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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JAZMINE MIXON, an individual, on behalf of
 herself, and on behalf of all persons similarly
 situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTINA, JENNIFER, & JESSICA
 ENTERPRISES, INC., a California
 corporation; MANGIONE, INC., a California
 corporation; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No: 22STCV29924

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION
 COMPLAINT FOR:**

- 1) UNFAIR COMPETITION IN VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §17200 *et seq*;
- 2) FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 1194, 1197 & 1197.1;
- 3) FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 510, *et seq*;
- 4) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED MEAL PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE ORDER;
- 5) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED REST PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE ORDER;

- 1 6) FAILURE TO REIMBURSE EMPLOYEES
2 FOR REQUIRED EXPENSES IN
3 VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 2802;
4 7) FAILURE TO PROVIDE WAGES WHEN
5 DUE IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB.
6 CODE §§ 201, 202 AND 203;
7 8) FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE
8 ITEMIZED STATEMENTS IN
9 VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 226;
10 9) VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVATE
11 ATTORNEY GENERAL ACT AT LABOR
12 CODE SECTIONS 2698, *ET SEQ.*

13 **DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

14 PLAINTIFF JAZMINE MIXON (“PLAINTIFF”), an individual, on behalf of herself and
15 all other similarly situated current and former employees, allege on information and belief, except
16 for her own acts and knowledge which are based on personal knowledge, the following:

17 **PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS**

18 1. Defendant CHRISTINA, JENNIFER & JESSICA ENTERPRISES, INC.
19 (“Defendant CJJ Enterprises”) is a California corporation that at all relevant times mentioned
20 herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial and regular business throughout California.

21 2. Defendant MANGIONE, INC. (“Defendant Mangione”) is a California
22 corporation that at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct
23 substantial and regular business throughout California.

24 3. Defendant CJJ Enterprises and Defendant Mangione were the joint employers of
25 PLAINTIFF as evidenced by the documents issued to PLAINTIFF and by the company
26 PLAINTIFF performed work for respectively and are therefore jointly responsible as employers
27 for the conduct alleged herein as “DEFENDANTS” and/or “DEFENDANT.”

28 4. DEFENDANTS operate McDonald’s franchised restaurants in California,
including in the county of Los Angeles, where PLAINTIFF worked.

5. PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANT in California from 2017 to May of
2021 as a non-exempt employee, paid an hourly basis, and entitled to the legally required meal
and rest periods and payment of minimum and overtime wages due for all time worked.

1 6. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of herself and a California class,
2 defined as all persons who are or previously were employed by Defendant CJJ Enterprises and/or
3 Defendant Mangione in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the "CALIFORNIA
4 CLASS") at any time during the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of the original
5 Complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the "CLASS PERIOD"). The
6 amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members is under
7 five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

8 7. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of herself and a CALIFORNIA
9 CLASS in order to fully compensate the CALIFORNIA CLASS for their losses incurred during
10 the CLASS PERIOD caused by DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice which failed to
11 lawfully compensate these employees. DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice alleged
12 herein was an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business practice whereby DEFENDANT retained
13 and continues to retain wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
14 CLASS. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS seek an injunction
15 enjoining such conduct by DEFENDANT in the future, relief for the named PLAINTIFF and the
16 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who have been economically injured by
17 DEFENDANT's past and current unlawful conduct, and all other appropriate legal and equitable
18 relief.

19 8. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, subsidiary,
20 partnership, associate or otherwise of DEFENDANTS DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are
21 presently unknown to PLAINTIFF who therefore sues these DEFENDANTS by such fictitious
22 names pursuant to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 474. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend this
23 Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of Does 1 through 50, inclusive, when they are
24 ascertained. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and based upon that information and belief
25 alleges, that the DEFENDANTS named in this Complaint, including DOES 1 through 50,
26 inclusive, are responsible in some manner for one or more of the events and happenings that
27 proximately caused the injuries and damages hereinafter alleged.

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1 9. The agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendants and each of them acting
2 on behalf of the Defendants acted within the course and scope of his, her or its authority as the
3 agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendants, and personally participated in the conduct
4 alleged herein on behalf of the Defendants with respect to the conduct alleged herein.
5 Consequently, the acts of each Defendant are legally attributable to the other Defendants and all
6 Defendants are jointly and severally liable to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
7 CALIFORNIA CLASS, for the loss sustained as a proximate result of the conduct of the
8 Defendants' agents, servants and/or employees.

9 10. DEFENDANTS were PLAINTIFF'S employers or persons acting on behalf of the
10 PLAINTIFF'S employer, within the meaning of California Labor Code § 558, who violated or
11 caused to be violated, a section of Part 2, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code or any provision
12 regulating hours and days of work in any order of the Industrial Welfare Commission and, as
13 such, are subject to civil penalties for each underpaid employee, as set forth in Labor Code § 558,
14 at all relevant times.

15 11. DEFENDANTS were PLAINTIFF'S employers or persons acting on behalf of
16 PLAINTIFF'S employer either individually or as an officer, agent, or employee of another person,
17 within the meaning of California Labor Code § 1197.1, who paid or caused to be paid to any
18 employee a wage less than the minimum fixed by California state law, and as such, are subject to
19 civil penalties for each underpaid employee.

20 12. DEFENDANT's uniform policies and practices alleged herein were unlawful,
21 unfair, and deceptive business practices whereby DEFENDANT retained and continue to retain
22 wages due to PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.

23 13. PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS seek an injunction
24 enjoining such conduct by DEFENDANT in the future, relief for the named PLAINTIFF and
25 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who has been economically injured by
26 DEFENDANT's past and current unlawful conduct, and all other appropriate legal and equitable
27 relief.

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1 tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA CLASS against DEFENDANT, the CLASS
2 PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.

3 **A. Meal Period Violations**

4 17. Pursuant to the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, DEFENDANT was
5 required to pay PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all their time worked,
6 meaning the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer, including
7 all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work. From time to time during the CLASS
8 PERIOD, DEFENDANT required PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to work
9 without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANT's control. Specifically,
10 DEFENDANT required PLAINTIFF to work while clocked out during what was supposed to be
11 PLAINTIFF'S off-duty meal break. Indeed, there were many days where PLAINTIFF did not
12 even receive a partial lunch. As a result, the PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS
13 Members forfeited minimum wage and overtime compensation by regularly working without their
14 time being accurately recorded and without compensation at the applicable minimum wage and
15 overtime rates. DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice not to pay PLAINTIFF and other
16 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all time worked is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business
17 records.

18 18. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, as a result of their rigorous work
19 schedules and DEFENDANT's inadequate staffing practices, PLAINTIFF and other
20 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are from time to time unable to take thirty (30) minute off duty
21 meal breaks and were not fully relieved of duty for their meal periods. PLAINTIFF and other
22 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANT for
23 more than five (5) hours during some shifts without receiving a meal break. Further,
24 DEFENDANT fails to provide PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with a second
25 off-duty meal period for some workdays in which these employees are required by DEFENDANT
26 to work ten (10) hours of work. The nature of the work performed by PLAINTIFF and other
27 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members does not qualify for the limited and narrowly construed "on-
28 duty" meal period exception. When they were provided with meal periods, PLAINTIFF and other

1 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were, from time to time, required to remain on duty and on call.
2 DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with
3 legally required meal breaks is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records. PLAINTIFF and
4 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS therefore forfeit meal breaks without additional
5 compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT's strict corporate policy and practice.

6 **B. Rest Period Violations**

7 19. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and other
8 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also required to work in excess of four (4) hours without
9 being provided ten (10) minute rest periods as a result of their rigorous work requirements and
10 DEFENDANT's inadequate staffing. Further, for the same reasons, these employees were denied
11 their first rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of at least two (2) to four
12 (4) hours from time to time, a first and second rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some
13 shifts worked of between six (6) and eight (8) hours from time to time, and a first, second and
14 third rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of ten (10) hours or more from
15 time to time. When they were provided with rest breaks, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
16 CLASS Members were, from time to time, required to remain on duty and/or on call. PLAINTIFF
17 and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also not provided with one-hour wages *in lieu*
18 thereof. As a result of their rigorous work schedules and DEFENDANT's inadequate staffing,
19 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were from time to time denied their
20 proper rest periods by DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT's managers.

21 **C. Unreimbursed Business Expenses**

22 20. DEFENDANT as a matter of corporate policy, practice, and procedure,
23 intentionally, knowingly, and systematically failed to reimburse and indemnify the PLAINTIFF
24 and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for required business expenses incurred by the
25 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members in direct consequence of discharging
26 their duties on behalf of DEFENDANT. Under California Labor Code Section 2802, employers
27 are required to indemnify employees for all expenses incurred in the course and scope of their
28 employment. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 expressly states that "an employer shall indemnify his or her

1 employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence
2 of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer,
3 even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them
4 to be unlawful."

5 21. In the course of their employment, DEFENDANT required PLAINTIFF and other
6 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to incur personal expenses for the use of their personal cell
7 phones as a result of and in furtherance of their job duties. Specifically, PLAINTIFF and other
8 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required to use their own cell phones in order to perform
9 work related tasks. However, DEFENDANT unlawfully failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and
10 other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for the use of their personal cell phones and vehicles. As
11 a result, in the course of their employment with DEFENDANT, the PLAINTIFF and other
12 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members incurred unreimbursed business expenses that included, but
13 were not limited to, costs related to the use of their personal cell phones, all on behalf of and for
14 the benefit of DEFENDANT.

15 **D. Wage Statement Violations**

16 22. California Labor Code Section 226 required an employer to furnish its employees
17 and accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours
18 worked, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece-rate, (4) all deductions,
19 (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the
20 name of the employee and only the last four digits of the employee's social security number or an
21 employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of
22 the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay
23 period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

24 23. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, when PLAINTIFF and other
25 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members missed meal and rest breaks, or were paid inaccurately for
26 missed meal and rest period premiums, or were not paid for all hours worked, DEFENDANT also
27 failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with complete and
28 accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, all deductions, the total hours

1 worked and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period, and the corresponding
2 amount of time worked at each hourly rate, correct rates of pay for penalty payments or missed
3 meal and rest periods. Further, DEFENDANT from time to time failed to provide PLAINTIFF
4 and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with wage statements that provided the correct name
5 and address of the legal entity that is the employer, in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226(a)(8).

6 24. In addition to the foregoing, DEFENDANT, from time to time, failed to provide
7 PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with wage statements that comply with
8 Cal. Lab. Code § 226.

9 25. As a result, DEFENDANT issued PLAINTIFF and other members of the
10 CALIFORNIA CLASS with wage statements that violate Cal. Lab. Code § 226. Further,
11 DEFENDANT's violations are knowing and intentional, were not isolated due to an unintentional
12 payroll error due to clerical or inadvertent mistake.

