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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES- CENTRAL DISTRICT**

KESHAUN MARTIN, on behalf of himself and
current and former aggrieved employees

Plaintiff,

vs.

PPS PARKING, INC.; and DOES 1 to 100,
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: **24STCV31662**

PAGA ACTION

**PLAINTIFF KESHAUN MARTIN'S
COMPLAINT FOR:**

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

COMES NOW Plaintiff KESHAUN MARTIN ("Plaintiff"), who alleges and complains
against Defendants PPS PARKING, INC.; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive (collectively
"Defendants") as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

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

1 worked at minimum wage; failure to pay overtime wages; failure to authorize or permit all legally
2 required and/or compliant meal periods or pay meal period premium wages; failure to authorize or
3 permit all legally required and/or compliant rest periods or pay rest period premium wages; statutory
4 penalties for failure to timely pay earned wages during employment; statutory penalties for failure
5 to provide accurate wage statements; statutory waiting time penalties in the form of continuation
6 wages for failure to timely pay employees all wages due upon separation of employment. Plaintiff
7 seeks on a representative basis, following notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency,
8 civil penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(g)(1) and costs
9 brought on behalf of Plaintiff, the State of California, and others aggrieved.

10 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

11 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims of Plaintiff and all other current and
12 former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees because Plaintiff's lawsuit seeks
13 civil penalties on behalf of herself, all other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
14 non-exempt employees, and the State of California in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars
15 (\$25,000); Defendants employed Plaintiff and all other current and former aggrieved California-
16 based hourly non-exempt employees; and the injuries to Plaintiff and all other current and former
17 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees occurred in locations throughout
18 California, including but not limited to Los Angeles County, at 1317 Shatto Street, Los Angeles,
19 CA 90017.

20 **III. PARTIES**

21 1. Plaintiff brings this action as a representative of the Labor and Workforce
22 Development Agency on behalf of himself and other current and former employees subject to
23 violations of the Labor Code. The named Plaintiff and the persons on whose behalf this action is
24 filed include current, former and/or future employees of Defendants who work, worked, or will work
25 for Defendants as direct employees as well as temporary employees employed through temp
26 agencies as hourly non-exempt employees in California. At all times mentioned herein, the currently
27 named Plaintiff is and was domiciled and a resident and citizen of California and was employed by
28 Defendants in an hourly position at Defendants' location in Los Angeles County from in or around

1 January 26, 2024, until on or about currently.

2 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant PPS
3 PARKING, INC. is authorized to do business within the State of California and is doing business in
4 the State of California and/or that Defendants DOES 1-50 are, and at all times relevant hereto were
5 persons acting on behalf of Defendant PPS PARKING, INC. in the establishment of, or ratification
6 of, the aforementioned illegal wage and hour practices or policies. Defendant PPS PARKING, INC.
7 operates in Los Angeles County and employed Plaintiff and aggrieved employees in Los Angeles
8 County, including but not limited to, at 1317 Shatto Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

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

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

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

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

1 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF**
3 **2004, LABOR CODE SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

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

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

7 8. During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present, Plaintiff alleges
8 Defendants violated Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226, 226.7, 227.3, 510, 512,
9 1194, 1197, 2802, and the applicable Wage Orders.

10 9. Specifically, Defendants have committed the following violations of California
11 Labor Code:

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

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

21 12. In this case, Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
22 non-exempt employees worked more minutes per shift than Defendants credited them with having
23 worked. Specifically, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
24 California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages at the applicable minimum wage for all
25 hours worked due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to
26 requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
27 employees to remain on-duty while off-the-clock due to Defendants' requirement that Plaintiff's
28 and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees

1 communicate with management and supervisors.

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

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

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

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

26 Labor Code section 510.

27 16. In this case, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
28 California-based hourly non-exempt employees overtime wages for all overtime hours worked due
to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to requiring Plaintiff
and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to remain
on-duty while off-the-clock due to Defendants' requirement that Plaintiff's and other current and

1 former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees communicate with management
2 and supervisors.

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

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

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

27 20. If an employer fails to provide an employee a meal period in accordance with the
28 law, the employer must pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of pay

1 for each workday that a legally required and compliant meal period was not provided. Labor Code
2 sections 226.7 and 1198; Wage Order 9 at §11.

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

7 (a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
8 hourly non-exempt employees timely, uninterrupted, duty-free meal breaks of at least 30 minutes
9 for every five hours worked due to chronic understaffing without sufficient coverage; and

10 (b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
11 non-exempt employees to communicate with management and supervisors during meal breaks.

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

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

21 24. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that**
22 **Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant rest periods and/or failure to pay**
23 **rest period premium:** Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
24 non-exempt employees regularly worked shifts of more than three-and-a-half (3.5) hours.

25 25. California law requires every employer to authorize and permit an employee a rest
26 period of ten (10) net minutes for every four (4) hours worked or major fraction thereof. Labor Code
27 section 226.7; Wage Order 9 at §12. Under California law, "[e]mployees are entitled to 10 minutes'
28 rest for shifts from three and one-half to six hours in length, 20 minutes for shifts of more than six

1 hours up to 10 hours, 30 minutes for shifts of more than 10 hours up to 14 hours, and so on.” *Brinker*
2 *Restaurant Corp. v. Sup. Ct. (Hohnbaum)* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1004, 1029; Labor Code section 226.7;
3 Wage Order 9 at §12. Rest periods, insofar as practicable, shall be in the middle of each work period.
4 Wage Order 9 at §12. Additionally, the rest period requirement “obligates employers to permit –
5 and authorizes employees to take – off-duty rest periods.” *Augustus v. ABM Security Services, Inc.*,
6 (2016) 5 Cal.5th 257, 269. That is, during rest periods employers must relieve employees of all
7 duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time. *Id.*

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

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

16 (a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
17 hourly non-exempt employees with net ten (10) minute rest breaks for every four (4) hours worked
18 or major fraction thereof due to chronic understaffing without sufficient coverage; and

19 (b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
20 non-exempt employees to communicate with management and supervisors during rest breaks.

