. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks to enforce important rights affecting the public interest
5 within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

6 114. Defendant's activities as alleged herein are violations of California law, and
7 constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business & Professions
8 Code section 17200, *et seq.*

9 115. A violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.* may
10 be predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. In this instant case, Defendant's policies
11 and practices of requiring employees, including Plaintiff and the Class, to work overtime without
12 paying them proper compensation violate California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198.
13 Additionally, Defendant's policies and practices of requiring employees, including Plaintiff and
14 the Class, to work through their meal and rest periods without paying them proper compensation
15 violate California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a). Moreover, Defendant's policies and
16 practices of failing to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the Class violate California Labor Code
17 sections 201, 202, 203 and 204.

18 116. Defendant also violated California Labor Code sections 221, 226(a), 1194, 1197,
19 1197.1, 510, 1174(d), 2800, and 2802.

20 117. As a result of the herein described violations of California law, Defendant
21 unlawfully gained an unfair advantage over other businesses.

22 118. Plaintiff and the Class have been personally injured by Defendant's unlawful
23 business acts and practices as alleged herein, including but not necessarily limited to the loss of
24 money and/or property.

25 119. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*,
26 Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and retained by Defendant
27 during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this Complaint; an award of
28 attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 and other applicable

1 laws; and an award of costs.

2 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

3 **Violation of California Labor Code § 2699, Et Seq. (“Private Attorneys General Act”)**

4 **(Against All Defendants)**

5 120. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and
6 every allegation set forth above.

7 121. PAGA expressly establishes that any provision of the California Labor Code
8 which provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the LWDA, or any of its
9 departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies or employees for a violation of the
10 California Labor Code, may be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved
11 employee on behalf of himself or herself, and other current or former employees.

12 122. Whenever the LWDA, or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards,
13 agencies, or employees has discretion to assess a civil penalty, a court in a civil action is
14 authorized to exercise the same discretion, subject to the same limitations and conditions, to assess
15 a civil penalty.

16 123. Plaintiff and the other hourly-paid or non-exempt employees or individuals who
17 performed work for Defendant during the statutory period are “aggrieved employees” as defined
18 by California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are all current or former employees of
19 Defendant, and one or more of the alleged violations was committed against them. As set forth in
20 detail above, during all times relevant to this Action, Defendant has routinely subjected Plaintiff
21 and the Aggrieved Employees to violations of California Labor Codes by:

22 **Failure to Pay Overtime**

23 124. Defendant’s failure to pay legally required overtime wages to Plaintiff and the
24 other Aggrieved Employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair
25 activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198.

26 **Failure to Provide Meal Periods**

27 125. Defendant’s failure to provide legally required meal periods to Plaintiff and the
28 other Aggrieved Employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair

activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

Failure to Provide Rest Periods

126. Defendant's failure to provide legally required rest periods to Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226.7.

Failure to Pay Minimum Wages

127. Defendant's failure to pay legally required minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197 and 1197.1.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages Upon Termination

128. Defendant's failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees upon termination in accordance with Labor Code sections 201 and 202 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment

129. Defendant's failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees during employment in accordance with Labor Code section 204 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 204.

Failure to Provide Complete and Accurate Wage Statements

130. Defendant's failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees in accordance with Labor Code section 226(a) constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226(a).

Failure to Keep Complete and Accurate Payroll Records

131. Defendant's failure to keep complete and accurate payroll records relating to Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees in accordance with California Labor Code section 1174(d) constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 1174(d).

132. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of all Aggrieved Employees, requests and is entitled to recover from Defendant and each

1 of them, business expenses, unpaid wages, and/or untimely wages according to proof, interest,
2 attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code section 218.5, as well as all statutory
3 penalties against Defendant, and each of them, including but not limited to:

- 4 a. Penalties under California Labor Code section 2699 in the amount of a hundred
5 dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation,
6 and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for
7 each subsequent violation;
- 8 b. Penalties under California Code of Regulations Title 8 section 11010, et seq. in
9 the amount of fifty dollars (\$50) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for
10 the initial violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for each subsequent violation;
11 and
- 12 c. Penalties under California Labor Code section 210 in addition to, and entirely
13 independent and apart from, any other penalty provided in the California Labor
14 Code in the amount of a hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per
15 pay period for the initial violation, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each
16 aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation; and
- 17 d. Any and all additional penalties and sums as provided by the California Labor
18 Code and/or other statutes.

19 133. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699(i), civil penalties recovered by
20 aggrieved employees shall be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) to the Labor and
21 Workforce Development Agency for the enforcement of labor laws and education of employers
22 and employees about their rights and responsibilities and twenty-five percent (25%) to the
23 aggrieved employees.

24 134. Further, Plaintiff is entitled to seek and recover reasonable attorneys' fees and
25 costs pursuant to California Labor Code sections 210, 218.5 and 2699 and any other applicable
26 statute.