13 **E. Off-the-Clock Work Resulting in Minimum Wage and Overtime Violations**

14 26. During the CLASS PERIOD, from time-to-time DEFENDANT failed and
15 continues to fail to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
16 for all hours worked.

17 27. During the CLASS PERIOD, from time-to-time DEFENDANT required
18 PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to perform pre-shift or post-shift
19 working. Specifically, DEFENDANT from time to time required PLAINTIFF and other members
20 of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to spend time off the clock pre-shift waiting for a supervisor to
21 allow PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to clock in for their shifts.
22 Further, from time to time, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS also
23 spent time off the clock post-shift performing work-related tasks. This resulted in PLAINTIFF
24 and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to have to work while off-the-clock.

25 28. DEFENDANT directed and directly benefited from the undercompensated off-the-
26 clock work performed by PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

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1 29. DEFENDANT controlled the work schedules, duties, and protocols, applications,
2 assignments, and employment conditions of PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
3 CALIFORNIA CLASS.

4 30. DEFENDANT was able to track the amount of time PLAINTIFF and the other
5 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS spent working; however, DEFENDANT failed to
6 document, track, or pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS all
7 wages earned and owed for all the work they performed.

8 31. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were non-
9 exempt employees, subject to the requirements of the California Labor Code.

10 32. DEFENDANT's policies and practices deprived PLAINTIFF and the other
11 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members of all minimum regular, overtime, and double time wages owed
12 for the off-the-clock work activities. Because PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
13 CALIFORNIA CLASS typically worked over forty (40) hours in a workweek, and more than
14 eight (8) hours per day, DEFENDANT's policies and practices also deprived them of overtime
15 pay.

16 33. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
17 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS off-the-clock work was compensable under the law.

18 34. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
19 forfeited wages due to them for all hours worked at DEFENDANT's direction, control, and
20 benefit for the time spent working while off-the-clock. DEFENDANT's uniform policy and
21 practice to not pay PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS wages for all
22 hours worked in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business
23 records.

24 **F. Reporting Time Violations**

25 35. Further, DEFENDANTS from time to time required PLAINTIFF and other
26 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to report to work, but were furnished less than half their
27 scheduled shift's worth of work and were not paid reporting time pay as required by Cal. Code
28 Regs., tit. 8 § 11040, subdivision(A). Specifically, Subdivision 5(A) states, "(A) Each workday

1 an employee is required to report for work and does report, but is not put to work or is furnished
2 less than half said employee's usual or scheduled day's work, the employee shall be paid for half
3 the usual or scheduled day's work, but in no event for less than two (2) hours nor more than four
4 (4) hours, at the employee's regular rate of pay, which shall not be less than the minimum wage.”
5 In addition, when DEFENDANTS required PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS
6 Members to engage in additional work, this sometimes resulted in a second reporting for work in
7 a single workday. In such a circumstance of a second reporting for work in a single workday,
8 DEFENDANT failed to pay these employees reporting time pay as required by Cal. Code Regs.,
9 tit. 8 § 11040. Subdivision 5(B) states: “If an employee is required to report for work a second
10 time in any one workday and is furnished less than two (2) hours of work on the second reporting,
11 said employee shall be paid for two (2) hours at the employee’s regular rate of pay, which shall
12 be not less than the minimum wage.” Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8 § 11040, subd. 5(B).

13 **G. Regular Rate Violation – Overtime, Double Time, Meal and Rest Period Premiums,**
14 **and Redeemed Sick Pay**

15 36. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT failed and
16 continues to fail to accurately calculate and pay PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS
17 Members for their overtime and double time hours worked, meal and rest period premiums, and
18 redeemed sick pay. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
19 forfeited wages due to them for working overtime without compensation at the correct overtime
20 and double time rates, meal and rest period premiums, and redeemed sick pay rates.
21 DEFENDANT’s uniform policy and practice not to pay the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members at
22 the correct rate for all overtime and double time worked, meal and rest period premiums, and
23 redeemed sick pay in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANT’s business
24 records.

25 37. State law provides that employees must be paid overtime at one-and-one-half times
26 their “regular rate of pay.” PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were
27 compensated at an hourly rate plus incentive pay that was tied to specific elements of an
28 employee’s performance.

1 38. The second component of PLAINTIFF's and other CALIFORNIA CLASS
2 Members' compensation was DEFENDANTS' non-discretionary incentive program that paid
3 PLAINTIFF and other CLASS MEMBERS incentive wages based on their performance for
4 DEFENDANTS. The non-discretionary bonus program provided all employees paid on an hourly
5 basis with bonus compensation when the employees met the various performance goals set by
6 DEFENDANTS.

7 39. However, from-time-to-time, when calculating the regular rate of pay, in those pay
8 periods where PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS members worked overtime, double
9 time, paid meal and rest period premium payments, and/or redeemed sick pay, and earned non-
10 discretionary bonus, DEFENDANTS failed to accurately include the non-discretionary bonus
11 compensation as part of the employees' "regular rate of pay" and/or calculated all hours worked
12 rather than just all non-overtime hours worked. Management and supervisors described the
13 incentive/bonus program to potential and new employees as part of the compensation package.
14 As a matter of law, the incentive compensation received by PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
15 CLASS members must be included in the "regular rate of pay." The failure to do so has resulted
16 in a systematic underpayment of overtime and double time compensation, meal and rest period
17 premiums, and redeemed sick pay to PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS members by
18 DEFENDANTS. Specifically, California Labor Code Section 246 mandates that paid sick time
19 for non-employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular rate of pay for the
20 workweek in which the non-exempt employee uses paid sick time, whether or not the employee
21 actually works overtime in that workweek. DEFENDANTS' conduct, as articulated herein, by
22 failing to include the incentive compensation as part of the "regular rate of pay" for purposes of
23 sick pay compensation was in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 246 the underpayment of which is
24 recoverable under Cal. Labor Code Sections 201, 202, 203 and/or 204.

25 40. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the
26 requirements of the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order, DEFENDANT as a
27 matter of company policy, practice, and procedure, intentionally and knowingly failed to
28 compensate PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS at the correct rate

1 of pay for all overtime and double time worked, meal and rest period premiums, and sick pay.
2 This uniform policy and practice of DEFENDANT is intended to purposefully avoid the payment
3 of the correct overtime and double time compensation, meal and rest period premiums, and sick
4 pay as required by California law which allowed DEFENDANT to illegally profit and gain an
5 unfair advantage over competitors who complied with the law. To the extent equitable tolling
6 operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA CLASS members against DEFENDANT, the
7 CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.

8 **H. Violations for Untimely Payment of Wages**

9 41. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 204, PLAINTIFF and the
10 CALIFORNIA CLASS members were entitled to timely payment of wages during their
11 employment. PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members, from time to time, did not
12 receive payment of all wages, including, but not limited to, overtime wages, minimum wages,
13 meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages within permissible time period.

14 **I. Unlawful Deductions**

15 42. DEFENDANTS, from time-to-time unlawfully deducted wages from PLAINTIFF
16 and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members' pay without explanations and without authorization to do
17 so or notice to PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. As a result,
18 DEFENDANTS violated Labor Code § 221.

19 **J. Timekeeping Manipulation**

20 43. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS, from time-to-time, did not have an
21 immutable timekeeping system to accurately record and pay PLAINTIFF and other members of
22 the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the actual time PLAINTIFF and other members of the
23 CALIFORNIA CLASS worked each day, including regular time, overtime hours, sick pay, meal
24 and rest breaks. As a result, DEFENDANT was able to and did in fact, unlawfully, and unilaterally
25 alter the time recorded in DEFENDANTS' timekeeping system for PLAINTIFF and other
26 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS in order to avoid paying these employees for all hours
27 worked, applicable overtime compensation, applicable sick pay, missed meal breaks and missed
28 rest breaks.

1 44. As a result, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, from
2 time-to-time, forfeited time worked by working without their time being accurately recorded and
3 without compensation at the applicable pay rates.

4 45. The mutability of the timekeeping system also allowed DEFENDANTS to alter
5 employee time records by recording fictitious thirty (30) minute meal breaks in DEFENDANTS'
6 timekeeping system so as to create the appearance that PLAINTIFF and other members of the
7 CALIFORNIA CLASS clocked out for thirty (30) minute meal break when in fact the employees
8 were not at all times provided an off-duty meal break. This practice is a direct result of
9 DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice of denying employees uninterrupted thirty (30)
10 minute off-duty meal breaks each day or otherwise compensate them for missed meal breaks

11 46. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
12 forfeited wages due them for all hours worked at DEFENDANTS' direction, control and benefit
13 for the time the timekeeping system was inoperable. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and
14 practice to not pay PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS wages for all
15 hours worked in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business
16 records.

17 47. Specifically, as to PLAINTIFF, PLAINTIFF was from time to time unable to take
18 off duty meal and rest breaks and was not fully relieved of duty for her rest and meal periods.
19 PLAINTIFF was required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANT for more than five (5)
20 hours during a shift without receiving an off-duty meal break. Further, DEFENDANT failed to
21 provide PLAINTIFF with a second off-duty meal period each workday in which she was required
22 by DEFENDANT to work ten (10) hours of work. When DEFENDANT provided PLAINTIFF
23 with a rest break, they required PLAINTIFF to remain on-duty and on-call for the rest break.
24 DEFENDANT policy caused PLAINTIFF to remain on-call and on-duty during what was
25 supposed to be her off-duty meal periods. PLAINTIFF therefore forfeited meal and rest breaks
26 without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT'S strict corporate policy
27 and practice. Moreover, DEFENDANT also provided PLAINTIFF with paystubs that failed to
28 comply with Cal. Lab. Code § 226. Further, DEFENDANT also failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF

1 for required business expenses related to the personal expenses incurred for the use of her personal
2 cell phone, on behalf of and in furtherance of her employment with DEFENDANT. To date,
3 DEFENDANT has not fully paid PLAINTIFF the minimum, overtime and double time
4 compensation still owed to her or any penalty wages owed to her under Cal. Lab. Code § 203.
5 The amount in controversy for PLAINTIFF individually does not exceed the sum or value of
6 \$75,000.

7 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

8 48. PLAINTIFF bring this Class Action on behalf of herself, and a California class
9 defined as all persons who are or previously were employed by Defendant CJJ Enterprises and/or
10 Defendant Mangione in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the “CALIFORNIA
11 CLASS”) at any time during the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of the original
12 Complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the “CLASS PERIOD”).

13 49. PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members have uniformly been
14 deprived of wages and penalties from unpaid wages earned and due, including but not limited to
15 unpaid minimum wages, unpaid overtime compensation, unpaid meal and rest period premiums,
16 illegal meal and rest period policies, failed to reimburse for business expenses, failed compensate
17 for off-the-clock work, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to maintain
18 required records, and interest, statutory and civil penalties, attorney’s fees, costs, and expenses.