21 28. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or
22 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
23 hourly non-exempt employees with one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday
24 they did not receive legally required and compliant rest periods, in violation of Labor Code section
25 226.7.

26 29. Defendants’ foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Plaintiff and
27 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees not receiving
28 wages to compensate them for workdays in which Defendants did not provide them with rest periods

1 in compliance with California law.

2 30. **Failure to Indemnify for Losses and Expenditures Incurred as Part of**
3 **Employment:** California law requires that every employer must indemnify its employees for all
4 necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in discharge of his or her duties or at the
5 obedience of the directions of the employer. Moreover, an employer is prohibited from passing the
6 ordinary business expenses and losses of the employer onto the employee. (Lab. Code, § 2802.)

7 31. Defendants have violated Labor Code Section 2802 by failing to indemnify Plaintiff
8 and other current and former aggrieved California-based non-exempt hourly employees' necessary
9 expenditures they incurred in the discharge of their duties. Specifically, Defendants employed
10 policies, practices, and/or procedures included, but not limited to purchase or use of a personal cell
11 phone to communicate with supervisors and management for work-related purposes - without
12 reimbursing Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
13 employees for such use.

14 32. Moreover, Defendants employed policies and procedures which ensured Plaintiff and
15 aggrieved employees would not receive indemnification for their employment related expenses.
16 This practice resulted in Plaintiff and aggrieved employees not receiving such indemnification in
17 compliance with California law.

18 33. Therefore, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff and aggrieved employees for their
19 employment related expenses, including but not limited to costs related to use of their personal cell
20 phones and costs associated with their uniforms pursuant to Labor Code section 2802.

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

1 section 204(d).

2 35. As a derivative of Plaintiff's claims above, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants failed to
3 timely pay Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
4 employees' earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages
5 and/or rest period premium wages), in violation of Labor Code section 204. Defendants'
6 aforementioned policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in their failure to pay Plaintiff's and
7 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' their earned
8 wages within the applicable time frames outlined in Labor Code section 204.

9 36. **Secret payment of lower wages than designated by statute:** Labor Code section
10 223 provides that, where any statute or contract requires an employer to maintain the designated
11 wage scale, it shall be unlawful to secretly pay a lower wage while purporting to pay the wage
12 designated by statute or contract. By engaging in the unlawful conduct alleged herein, including by
13 failing to: pay overtime wages at the applicable legal overtime rate, meal break premiums and lawful
14 sick pay at the employees' regular rate of pay, as established by Labor Code sections 226.7, 246,
15 510, 1194 and sections 11 and 12 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, as incorporated by Labor
16 Code section 1198, the Defendant secretly paid a lower wage than designated by statute while
17 purporting to pay the wages designated by statute, in violation of Labor Code section 223.

18 37. **Failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements:** Labor Code section
19 226, subdivision (a). Labor Code section 226(a) provides, *inter alia*, that, upon paying an employee
20 his or her wages, the employer must "furnish each of his or her employees ... an itemized statement
21 in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any
22 employee whose compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of
23 overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the Industrial Welfare
24 Commission, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee
25 is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided, that all deductions made on written orders
26 of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive
27 dates of the pay period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her
28 social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all

1 applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours
2 worked at each hourly rate by the employee.”

3 38. As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, Defendants’ failure to pay Plaintiff
4 and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages
5 earned (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and/or rest period
6 premium wages) rendered Plaintiff’s and other current and former aggrieved California-based
7 hourly non-exempt employees’ wage statements inaccurate, in violation of Labor Code section
8 226(a)(1, 2, 5 & 9).

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

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

18 41. Labor Code sections 2699, subdivisions (a) and (g) authorize an aggrieved employee,
19 on behalf of himself or herself and other current or former employees, to bring a civil action to
20 recover civil penalties against all Defendants pursuant to the procedures specified in Labor Code
21 section 2699.3.

22 42. Plaintiff has complied with the procedures for bringing suit specified in Labor Code
23 section 2699.3. On September 25, 2024, Plaintiff filed a PAGA Claim Notice with the LWDA and
24 provided notice to Defendants by certified mail which provided notice of the specific provisions of
25 the Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the
26 violations alleged.

27 43. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, the LWDA must give written notice by
28 certified mail to the parties that it intends to investigate the alleged violations of the Labor Code

1 within 60 days of the date of the complainant's written notice. The LWDA failed to provide the
2 parties notice within 60 days of the date of Plaintiff's PAGA Claim Notice that the LWDA intends
3 to investigate Plaintiff's claims.

4 44. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 2699(a) and (f), Plaintiff is entitled to recover civil
5 penalties for Defendants' violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226(a), 226.7,
6 510, 512, and, 1194, During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present, preceding
7 Plaintiff sending the initial PAGA Claim Notice to the LWDA to the present, in the following
8 amounts:

9 a. For violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 226(a), 226.7, and 2802;
10 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation and
11 two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent
12 violation [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)].

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

17 c. For violations of Labor Code section 510 and 512, fifty dollars (\$50) for each
18 employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, one
19 hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid employee for each pay period [penalty amounts
20 established by Labor Code section 558].

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

26 e. For violations of Labor Code section 223, one hundred dollars (\$100) for
27 each failure to pay each employee in any initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, or any
28 willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee,

1 plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld [penalty amounts established by Labor Code
2 section 225.5].

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

5 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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