27 135. Plaintiff has exhausted his administrative remedies pursuant to Labor Code section
28 2699.3. On July 1, 2024, Plaintiff, through his counsel of record, by online filing with the Labor

1 and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and by certified mail to the Defendant, notified
2 Defendant and the LWDA of the specific provisions of the Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders
3 that Defendant has violated, including the facts and theories to support the violations, and of
4 Plaintiff’s intent to bring a claim for civil penalties under PAGA. Plaintiff also paid the filing fee
5 required under Labor Code section 2699.3. As of the filing of this Complaint, more than sixty-
6 five (65) days have elapsed since the mailing of Plaintiff’s July 1, 2024 notice, and the Labor and
7 Workforce Development Agency has not indicated that it intends to investigate the violations
8 discussed in the notice. Accordingly, Plaintiff may commence a civil action to recover penalties
9 for himself and other Aggrieved Employees pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3.

10 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

11 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all other members of the general
12 public similarly situated, prays for relief and judgment against Defendant, jointly and severally,
13 as follows:

14 **Class Certification**

- 15 1. That this action be certified as a class action;
16 2. That Plaintiff be appointed as the representative of the Class;
17 3. That counsel for Plaintiff be appointed as Class Counsel; and
18 4. That Defendant provide to Class Counsel immediately the names and most
19 current/last known contact information (address, e-mail and telephone numbers) of all class
20 members.

21 **As to the First Cause of Action**

- 22 5. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
23 Labor Code sections 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay
24 all overtime wages due to Plaintiff and other Class Members;
25 6. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates and such general and special
26 damages as may be appropriate;
27 7. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing
28 from the date such amounts were due;

1 8. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
2 California Labor Code section 1194; and

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

4 **As to the Second Cause of Action**

5 10. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
6 Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to
7 provide all meal periods (including second meal periods) to Plaintiff and the Class;

8 11. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the Class of one (1) hour of pay at
9 each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a meal period was not
10 provided;

11 12. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
12 proof;

13 13. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7;

14 14. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were
15 due;

16 15. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and

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

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

19 17. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
20 Labor Code section 226.7 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to provide all rest
21 periods to Plaintiff and the Class;

22 18. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the Class of one (1) hour of pay at
23 each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a rest period was not
24 provided;

25 19. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
26 proof;

27 20. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7;

28 21. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were

1 due; and

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

3 **As to the Fourth Cause of Action**

4 23. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
5 Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 by willfully failing to pay minimum wages to
6 Plaintiff and the Class;

7 24. For general unpaid wages and such general and special damages as may be
8 appropriate;

9 25. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 1197.1 for
10 Plaintiff and the Class in the amount as may be established according to proof at trial;

11 26. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts
12 were due;

13 27. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
14 California Labor Code section 1194(a);

15 28. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2; and

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

17 **As to the Fifth Cause of Action**

18 30. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
19 Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the
20 time of termination of the employment of Plaintiff and other Class Members no longer employed
21 by Defendant;

22 31. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
23 proof;

24 32. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 203 for
25 Plaintiff and other Class Members who have left Defendant's employ;

26 33. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts
27 were due; and

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

1 **As to the Sixth Cause of Action**

2 35. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
3 Labor Code section 204 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time required by
4 California Labor Code section 204 to Plaintiff and the Class;

5 36. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 210;

6 37. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

7 **As to the Seventh Cause of Action**

8 38. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated the record
9 keeping provisions of California Labor Code section 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders as
10 to Plaintiff and the Class, and willfully failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements
11 thereto;

12 39. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

13 40. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(e); and

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

15 **As to the Eight Cause of Action**

16 42. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
17 Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 by willfully failing to reimburse Plaintiff and the Class for
18 all necessary business-related expenses as required by California Labor Code sections 2800 and
19 2802;

20 43. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

21 44. For the imposition of civil penalties and/or statutory penalties;

22 45. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and

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

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

25 47. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendant violated California
26 Business and Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.* by failing to provide Plaintiff and the Class
27 all overtime compensation due to them, failing to provide all meal and rest periods to Plaintiff
28 and the Class, failing to pay at least minimum wages to Plaintiff and the Class, failing to pay

Plaintiff's and other Class Members' wages timely as required by California Labor Code section 201, 202 and 204 and by violating California Labor Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), 2800, and 2802;

48. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiff and the Class and all pre-judgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;

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

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

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

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

As to the Tenth Cause of Action

53. For civil penalties and wages as permitted by law pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f) and (g) and 558 plus costs and attorneys' fees for violation of California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1198.5, 2800 and 2802; and

54. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

Dated: October 2, 2024

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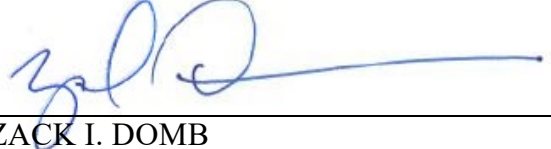
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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all causes of action triable by a jury.

Dated: October 2, 2024

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• FIRST AMENDED CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION COMPLAINT

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