19 50. The members of the class are so numerous that joinder of all class members is
20 impractical.

21 51. Common questions of law and fact regarding DEFENDANT’s conduct, including
22 but not limited to, off-the-clock work, unpaid meal and rest period premiums, failure to accurately
23 calculate the regular rate of pay for overtime compensation, failure to accurately calculate the
24 regular rate of compensation for missed meal and rest period premiums, failing to provide legally
25 compliant meal and rest periods, failed to reimburse for business expenses, failure to provide
26 accurate itemized wage statements accurate, and failure to ensure they are paid at least minimum
27 wage and overtime, exist as to all members of the class and predominate over any questions
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1 affecting solely any individual members of the class. Among the questions of law and fact
2 common to the class are:

- 3 a. Whether DEFENDANT maintained legally compliant meal period policies and
4 practices;
- 5 b. Whether DEFENDANT maintained legally compliant rest period policies and
6 practices;
- 7 c. Whether DEFENDANT failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
8 Members accurate premium payments for missed meal and rest periods;
- 9 d. Whether DEFENDANT failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
10 Members accurate overtime wages;
- 11 e. Whether DEFENDANT failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
12 Members at least minimum wage for all hours worked;
- 13 f. Whether DEFENDANT failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA
14 CLASS Members for required business expenses;
- 15 g. Whether DEFENDANT issued legally compliant wage statements;
- 16 h. Whether DEFENDANT committed an act of unfair competition by systematically
17 failing to record and pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
18 CLASS for all time worked;
- 19 i. Whether DEFENDANT committed an act of unfair competition by systematically
20 failing to record all meal and rest breaks missed by PLAINTIFF and other
21 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, even though DEFENDANT enjoyed the benefit
22 of this work, required employees to perform this work and permits or suffers to
23 permit this work;
- 24 j. Whether DEFENDANT committed an act of unfair competition in violation of the
25 UCL, by failing to provide the PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
26 CALIFORNIA CLASS with the legally required meal and rest periods.

27 52. PLAINTIFF are members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS and suffered damages as
28 a result of DEFENDANT's conduct and actions alleged herein.

1 53. PLAINTIFF'S claims are typical of the claims of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, and
2 PLAINTIFF have the same interests as the other members of the class.

3 54. PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the
4 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

5 55. PLAINTIFF retained able class counsel with extensive experience in class action
6 litigation.

7 56. Further, PLAINTIFF'S interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to, the
8 interest of the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

9 57. There is a strong community of interest among PLAINTIFF and the members of
10 the CALIFORNIA CLASS to, inter alia, ensure that the combined assets of DEFENDANT are
11 sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the injuries
12 sustained.

13 58. The questions of law and fact common to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
14 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and factual
15 issues relating to liability and damages.

16 59. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
17 adjudication of this controversy because joinder of all class members is impractical. Moreover,
18 since the damages suffered by individual members of the class may be relatively small, the
19 expense and burden of individual litigation makes it practically impossible for the members of the
20 class individually to redress the wrongs done to them. Without class certification and
21 determination of declaratory, injunctive, statutory, and other legal questions within the class
22 format, prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS will
23 create the risk of:

24 a. Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the
25 CALIFORNIA CLASS which would establish incompatible standards of conduct
26 for the parties opposing the CALIFORNIA CLASS; and/or,

27 b. Adjudication with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
28 which would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other

1 members not party to the adjudication or substantially impair or impeded their
2 ability to protect their interests.

3 60. Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring an
4 efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims arising out of
5 the conduct of DEFENDANT.

6 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **Unlawful Business Practices**

8 **(Cal. Bus. And Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*)**

9 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)**

10 61. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
11 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
12 Complaint.

13 62. DEFENDANT is a “person” as that term is defined under Cal. Bus. And Prof.
14 Code § 17021.

15 63. California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* (the “UCL”) defines
16 unfair competition as any unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice. Section 17203
17 authorizes injunctive, declaratory, and/or other equitable relief with respect to unfair competition
18 as follows:

19 Any person who engages, has engaged, or proposes to engage in unfair competition may
20 be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. The court may make such orders or
21 judgments, including the appointment of a receiver, as may be necessary to prevent the
22 use or employment by any person of any practice which constitutes unfair competition, as
23 defined in this chapter, or as may be necessary to restore to any person in interest any
24 money or property, real or personal, which may have been acquired by means of such
25 unfair competition. (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203).

26 64. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT has engaged and continues to
27 engage in a business practice which violates California law, including but not limited to, the
28 applicable Wage Order(s), the California Code of Regulations and the California Labor Code
including Sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and
2802, for which this Court should issue declaratory and other equitable relief pursuant to Cal.

1 Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203 as may be necessary to prevent and remedy the conduct held to
2 constitute unfair competition, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

3 65. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were unlawful and unfair
4 in that these practices violated public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive unscrupulous
5 or substantially injurious to employees, and were without valid justification or utility for which
6 this Court should issue equitable and injunctive relief pursuant to Section 17203 of the California
7 Business & Professions Code, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

8 66. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were deceptive and
9 fraudulent in that DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice failed to provide the legally
10 mandated meal and rest periods and the required amount of compensation for missed meal and
11 rest periods, failed to pay minimum and overtime wages owed, and failed to reimburse all
12 necessary business expenses incurred, due to a systematic business practice that cannot be
13 justified, pursuant to the applicable Cal. Lab. Code, and Industrial Welfare Commission
14 requirements in violation of Cal. Bus. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, and for which this Court should
15 issue injunctive and equitable relief, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, including
16 restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

17 67. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unlawful,
18 unfair, and deceptive in that DEFENDANT's employment practices caused PLAINTIFF and the
19 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to be underpaid during their employment with
20 DEFENDANT.

21 68. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unfair and
22 deceptive in that DEFENDANT's uniform policies, practices and procedures failed to provide
23 mandatory meal and/or rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members as
24 required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512.

25 69. Therefore, PLAINTIFF demands on behalf of herself and on behalf of each
26 CALIFORNIA CLASS member, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which an off-duty meal
27 period was not timely provided for each five (5) hours of work, and/or one (1) hour of pay for
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1 each workday in which a second off-duty meal period was not timely provided for each ten (10)
2 hours of work.

3 70. PLAINTIFF further demands on behalf of herself and on behalf of each
4 CALIFORNIA CLASS member, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which a rest period was
5 not timely provided as required by law.

6 71. By and through the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein,
7 DEFENDANT has obtained valuable property, money and services from PLAINTIFF and the
8 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, including earned wages for all time worked, and
9 has deprived them of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law and contract, all to the
10 detriment of these employees and to the benefit of DEFENDANT so as to allow DEFENDANT
11 to unfairly compete against competitors who comply with the law.

12 72. All the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the Industrial
13 Welfare Commission Wage Orders, the California Code of Regulations, and the California Labor
14 Code, were unlawful and in violation of public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive, and
15 unscrupulous, were deceptive, and thereby constitute unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business
16 practices in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

17 73. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are entitled to,
18 and do, seek such relief as may be necessary to restore to them the money and property which
19 DEFENDANT has acquired, or of which PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
20 CALIFORNIA CLASS have been deprived, by means of the above described unlawful and unfair
21 business practices, including earned but unpaid wages for all time worked.

22 74. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are further
23 entitled to, and do, seek a declaration that the described business practices are unlawful, unfair,
24 and deceptive, and that injunctive relief should be issued restraining DEFENDANT from
25 engaging in any unlawful and unfair business practices in the future.

26 75. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have no plain,
27 speedy and/or adequate remedy at law that will end the unlawful and unfair business practices of
28 DEFENDANT. Further, the practices herein alleged presently continue to occur unabated. As a

1 result of the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein, PLAINTIFF and the other
2 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable legal
3 and economic harm unless DEFENDANT is restrained from continuing to engage in these
4 unlawful and unfair business practices.

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **Failure To Pay Minimum Wages**

7 **(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1197.1)**

8 **Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against ALL Defendants)**

9 76. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
10 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
11 Complaint.

12 77. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS bring a claim for
13 DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code and the Industrial
14 Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANT's failure to accurately calculate and pay
15 minimum wages to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

16 78. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public
17 policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked.

18 79. Cal. Lab. Code § 1197 provides the minimum wage for employees fixed by the
19 commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a less wage than
20 the minimum so fixed is unlawful.

21 80. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages,
22 including minimum wage compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of suit.

23 81. DEFENDANT maintained a uniform wage practice of paying PLAINTIFF and the
24 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS without regard to the correct amount of time they
25 work. As set forth herein, DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice was to unlawfully and
26 intentionally deny timely payment of wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
27 CALIFORNIA CLASS.

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1 82. DEFENDANT's uniform pattern of unlawful wage and hour practices manifested,
2 without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole, as a result of
3 implementing a uniform policy and practice that denies accurate compensation to PLAINTIFF
4 and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS in regard to minimum wage pay.

5 83. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT
6 inaccurately calculated the correct time worked and consequently underpaid the actual time
7 worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. DEFENDANT acted
8 in an illegal attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in violation of
9 the California Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements and other applicable
10 laws and regulations.

11 84. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful wage practices as alleged herein,
12 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS did not receive the correct
13 minimum wage compensation for their time worked for DEFENDANT.

14 85. During the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
15 CALIFORNIA CLASS were paid less for time worked that they were entitled to, constituting a
16 failure to pay all earned wages.

17 86. By virtue of DEFENDANT's unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned
18 compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the true
19 time they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have
20 suffered and will continue to suffer an economic injury in amounts which are presently unknown
21 to them, and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

22 87. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
23 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were under-compensated for their time worked.
24 DEFENDANT systematically elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross
25 nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor as a matter of uniform company policy, practice
26 and procedure, and DEFENDANT perpetrated this systematic scheme by refusing to pay
27 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS the correct minimum wages
28 for their time worked.

1 88. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California labor
2 laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked
3 and provide them with the requisite compensation, DEFENDANT acted and continues to act
4 intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
5 CALIFORNIA CLASS with a conscious and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the
6 consequences to them, and with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal
7 rights, and otherwise causing them injury in order to increase company profits at the expense of
8 these employees.

9 89. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS therefore request
10 recovery of all unpaid wages, according to proof, interest, statutory costs, as well as the
11 assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANT, in a sum as provided by the
12 California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the extent minimum wage
13 compensation is determined to be owed to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who have
14 terminated their employment, DEFENDANT's conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or
15 202, and therefore these individuals are also be entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab.
16 Code § 203, which penalties are sought herein on behalf of these CALIFORNIA CLASS
17 Members. DEFENDANT's conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional and not in good
18 faith. Further, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are entitled to seek and
19 recover statutory costs.

20 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Failure To Pay Overtime Compensation**

22 **(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 510, 1194 and 1198)**

23 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against ALL Defendants)**

24 90. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
25 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
26 Complaint.

27 91. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS bring a claim for
28 DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code and the Industrial

1 Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANT's failure to pay these employees for all
2 overtime worked, including, work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday, and/or
3 twelve (12) hours in a workday, and/or forty (40) hours in any workweek.

4 92. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public
5 policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked.

6 93. Cal. Lab. Code § 510 provides that employees in California shall not be employed
7 more than eight (8) hours per workday and/or more than forty (40) hours per workweek unless
8 they receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law.

9 94. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages,
10 including minimum and overtime compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of
11 suit. Cal. Lab. Code § 1198 further states that the employment of an employee for longer hours
12 than those fixed by the Industrial Welfare Commission is unlawful.

13 95. During the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
14 were required by DEFENDANT to work for DEFENDANT and were not paid for all the time
15 they worked, including overtime work.

16 96. DEFENDANT's uniform pattern of unlawful wage and hour practices manifested,
17 without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole, as a result of
18 implementing a uniform policy and practice that failed to accurately record overtime worked by
19 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members and denied accurate compensation to
20 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for overtime worked,
21 including, the overtime work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday, and/or twelve
22 (12) hours in a workday, and/or forty (40) hours in any workweek.

23 97. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT
24 inaccurately recorded overtime worked and consequently underpaid the overtime worked by
25 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. DEFENDANT acted in an illegal
26 attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in violation of the California
27 Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements and other applicable laws and
28 regulations.

1 98. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful wage practices as alleged herein,
2 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS did not receive the correct
3 overtime compensation for their time worked for DEFENDANT.

4 99. Cal. Lab. Code § 515 sets out various categories of employees who are exempt
5 from the overtime requirements of the law. None of these exemptions are applicable to
6 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. Further, PLAINTIFF and the
7 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are not subject to a valid collective bargaining
8 agreement that would preclude the causes of action contained herein this Complaint. Rather,
9 PLAINTIFF bring this Action on behalf of herself, and the CALIFORNIA CLASS, based on
10 DEFENDANT's violations of non-negotiable, non-waivable rights provided by the State of
11 California.

12 100. During the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
13 CALIFORNIA CLASS were paid less for overtime worked that they were entitled to, constituting
14 a failure to pay all earned wages.

15 101. DEFENDANT failed to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
16 CALIFORNIA CLASS overtime wages for the time they worked which was in excess of the
17 maximum hours permissible by law as required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1194, & 1198, even
18 though PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were regularly required
19 to work, and did in fact work overtime, and did in fact work overtime as to which DEFENDANT
20 failed to accurately record and pay as evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records and
21 witnessed by employees.

22 102. By virtue of DEFENDANT's unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned
23 compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the true
24 amount of overtime they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
25 CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer an economic injury in amounts which are
26 presently unknown to them, and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

27 103. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
28 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were undercompensated for their time worked.

1 DEFENDANT systematically elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross
2 nonfeasance, to not pay them for their labor as a matter of uniform company policy, practice and
3 procedure, and DEFENDANT perpetrated this systematic scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF
4 and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS the correct overtime wages for their
5 overtime worked.

6 104. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California labor
7 laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked
8 and provide them with the requisite compensation, DEFENDANT acted and continues to act
9 intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
10 CALIFORNIA CLASS with a conscious of and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the
11 consequences to them, and with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal
12 rights, and otherwise causing them injury in order to increase company profits at the expense of
13 these employees.

14 105. Therefore, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
15 request recovery of overtime wages, according to proof, interest, statutory costs, as well as the
16 assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANT, in a sum as provided by the
17 California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the extent overtime compensation is
18 determined to be owed to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who have terminated their
19 employment, DEFENDANT'S conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or 202, and therefore
20 these individuals are also be entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab. Code § 203, which
21 penalties are sought herein. DEFENDANT's conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional,
22 and not in good faith. Further, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are
23 entitled to seek and recover statutory costs.

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109. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses and costs of suit.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure To Provide Required Rest Periods

(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512)

(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)

110. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.

111. From time to time, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required to work in excess of four (4) hours without being provided ten (10) minute rest periods. Further, these employees were denied their first rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of at least two (2) to four (4) hours, a first and second rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of between six (6) and eight (8) hours, and a first, second and third rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of ten (10) hours or more. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also not provided with one-hour wages *in lieu* thereof. As a result of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were periodically denied their proper rest periods by DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT's managers. In addition, DEFENDANT failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for their rest periods as required by the applicable Wage Order and Labor Code. As a result, DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with all the legally required paid rest periods is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records.

112. DEFENDANT further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who were not provided a rest period, in accordance with the applicable Wage Order, one

1 additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that rest
2 period was not provided.

3 113. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and
4 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial,
5 and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses and costs of suit.

6 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **Failure To Reimburse Employees for Required Expenses**

8 **(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2802)**

9 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)**

10 114. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
11 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
12 Complaint.

13 115. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 provides, in relevant part, that:

14 An employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or
15 losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her
16 duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer, even though
unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them
to be unlawful.

17 116. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT violated Cal. Lab.
18 Code § 2802, by failing to indemnify and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
19 members for required expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties for DEFENDANT's
20 benefit. DEFENDANT failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members
21 for expenses which included, but were not limited to, personal expenses incurred for the use of
22 their personal cell phones all on behalf of and for the benefit of DEFENDANT. Specifically,
23 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required by DEFENDANT to use
24 their own cell phones to execute their essential job duties on behalf of DEFENDANT.
25 DEFENDANT's uniform policy, practice and procedure was to not reimburse PLAINTIFF and
26 the CALIFORNIA CLASS members for expenses resulting from the use of their personal cell
27 phones for DEFENDANT within the course and scope of their employment for DEFENDANT.
28 These expenses were necessary to complete their principal job duties. DEFENDANT is estopped

1 by DEFENDANT's conduct to assert any waiver of this expectation. Although these expenses
2 were necessary expenses incurred by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members,
3 DEFENDANT failed to indemnify and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
4 members for these expenses as an employer is required to do under the laws and regulations of
5 California.

6 117. PLAINTIFF therefore demand reimbursement for expenditures or losses incurred
7 by her and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members in the discharge of their job duties for
8 DEFENDANT, or their obedience to the directions of DEFENDANT, with interest at the statutory
9 rate and costs under Cal. Lab. Code § 2802.

10 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

11 **Failure To Provide Accurate Itemized Statements**

12 **(Cal. Lab. Code § 226)**

13 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)**

14 118. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
15 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
16 Complaint.

17 119. Cal. Labor Code § 226 provides that an employer must furnish employees with an
18 "accurate itemized" statement in writing showing:

- 19 a. Gross wages earned,
- 20 b. (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any employee whose
21 compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of
22 overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the
23 Industrial Welfare Commission,
- 24 c. the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee
25 is paid on a piece-rate basis,
- 26 d. all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee
27 may be aggregated and shown as one item,
- 28 e. net wages earned,

- f. the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid,
- g. the name of the employee and his or her social security number, except that by January 1, 2008, only the last four digits of his or her social security number of an employee identification number other than social security number may be shown on the itemized statement,
- h. the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and
- i. all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

120. When DEFENDANT did not accurately record PLAINTIFF'S and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members' missed meal and rest breaks, or were paid inaccurate missed meal and rest break premiums, or were not paid for all hours worked, DEFENDANT violated Cal. Lab. Code § 226 in that DEFENDANT failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with complete and accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, all deductions, the accurate gross wages earned, net wages earned, the total hours worked and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate, and correct rates of pay for penalty payments or missed meal and rest periods. Further, DEFENDANT from time to time failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with wage statements that provided the correct name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226(a)(8).

121. In addition to the foregoing, DEFENDANT failed to provide itemized wage statements to PLAINTIFF and members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS that complied with the requirements of California Labor Code Section 226.

122. DEFENDANT knowingly and intentionally failed to comply with Cal. Lab. Code § 226, causing injury and damages to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. These damages include, but are not limited to, costs expended calculating the correct wages for all missed meal and rest breaks and the amount of employment taxes which were not properly paid to state and federal tax authorities. These damages are difficult to estimate. Therefore, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS may elect to recover

1 liquidated damages of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the initial pay period in which the violation
2 occurred, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation in a subsequent pay period
3 pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 226, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial (but in no
4 event more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for PLAINTIFF and each respective member
5 of the CALIFORNIA CLASS herein).

6 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **Failure To Pay Wages When Due**

8 **(Cal. Lab. Code § 203)**

9 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)**

10 123. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
11 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
12 Complaint.

13 124. Cal. Lab. Code § 200 provides that:

14 As used in this article:

- 15 (d) "Wages" includes all amounts for labor performed by employees of every
16 description, whether the amount is fixed or ascertained by the standard of time,
17 task, piece, Commission basis, or other method of calculation.
18 (e) "Labor" includes labor, work, or service whether rendered or performed under
19 contract, subcontract, partnership, station plan, or other agreement if the to be
20 paid for is performed personally by the person demanding payment.

21 125. Cal. Lab. Code § 201 provides, in relevant part, that "If an employer discharges
22 an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable
23 immediately."

24 126. Cal. Lab. Code § 202 provides, in relevant part, that:

25 If an employee not having a written contract for a definite period quits his or her
26 employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours
27 thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention
28 to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employee who quits without providing a
72-hour notice shall be entitled to receive payment by mail if he or she so requests and
designates a mailing address. The date of the mailing shall constitute the date of payment
for purposes of the requirement to provide payment within 72 hours of the notice of
quitting.

1 127. There was no definite term in PLAINTIFF'S or any CALIFORNIA CLASS
2 Members' employment contract.

3 128. Cal. Lab. Code § 203 provides:

4 If an employer willfully fails to pay, without abatement or reduction, in accordance with
5 Sections 201, 201.5, 202, and 205.5, any wages of an employee who is discharged or who
6 quits, the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at
the same rate until paid or until an action therefor is commenced; but the wages shall not
continue for more than 30 days.

7 129. The employment of PLAINTIFF and many CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
8 terminated, and DEFENDANT has not tendered payment of wages to these employees who
9 missed meal and rest breaks, as required by law.

10 130. Therefore, as provided by Cal Lab. Code § 203, on behalf of herself and the
11 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS whose employment has, PLAINTIFF demand up to thirty
12 (30) days of pay as penalty for not paying all wages due at time of termination for all employees
13 who terminated employment during the CLASS PERIOD and demand an accounting and payment
14 of all wages due, plus interest and statutory costs as allowed by law.

15 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

16 **For Civil Penalties Pursuant to Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA")**

17 **[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698, et seq.]**

18 **(By PLAINTIFF and AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES and Against All DEFENDANTS)**

19 131. PLAINTIFF realleges and incorporates by this reference, as though fully set forth
20 herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.

21 132. PAGA is a mechanism by which the State of California itself can enforce state
22 labor laws through the employee suing under the PAGA who do so as the proxy or agent of the
23 state's labor law enforcement agencies. An action to recover civil penalties under PAGA is
24 fundamentally a law enforcement action designed to protect the public and not to benefit private
25 parties. The purpose of the PAGA is not to recover damages or restitution, but to create a means
26 of "deputizing" citizens as private attorneys general to enforce the Labor Code. In enacting
27 PAGA, the California Legislature specified that "it was ... in the public interest to allow
28 aggrieved employees, acting as private attorneys general to recover civil penalties for Labor

Code violations ..." Stats. 2003, ch. 906, § 1. Accordingly, PAGA claims cannot be subject to arbitration.

133. PLAINTIFF brings this Representative Action on behalf of the State of California with respect to herself and all other current and former non-exempt employees employed by DEFENDANTS in California (the "AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES") during the time period of April 19, 2022, to June 19, 2023 (the "PAGA PERIOD").

134. At all relevant times, for the reasons described herein, and others, PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were aggrieved employees of DEFENDANT within the meaning of Labor Code Section 2699(c).

135. Labor Code Sections 2699(a) and (g) authorize an AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE, like PLAINTIFF, on behalf of herself and other current or former employees, to bring a civil action to recover civil penalties pursuant to the procedures specified in Labor Code Section 2699.3

136. PLAINTIFF complied with the procedures for bringing suit specified in Labor Code Section 2699.3. By certified letter, return receipt requested, dated July 18, 2023, PLAINTIFF gave written notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and to DEFENDANT of the specific provisions of the Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations. See Exhibit #1.

137. As of the date of this complaint, more than sixty-five (65) days after serving the LWDA with notice of DEFENDANT'S violations, the LWDA has not provided any notice by certified mail of its intent to investigate the DEFENDANT'S alleged violations as mandated by Labor Code Section 2699.3(a)(2)(A). Accordingly, pursuant to Labor Code Section 2699.3(a)(2)A, PLAINTIFF may commence and is authorized to pursue this cause of action.

138. Pursuant to Labor Code Sections 2699(a) and (f), PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES are entitled to civil penalties for DEFENDANTS' violations of Labor Code Section 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 246, 510, 512, 558, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.14, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802 and 2804 in the following amounts:

- 1 a. For violation of Labor Code Sections 201, 202, 203, and 204, one hundred
2 dollars (\$100) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay period for the initial
3 violation and two hundred dollars (\$200) for AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay
4 period for each subsequent violation [penalty per Labor Code Section 2699(f)(2)];
- 5 b. For violations of Labor Code Section 226(a), a civil penalty in the amount
6 of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE for any
7 initial violation and one thousand dollars for each subsequent violation [penalty per
8 Labor Code Section 226.3];
- 9 c. For violations of Labor Code Sections 204, a civil penalty in the amount of
10 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE for any initial
11 violation and two hundred dollars (\$200) for AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE for each
12 subsequent violation [penalty per Labor Code Section 210];
- 13 d. For violations of Labor Code Sections 226.7, 510 and 512, a civil penalty
14 in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50) for each underpaid AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE
15 for the initial violation and hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid
16 AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE for each subsequent violation [penalty per Labor Code
17 Section 558];
- 18 e. For violations of Labor Code Section 2269(a), a civil penalty in the amount
19 of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per violation
20 in an initial citation and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per AGGRIEVED
21 EMPLOYEE for each subsequent violation [penalty per Labor Code Section
22 226.3];
- 23 f. For violations of Labor Code Section 1174(d), a civil penalty in the amount
24 of five hundred (\$500) dollars for per AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE [penalty per
25 Labor Code Section 1174.5].
- 26 g. For violations of Labor Code Sections 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198 and 1199,
27 a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) per AGGRIEVED
28 EMPLOYEE per pay period for the initial violation and two hundred dollars fifty

1 (\$250) per AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay period for each subsequent
2 violation [penalty per Labor Code Section].

3 139. For all provisions of the Labor Code for which civil penalty is not specifically
4 provided, Labor Code § 2699(f) imposes upon Defendant a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100)
5 for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay period for the initial violation and two hundred
6 dollars (\$200) for each AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE per pay period for each subsequent
7 violation. PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES are entitled to an award of
8 reasonable attorney's fees and costs in connection with their claims for civil penalties pursuant
9 to Labor Code Section 2699(g)(1).

10 140. To the extent that any of the conduct and violations alleged herein did not affect
11 PLAINTIFF during the PAGA PERIOD, PLAINTIFF seeks penalties for those violations that
12 affected other AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES. (*Carrington v. Starbucks Corp.* (2018) 30
13 Cal.App.5th 504, 519; See also *Huff v. Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.* (2018) 23 Cal. App.
14 5th 745, 751 ["PAGA allows an "aggrieved employee"—a person affected by at least one Labor
15 Code violation committed by an employer—to pursue penalties for all the Labor Code violations
16 committed by that employer."], Emphasis added, reh'g denied (June 13, 2018).)

17 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

18 WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF pray for a judgment against each Defendant, jointly and
19 severally, as follows:

20 1. On behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS:

- 21 a. That the Court certify the First Cause of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA
22 CLASS as a class action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
23 b. An order temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining and restraining
24 DEFENDANT from engaging in similar unlawful conduct as set forth herein;
25 c. An order requiring DEFENDANT to pay all overtime wages and all sums
26 unlawfully withheld from compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the other members
27 of the CALIFORNIA CLASS; and
28 d. Restitutionary disgorgement of DEFENDANT's ill-gotten gains into a fluid fund

1 for restitution of the sums incidental to DEFENDANT's violations due to
2 PLAINTIFF and to the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.

3 2. On behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS:

- 4 a. That the Court certify the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth
5 Causes of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a class action pursuant
6 to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
- 7 b. Compensatory damages, according to proof at trial, including compensatory
8 damages for overtime compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of
9 the CALIFORNIA CLASS, during the applicable CLASS PERIOD plus interest
10 thereon at the statutory rate;
- 11 c. Meal and rest period compensation pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512 and
12 the applicable IWC Wage Order;
- 13 d. The greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in
14 which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per each member of the
15 CALIFORNIA CLASS for each violation in a subsequent pay period, not exceeding
16 an aggregate penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), and an award of costs for
17 violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226
- 18 e. The wages of all terminated employees from the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a
19 penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an action
20 therefore is commenced, in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code § 203.
- 21 f. The amount of the expenses PLAINTIFF and each member of the CALIFORNIA
22 CLASS incurred in the course of their job duties, plus interest, and costs of suit.

23 3. On behalf of the State of California and with respect to all AGGRIEVED
24 EMPLOYEES:

- 25 a. Recovery of civil penalties as prescribe by the Labor Code Private Attorneys
26 General Act of 2004.

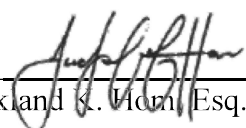
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1 4. On all claims:

- 2 a. An award of interest, including prejudgment interest at the legal rate;
- 3 b. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable; and
- 4 c. An award of penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs of suit, as allowable under the law,
- 5 including, but not limited to, pursuant to Labor Code § 218.5, § 226, and/or § 1194.

6 DATED: September 27, 2023

ZAKAY LAW GROUP, APLC

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Jackland S. Wom, Esq.

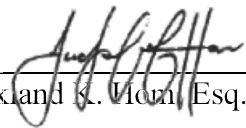
10 Attorney for PLAINTIFF

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13 **DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

14 PLAINTIFF demands a jury trial on issues triable to a jury.

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18 DATED: September 27, 2023

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EXHIBIT 1



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Client # 54101

July 18, 2023

Via Online Filing to LWDA and Certified Mail to Defendants
Labor and Workforce Development Agency
Online Filing

CHRISTINA, JENNIFER & JESSICA ENTERPRISES, INC.

c/o Michael J Mangione
3777 Long Beach Blvd., #200
Long Beach, CA 90807

Via Certified U.S. Mail with Return Receipt No. 9589 0710 5270 0625 6797 32

Re: Notice of Violations of California Labor Code Sections 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 558, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.14, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802, and 2804, Violation of Applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), and Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2699.5

Dear Sir/Madam:

Our offices represent Plaintiff JAZMINE MIXON (“Plaintiff”), and other aggrieved employees in a proposed lawsuit against Defendant CHRISTINA, JENNIFER & JESSICA ENTERPRISES, INC. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff was employed by Defendant from 2017 to May of 2021, as a non-exempt employee, paid on an hourly basis, and entitled to payment of all wages and the legally required meal and rest breaks. Defendant, however, unlawfully failed to record and pay Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees for all of their time worked, and for all of their meal breaks and rest breaks. Further, Defendant failed to timely pay Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees for earned wages.

As a consequence of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiff further contends that Defendant failed to provide accurate wage statements to her and other aggrieved employees, which among other violations of California Labor Code section 226(a). Said conduct, in addition to the foregoing Labor Code §§ 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 558, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.14, 1198, 1198.5, 1199, 2802, and 2804, violates the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), and is therefore actionable under California Labor Code section 2699.3.

Plaintiff seeks to represent a group of aggrieved employees defined as all non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant in California during the relevant claim period.

A true and correct copy of the proposed Complaint by Plaintiff against Defendant, which (1) identifies the alleged violations, (2) details the facts and theories which support the alleged violations, (3) details the specific work performed by Plaintiff, (4) sets forth the people/entities,

dates, classifications, violations, events, and actions which are at issue to the extent known to Plaintiff, and (5) sets forth the illegal practices used by Defendant, is attached hereto. This information provides notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency of the facts and theories supporting the alleged violations for the agency's reference. Plaintiff therefore incorporates the allegations of the attached Complaint into this letter as if fully set forth herein. If the agency needs any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

To the extent that entities and/or individuals are named and charged with violations of the Labor Code—making them liable on an individual basis as permitted by numerous Labor Code Sections including, but not limited to 558, 558.1, and 1197.1—Plaintiff reserves any and all rights to add, substitute, or change the name of employer entities and/or individuals responsible for the violations at issue.

Any further amendments and changes to this notice shall relate back to the date of this notice. Consequently, Defendant is on notice that Plaintiff continues her investigation, with the full intent to amend and/or change this notice, to add any undiscovered violations of any of the provisions of the California Labor Code—to the extent that are applicable to this case—and to change and/or add the identities of any entities and/or individuals responsible for the violations contained herein.

This notice is provided to enable Plaintiff to proceed with the Complaint against Defendant as authorized by California Labor Code section 2695, *et seq.* The lawsuit consists of other aggrieved employees. As counsel, our intention is to vigorously prosecute the claims as alleged in the Complaint, and to procure civil penalties as provided by the Private Attorney General Statute of 2004 on behalf of Plaintiff and all aggrieved California employees.

Your earliest response to this notice is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number and address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shani O. Zakay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shani O. Zakay
Attorney for Plaintiff

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

CHRISTINA, JENNIFER, & JESSICA ENTERPRISES, INC., a California corporation; MANGIONE, INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

JAZMINE MIXON, an individual, on behalf of herself, and on behalf of all persons similarly situated,

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

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

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

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

Stanley Mosk Courthouse
111 North Hill Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CASE NUMBER: **22STCV29924**
(Número del Caso):

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Jean-Claude Lapuyade, Esq. (SBN: 248676)

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Sherri R. Carter Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

DATE: **09/14/2022**

(Fecha)

Clerk, by G. Carini, Deputy
(Secretario) (Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
3. ☐ on behalf of (specify):
under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)
☐ other (specify):
4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

JAZMINE MIXON, an individual, on behalf of
 herself, and on behalf of all persons similarly
 situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTINA, JENNIFER, & JESSICA
 ENTERPRISES, INC., a California
 corporation; MANGIONE, INC., a California
 corporation; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No: **22STCV29924****CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR:**

- 1) UNFAIR COMPETITION IN VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §17200 *et seq*;
- 2) FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 1194, 1197 & 1197.1;
- 3) FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 510, *et seq*;
- 4) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED MEAL PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE ORDER;
- 5) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED REST PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE ORDER;

- 1 6) FAILURE TO REIMBURSE EMPLOYEES
2 FOR REQUIRED EXPENSES IN
3 VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 2802;
4 7) FAILURE TO PROVIDE WAGES WHEN
5 DUE IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB.
6 CODE §§ 201, 202 AND 203;
7 8) FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE
8 ITEMIZED STATEMENTS IN
9 VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 226.

10 **DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

11 PLAINTIFF JAZMINE MIXON (“PLAINTIFF”), an individual, on behalf of herself and
12 all other similarly situated current and former employees, allege on information and belief, except
13 for her own acts and knowledge which are based on personal knowledge, the following:

14 **PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS**

15 1. Defendant CHRISTINA, JENNIFER & JESSICA ENTERPRISES, INC.
16 (“Defendant CJJ Enterprises”) is a California corporation that at all relevant times mentioned
17 herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial and regular business throughout California.

18 2. Defendant MANGIONE, INC. (“Defendant Mangione”) is a California
19 corporation that at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct
20 substantial and regular business throughout California.

21 3. Defendant CJJ Enterprises and Defendant Mangione were the joint employers of
22 PLAINTIFF as evidenced by the documents issued to PLAINTIFF and by the company
23 PLAINTIFF performed work for respectively and are therefore jointly responsible as employers
24 for the conduct alleged herein as “DEFENDANTS” and/or “DEFENDANT.”

25 4. DEFENDANTS operate McDonald’s franchised restaurants in California,
26 including in the county of Los Angeles, where PLAINTIFF worked.

27 5. PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANT in California from 2017 to May of
28 2021 as a non-exempt employee, paid an hourly basis, and entitled to the legally required meal
and rest periods and payment of minimum and overtime wages due for all time worked.

6. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of herself and a California class,
defined as all persons who are or previously were employed by Defendant CJJ Enterprises and/or
Defendant Mangione in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the “CALIFORNIA

1 CLASS”) at any time during the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of this
2 Complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the “CLASS PERIOD”). The
3 amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members is under
4 five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

5 7. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of herself and a CALIFORNIA
6 CLASS in order to fully compensate the CALIFORNIA CLASS for their losses incurred during
7 the CLASS PERIOD caused by DEFENDANT’s uniform policy and practice which failed to
8 lawfully compensate these employees. DEFENDANT’s uniform policy and practice alleged
9 herein was an unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business practice whereby DEFENDANT retained
10 and continues to retain wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
11 CLASS. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS seek an injunction
12 enjoining such conduct by DEFENDANT in the future, relief for the named PLAINTIFF and the
13 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who have been economically injured by
14 DEFENDANT’s past and current unlawful conduct, and all other appropriate legal and equitable
15 relief.

16 8. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, subsidiary,
17 partnership, associate or otherwise of DEFENDANTS DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are
18 presently unknown to PLAINTIFF who therefore sues these DEFENDANTS by such fictitious
19 names pursuant to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 474. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend this
20 Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of Does 1 through 50, inclusive, when they are
21 ascertained. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and based upon that information and belief
22 alleges, that the DEFENDANTS named in this Complaint, including DOES 1 through 50,
23 inclusive, are responsible in some manner for one or more of the events and happenings that
24 proximately caused the injuries and damages hereinafter alleged.

25 9. The agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendants and each of them acting
26 on behalf of the Defendants acted within the course and scope of his, her or its authority as the
27 agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendants, and personally participated in the conduct
28 alleged herein on behalf of the Defendants with respect to the conduct alleged herein.

1 Consequently, the acts of each Defendant are legally attributable to the other Defendants and all
2 Defendants are jointly and severally liable to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
3 CALIFORNIA CLASS, for the loss sustained as a proximate result of the conduct of the
4 Defendants' agents, servants and/or employees.

5 10. DEFENDANTS were PLAINTIFF'S employers or persons acting on behalf of the
6 PLAINTIFF'S employer, within the meaning of California Labor Code § 558, who violated or
7 caused to be violated, a section of Part 2, Chapter 1 of the California Labor Code or any provision
8 regulating hours and days of work in any order of the Industrial Welfare Commission and, as
9 such, are subject to civil penalties for each underpaid employee, as set forth in Labor Code § 558,
10 at all relevant times.

11 11. DEFENDANTS were PLAINTIFF'S employers or persons acting on behalf of
12 PLAINTIFF'S employer either individually or as an officer, agent, or employee of another person,
13 within the meaning of California Labor Code § 1197.1, who paid or caused to be paid to any
14 employee a wage less than the minimum fixed by California state law, and as such, are subject to
15 civil penalties for each underpaid employee.

16 12. DEFENDANT's uniform policies and practices alleged herein were unlawful,
17 unfair, and deceptive business practices whereby DEFENDANT retained and continue to retain
18 wages due to PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.

19 13. PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS seek an injunction
20 enjoining such conduct by DEFENDANT in the future, relief for the named PLAINTIFF and
21 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who has been economically injured by
22 DEFENDANT's past and current unlawful conduct, and all other appropriate legal and equitable
23 relief.

24 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

25 14. This Court has jurisdiction over this Action pursuant to California Code of Civil
26 Procedure, Section 410.10 and California Business & Professions Code, Section 17203. This
27 action is brought as a Class Action on behalf of PLAINTIFF and similarly situated employees of
28 DEFENDANT pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382.

1 15. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure,
2 Sections 395 and 395.5, because DEFENDANT operates in locations across California, employs
3 the CALIFORNIA CLASS across California, including in this County, and committed the
4 wrongful conduct herein alleged in this County against the CALIFORNIA CLASS.

5 **THE CONDUCT**

6 16. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the
7 requirements of the Industrial Welfare Commission (“IWC”) Wage Order, DEFENDANT as a
8 matter of company policy, practice, and procedure, intentionally, knowingly, and systematically
9 failed to provide legally compliant meal and rest periods, failed to accurately compensate
10 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for missed meal and rest
11 periods, failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all
12 time worked, failed compensate PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
13 for off-the-clock work, failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
14 CLASS overtime at the correct regular rate of pay, failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and other
15 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS meal rest premiums at the regular rate, failed to reimburse
16 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for business expenses, and failed to issue
17 to PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with accurate itemized wage
18 statements showing, among other things, all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay
19 periods and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate. DEFENDANT’s
20 uniform policies and practices are intended to purposefully avoid the accurate and full payment
21 for all time worked as required by California law which allows DEFENDANT to illegally profit
22 and gain an unfair advantage over competitors who comply with the law. To the extent equitable
23 tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA CLASS against DEFENDANT, the CLASS
24 PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.

25 **A. Meal Period Violations**

26 17. Pursuant to the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, DEFENDANT was
27 required to pay PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all their time worked,
28 meaning the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer, including

1 all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work. From time to time during the CLASS
2 PERIOD, DEFENDANT required PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to work
3 without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANT's control. Specifically,
4 DEFENDANT required PLAINTIFF to work while clocked out during what was supposed to be
5 PLAINTIFF'S off-duty meal break. Indeed, there were many days where PLAINTIFF did not
6 even receive a partial lunch. As a result, the PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS
7 Members forfeited minimum wage and overtime compensation by regularly working without their
8 time being accurately recorded and without compensation at the applicable minimum wage and
9 overtime rates. DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice not to pay PLAINTIFF and other
10 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all time worked is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business
11 records.

12 18. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, as a result of their rigorous work
13 schedules and DEFENDANT's inadequate staffing practices, PLAINTIFF and other
14 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are from time to time unable to take thirty (30) minute off duty
15 meal breaks and were not fully relieved of duty for their meal periods. PLAINTIFF and other
16 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANT for
17 more than five (5) hours during some shifts without receiving a meal break. Further,
18 DEFENDANT fails to provide PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with a second
19 off-duty meal period for some workdays in which these employees are required by DEFENDANT
20 to work ten (10) hours of work. The nature of the work performed by PLAINTIFF and other
21 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members does not qualify for the limited and narrowly construed "on-
22 duty" meal period exception. When they were provided with meal periods, PLAINTIFF and other
23 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were, from time to time, required to remain on duty and on call.
24 DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with
25 legally required meal breaks is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records. PLAINTIFF and
26 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS therefore forfeit meal breaks without additional
27 compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT's strict corporate policy and practice.

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1 **B. Rest Period Violations**

2 19. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and other
3 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also required to work in excess of four (4) hours without
4 being provided ten (10) minute rest periods as a result of their rigorous work requirements and
5 DEFENDANT's inadequate staffing. Further, for the same reasons, these employees were denied
6 their first rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of at least two (2) to four
7 (4) hours from time to time, a first and second rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some
8 shifts worked of between six (6) and eight (8) hours from time to time, and a first, second and
9 third rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of ten (10) hours or more from
10 time to time. When they were provided with rest breaks, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
11 CLASS Members were, from time to time, required to remain on duty and/or on call. PLAINTIFF
12 and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also not provided with one-hour wages *in lieu*
13 thereof. As a result of their rigorous work schedules and DEFENDANT's inadequate staffing,
14 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were from time to time denied their
15 proper rest periods by DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT's managers.

16 **C. Unreimbursed Business Expenses**

17 20. DEFENDANT as a matter of corporate policy, practice, and procedure,
18 intentionally, knowingly, and systematically failed to reimburse and indemnify the PLAINTIFF
19 and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for required business expenses incurred by the
20 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members in direct consequence of discharging
21 their duties on behalf of DEFENDANT. Under California Labor Code Section 2802, employers
22 are required to indemnify employees for all expenses incurred in the course and scope of their
23 employment. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 expressly states that "an employer shall indemnify his or her
24 employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence
25 of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer,
26 even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them
27 to be unlawful."
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1 21. In the course of their employment, DEFENDANT required PLAINTIFF and other
2 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to incur personal expenses for the use of their personal cell
3 phones as a result of and in furtherance of their job duties. Specifically, PLAINTIFF and other
4 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required to use their own cell phones in order to perform
5 work related tasks. However, DEFENDANT unlawfully failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and
6 other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for the use of their personal cell phones and vehicles. As
7 a result, in the course of their employment with DEFENDANT, the PLAINTIFF and other
8 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members incurred unreimbursed business expenses that included, but
9 were not limited to, costs related to the use of their personal cell phones, all on behalf of and for
10 the benefit of DEFENDANT.

11 **D. Wage Statement Violations**

12 22. California Labor Code Section 226 required an employer to furnish its employees
13 and accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours
14 worked, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece-rate, (4) all deductions,
15 (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the
16 name of the employee and only the last four digits of the employee's social security number or an
17 employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of
18 the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay
19 period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

20 23. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, when PLAINTIFF and other
21 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members missed meal and rest breaks, or were paid inaccurately for
22 missed meal and rest period premiums, or were not paid for all hours worked, DEFENDANT also
23 failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with complete and
24 accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, all deductions, the total hours
25 worked and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period, and the corresponding
26 amount of time worked at each hourly rate, correct rates of pay for penalty payments or missed
27 meal and rest periods. Further, DEFENDANT from time to time failed to provide PLAINTIFF
28 and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with wage statements that provided the correct name

1 and address of the legal entity that is the employer, in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226(a)(8).

2 24. In addition to the foregoing, DEFENDANT, from time to time, failed to provide
3 PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with wage statements that comply with
4 Cal. Lab. Code § 226.

5 25. As a result, DEFENDANT issued PLAINTIFF and other members of the
6 CALIFORNIA CLASS with wage statements that violate Cal. Lab. Code § 226. Further,
7 DEFENDANT's violations are knowing and intentional, were not isolated due to an unintentional
8 payroll error due to clerical or inadvertent mistake.

9 **E. Off-the-Clock Work Resulting in Minimum Wage and Overtime Violations**

10 26. During the CLASS PERIOD, from time-to-time DEFENDANT failed and
11 continues to fail to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
12 for all hours worked.

13 27. During the CLASS PERIOD, from time-to-time DEFENDANT required
14 PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to perform pre-shift or post-shift
15 working. Specifically, DEFENDANT from time to time required PLAINTIFF and other members
16 of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to spend time off the clock pre-shift waiting for a supervisor to
17 allow PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to clock in for their shifts.
18 Further, from time to time, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS also
19 spent time off the clock post-shift performing work-related tasks. This resulted in PLAINTIFF
20 and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to have to work while off-the-clock.

21 28. DEFENDANT directed and directly benefited from the undercompensated off-the-
22 clock work performed by PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

23 29. DEFENDANT controlled the work schedules, duties, and protocols, applications,
24 assignments, and employment conditions of PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
25 CALIFORNIA CLASS.

26 30. DEFENDANT was able to track the amount of time PLAINTIFF and the other
27 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS spent working; however, DEFENDANT failed to
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1 document, track, or pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS all
2 wages earned and owed for all the work they performed.

3 31. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were non-
4 exempt employees, subject to the requirements of the California Labor Code.

5 32. DEFENDANT's policies and practices deprived PLAINTIFF and the other
6 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members of all minimum regular, overtime, and double time wages owed
7 for the off-the-clock work activities. Because PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
8 CALIFORNIA CLASS typically worked over forty (40) hours in a workweek, and more than
9 eight (8) hours per day, DEFENDANT's policies and practices also deprived them of overtime
10 pay.

11 33. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
12 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS off-the-clock work was compensable under the law.

13 34. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
14 forfeited wages due to them for all hours worked at DEFENDANT's direction, control, and
15 benefit for the time spent working while off-the-clock. DEFENDANT's uniform policy and
16 practice to not pay PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS wages for all
17 hours worked in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business
18 records.

19 **F. Reporting Time Violations**

20 35. Further, DEFENDANTS from time to time required PLAINTIFF and other
21 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to report to work, but were furnished less than half their
22 scheduled shift's worth of work and were not paid reporting time pay as required by Cal. Code
23 Regs., tit. 8 § 11040, subdivision(A). Specifically, Subdivision 5(A) states, "(A) Each workday
24 an employee is required to report for work and does report, but is not put to work or is furnished
25 less than half said employee's usual or scheduled day's work, the employee shall be paid for half
26 the usual or scheduled day's work, but in no event for less than two (2) hours nor more than four
27 (4) hours, at the employee's regular rate of pay, which shall not be less than the minimum wage."
28 In addition, when DEFENDANTS required PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS

1 Members to engage in additional work, this sometimes resulted in a second reporting for work in
2 a single workday. In such a circumstance of a second reporting for work in a single workday,
3 DEFENDANT failed to pay these employees reporting time pay as required by Cal. Code Regs.,
4 tit. 8 § 11040. Subdivision 5(B) states: “If an employee is required to report for work a second
5 time in any one workday and is furnished less than two (2) hours of work on the second reporting,
6 said employee shall be paid for two (2) hours at the employee’s regular rate of pay, which shall
7 be not less than the minimum wage.” Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8 § 11040, subd. 5(B).

8 **G. Regular Rate Violation – Overtime, Double Time, Meal and Rest Period Premiums,**
9 **and Redeemed Sick Pay**

10 36. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT failed and
11 continues to fail to accurately calculate and pay PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS
12 Members for their overtime and double time hours worked, meal and rest period premiums, and
13 redeemed sick pay. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
14 forfeited wages due to them for working overtime without compensation at the correct overtime
15 and double time rates, meal and rest period premiums, and redeemed sick pay rates.
16 DEFENDANT’s uniform policy and practice not to pay the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members at
17 the correct rate for all overtime and double time worked, meal and rest period premiums, and
18 redeemed sick pay in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANT’s business
19 records.

20 37. State law provides that employees must be paid overtime at one-and-one-half times
21 their “regular rate of pay.” PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were
22 compensated at an hourly rate plus incentive pay that was tied to specific elements of an
23 employee’s performance.

24 38. The second component of PLAINTIFF’s and other CALIFORNIA CLASS
25 Members’ compensation was DEFENDANTS’ non-discretionary incentive program that paid
26 PLAINTIFF and other CLASS MEMBERS incentive wages based on their performance for
27 DEFENDANTS. The non-discretionary bonus program provided all employees paid on an hourly
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1 basis with bonus compensation when the employees met the various performance goals set by
2 DEFENDANTS.

3 39. However, from-time-to-time, when calculating the regular rate of pay, in those pay
4 periods where PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS members worked overtime, double
5 time, paid meal and rest period premium payments, and/or redeemed sick pay, and earned non-
6 discretionary bonus, DEFENDANTS failed to accurately include the non-discretionary bonus
7 compensation as part of the employees' "regular rate of pay" and/or calculated all hours worked
8 rather than just all non-overtime hours worked. Management and supervisors described the
9 incentive/bonus program to potential and new employees as part of the compensation package.
10 As a matter of law, the incentive compensation received by PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
11 CLASS members must be included in the "regular rate of pay." The failure to do so has resulted
12 in a systematic underpayment of overtime and double time compensation, meal and rest period
13 premiums, and redeemed sick pay to PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS members by
14 DEFENDANTS. Specifically, California Labor Code Section 246 mandates that paid sick time
15 for non-employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the regular rate of pay for the
16 workweek in which the non-exempt employee uses paid sick time, whether or not the employee
17 actually works overtime in that workweek. DEFENDANTS' conduct, as articulated herein, by
18 failing to include the incentive compensation as part of the "regular rate of pay" for purposes of
19 sick pay compensation was in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 246 the underpayment of which is
20 recoverable under Cal. Labor Code Sections 201, 202, 203 and/or 204.

21 40. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the
22 requirements of the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order, DEFENDANT as a
23 matter of company policy, practice, and procedure, intentionally and knowingly failed to
24 compensate PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS at the correct rate
25 of pay for all overtime and double time worked, meal and rest period premiums, and sick pay.
26 This uniform policy and practice of DEFENDANT is intended to purposefully avoid the payment
27 of the correct overtime and double time compensation, meal and rest period premiums, and sick
28 pay as required by California law which allowed DEFENDANT to illegally profit and gain an

1 unfair advantage over competitors who complied with the law. To the extent equitable tolling
2 operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA CLASS members against DEFENDANT, the
3 CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.

4 **H. Violations for Untimely Payment of Wages**

5 41. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 204, PLAINTIFF and the
6 CALIFORNIA CLASS members were entitled to timely payment of wages during their
7 employment. PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members, from time to time, did not
8 receive payment of all wages, including, but not limited to, overtime wages, minimum wages,
9 meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages within permissible time period.

10 **I. Unlawful Deductions**

11 42. DEFENDANTS, from time-to-time unlawfully deducted wages from PLAINTIFF
12 and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members' pay without explanations and without authorization to do
13 so or notice to PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. As a result,
14 DEFENDANTS violated Labor Code § 221.

15 **J. Timekeeping Manipulation**

16 43. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS, from time-to-time, did not have an
17 immutable timekeeping system to accurately record and pay PLAINTIFF and other members of
18 the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the actual time PLAINTIFF and other members of the
19 CALIFORNIA CLASS worked each day, including regular time, overtime hours, sick pay, meal
20 and rest breaks. As a result, DEFENDANT was able to and did in fact, unlawfully, and unilaterally
21 alter the time recorded in DEFENDANTS' timekeeping system for PLAINTIFF and other
22 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS in order to avoid paying these employees for all hours
23 worked, applicable overtime compensation, applicable sick pay, missed meal breaks and missed
24 rest breaks.

25 44. As a result, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, from
26 time-to-time, forfeited time worked by working without their time being accurately recorded and
27 without compensation at the applicable pay rates.
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1 45. The mutability of the timekeeping system also allowed DEFENDANTS to alter
2 employee time records by recording fictitious thirty (30) minute meal breaks in DEFENDANTS'
3 timekeeping system so as to create the appearance that PLAINTIFF and other members of the
4 CALIFORNIA CLASS clocked out for thirty (30) minute meal break when in fact the employees
5 were not at all times provided an off-duty meal break. This practice is a direct result of
6 DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice of denying employees uninterrupted thirty (30)
7 minute off-duty meal breaks each day or otherwise compensate them for missed meal breaks

8 46. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
9 forfeited wages due them for all hours worked at DEFENDANTS' direction, control and benefit
10 for the time the timekeeping system was inoperable. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and
11 practice to not pay PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS wages for all
12 hours worked in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business
13 records.

14 47. Specifically, as to PLAINTIFF, PLAINTIFF was from time to time unable to take
15 off duty meal and rest breaks and was not fully relieved of duty for her rest and meal periods.
16 PLAINTIFF was required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANT for more than five (5)
17 hours during a shift without receiving an off-duty meal break. Further, DEFENDANT failed to
18 provide PLAINTIFF with a second off-duty meal period each workday in which she was required
19 by DEFENDANT to work ten (10) hours of work. When DEFENDANT provided PLAINTIFF
20 with a rest break, they required PLAINTIFF to remain on-duty and on-call for the rest break.
21 DEFENDANT policy caused PLAINTIFF to remain on-call and on-duty during what was
22 supposed to be her off-duty meal periods. PLAINTIFF therefore forfeited meal and rest breaks
23 without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT'S strict corporate policy
24 and practice. Moreover, DEFENDANT also provided PLAINTIFF with paystubs that failed to
25 comply with Cal. Lab. Code § 226. Further, DEFENDANT also failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF
26 for required business expenses related to the personal expenses incurred for the use of her personal
27 cell phone, on behalf of and in furtherance of her employment with DEFENDANT. To date,
28 DEFENDANT has not fully paid PLAINTIFF the minimum, overtime and double time

1 compensation still owed to her or any penalty wages owed to her under Cal. Lab. Code § 203.
2 The amount in controversy for PLAINTIFF individually does not exceed the sum or value of
3 \$75,000.

4 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

5 48. PLAINTIFF bring this Class Action on behalf of herself, and a California class
6 defined as all persons who are or previously were employed by Defendant CJJ Enterprises and/or
7 Defendant Mangione in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the “CALIFORNIA
8 CLASS”) at any time during the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of this
9 Complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the “CLASS PERIOD”).

10 49. PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members have uniformly been
11 deprived of wages and penalties from unpaid wages earned and due, including but not limited to
12 unpaid minimum wages, unpaid overtime compensation, unpaid meal and rest period premiums,
13 illegal meal and rest period policies, failed to reimburse for business expenses, failed compensate
14 for off-the-clock work, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to maintain
15 required records, and interest, statutory and civil penalties, attorney’s fees, costs, and expenses.

16 50. The members of the class are so numerous that joinder of all class members is
17 impractical.

18 51. Common questions of law and fact regarding DEFENDANT’s conduct, including
19 but not limited to, off-the-clock work, unpaid meal and rest period premiums, failure to accurately
20 calculate the regular rate of pay for overtime compensation, failure to accurately calculate the
21 regular rate of compensation for missed meal and rest period premiums, failing to provide legally
22 compliant meal and rest periods, failed to reimburse for business expenses, failure to provide
23 accurate itemized wage statements accurate, and failure to ensure they are paid at least minimum
24 wage and overtime, exist as to all members of the class and predominate over any questions
25 affecting solely any individual members of the class. Among the questions of law and fact
26 common to the class are:

- 27 a. Whether DEFENDANT maintained legally compliant meal period policies and
28 practices;

- 1 b. Whether DEFENDANT maintained legally compliant rest period policies and
2 practices;
- 3 c. Whether DEFENDANT failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
4 Members accurate premium payments for missed meal and rest periods;
- 5 d. Whether DEFENDANT failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
6 Members accurate overtime wages;
- 7 e. Whether DEFENDANT failed to pay PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
8 Members at least minimum wage for all hours worked;
- 9 f. Whether DEFENDANT failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA
10 CLASS Members for required business expenses;
- 11 g. Whether DEFENDANT issued legally compliant wage statements;
- 12 h. Whether DEFENDANT committed an act of unfair competition by systematically
13 failing to record and pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
14 CLASS for all time worked;
- 15 i. Whether DEFENDANT committed an act of unfair competition by systematically
16 failing to record all meal and rest breaks missed by PLAINTIFF and other
17 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, even though DEFENDANT enjoyed the benefit
18 of this work, required employees to perform this work and permits or suffers to
19 permit this work;
- 20 j. Whether DEFENDANT committed an act of unfair competition in violation of the
21 UCL, by failing to provide the PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
22 CALIFORNIA CLASS with the legally required meal and rest periods.

23 52. PLAINTIFF are members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS and suffered damages as
24 a result of DEFENDANT's conduct and actions alleged herein.

25 53. PLAINTIFF'S claims are typical of the claims of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, and
26 PLAINTIFF have the same interests as the other members of the class.

27 54. PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the
28 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

1 55. PLAINTIFF retained able class counsel with extensive experience in class action
2 litigation.

3 56. Further, PLAINTIFF'S interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to, the
4 interest of the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

5 57. There is a strong community of interest among PLAINTIFF and the members of
6 the CALIFORNIA CLASS to, inter alia, ensure that the combined assets of DEFENDANT are
7 sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the injuries
8 sustained.

9 58. The questions of law and fact common to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
10 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and factual
11 issues relating to liability and damages.

12 59. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
13 adjudication of this controversy because joinder of all class members is impractical. Moreover,
14 since the damages suffered by individual members of the class may be relatively small, the
15 expense and burden of individual litigation makes it practically impossible for the members of the
16 class individually to redress the wrongs done to them. Without class certification and
17 determination of declaratory, injunctive, statutory, and other legal questions within the class
18 format, prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS will
19 create the risk of:

- 20 a. Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the
21 CALIFORNIA CLASS which would establish incompatible standards of conduct
22 for the parties opposing the CALIFORNIA CLASS; and/or,
23 b. Adjudication with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
24 which would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other
25 members not party to the adjudication or substantially impair or impeded their
26 ability to protect their interests.

60. Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring an efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims arising out of the conduct of DEFENDANT.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Unlawful Business Practices

(Cal. Bus. And Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*)

(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)

61. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.

62. DEFENDANT is a “person” as that term is defined under Cal. Bus. And Prof. Code § 17021.

63. California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* (the “UCL”) defines unfair competition as any unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice. Section 17203 authorizes injunctive, declaratory, and/or other equitable relief with respect to unfair competition as follows:

Any person who engages, has engaged, or proposes to engage in unfair competition may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. The court may make such orders or judgments, including the appointment of a receiver, as may be necessary to prevent the use or employment by any person of any practice which constitutes unfair competition, as defined in this chapter, or as may be necessary to restore to any person in interest any money or property, real or personal, which may have been acquired by means of such unfair competition. (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203).

64. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT has engaged and continues to engage in a business practice which violates California law, including but not limited to, the applicable Wage Order(s), the California Code of Regulations and the California Labor Code including Sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 2802, for which this Court should issue declaratory and other equitable relief pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203 as may be necessary to prevent and remedy the conduct held to constitute unfair competition, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

1 65. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were unlawful and unfair
2 in that these practices violated public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive unscrupulous
3 or substantially injurious to employees, and were without valid justification or utility for which
4 this Court should issue equitable and injunctive relief pursuant to Section 17203 of the California
5 Business & Professions Code, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

6 66. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were deceptive and
7 fraudulent in that DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice failed to provide the legally
8 mandated meal and rest periods and the required amount of compensation for missed meal and
9 rest periods, failed to pay minimum and overtime wages owed, and failed to reimburse all
10 necessary business expenses incurred, due to a systematic business practice that cannot be
11 justified, pursuant to the applicable Cal. Lab. Code, and Industrial Welfare Commission
12 requirements in violation of Cal. Bus. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, and for which this Court should
13 issue injunctive and equitable relief, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, including
14 restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

15 67. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unlawful,
16 unfair, and deceptive in that DEFENDANT's employment practices caused PLAINTIFF and the
17 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to be underpaid during their employment with
18 DEFENDANT.

19 68. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unfair and
20 deceptive in that DEFENDANT's uniform policies, practices and procedures failed to provide
21 mandatory meal and/or rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members as
22 required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512.

23 69. Therefore, PLAINTIFF demands on behalf of herself and on behalf of each
24 CALIFORNIA CLASS member, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which an off-duty meal
25 period was not timely provided for each five (5) hours of work, and/or one (1) hour of pay for
26 each workday in which a second off-duty meal period was not timely provided for each ten (10)
27 hours of work.
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1 70. PLAINTIFF further demands on behalf of herself and on behalf of each
2 CALIFORNIA CLASS member, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which a rest period was
3 not timely provided as required by law.

4 71. By and through the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein,
5 DEFENDANT has obtained valuable property, money and services from PLAINTIFF and the
6 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, including earned wages for all time worked, and
7 has deprived them of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law and contract, all to the
8 detriment of these employees and to the benefit of DEFENDANT so as to allow DEFENDANT
9 to unfairly compete against competitors who comply with the law.

10 72. All the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the Industrial
11 Welfare Commission Wage Orders, the California Code of Regulations, and the California Labor
12 Code, were unlawful and in violation of public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive, and
13 unscrupulous, were deceptive, and thereby constitute unlawful, unfair, and deceptive business
14 practices in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

15 73. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are entitled to,
16 and do, seek such relief as may be necessary to restore to them the money and property which
17 DEFENDANT has acquired, or of which PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
18 CALIFORNIA CLASS have been deprived, by means of the above described unlawful and unfair
19 business practices, including earned but unpaid wages for all time worked.

20 74. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are further
21 entitled to, and do, seek a declaration that the described business practices are unlawful, unfair,
22 and deceptive, and that injunctive relief should be issued restraining DEFENDANT from
23 engaging in any unlawful and unfair business practices in the future.

24 75. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have no plain,
25 speedy and/or adequate remedy at law that will end the unlawful and unfair business practices of
26 DEFENDANT. Further, the practices herein alleged presently continue to occur unabated. As a
27 result of the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein, PLAINTIFF and the other
28 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable legal

1 and economic harm unless DEFENDANT is restrained from continuing to engage in these
2 unlawful and unfair business practices.

3 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **Failure To Pay Minimum Wages**

5 **(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1197.1)**

6 **Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against ALL Defendants)**

7 76. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
8 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
9 Complaint.

10 77. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS bring a claim for
11 DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code and the Industrial
12 Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANT's failure to accurately calculate and pay
13 minimum wages to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

14 78. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public
15 policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked.

16 79. Cal. Lab. Code § 1197 provides the minimum wage for employees fixed by the
17 commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a less wage than
18 the minimum so fixed is unlawful.

19 80. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages,
20 including minimum wage compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of suit.

21 81. DEFENDANT maintained a uniform wage practice of paying PLAINTIFF and the
22 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS without regard to the correct amount of time they
23 work. As set forth herein, DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice was to unlawfully and
24 intentionally deny timely payment of wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
25 CALIFORNIA CLASS.

26 82. DEFENDANT's uniform pattern of unlawful wage and hour practices manifested,
27 without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole, as a result of
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1 implementing a uniform policy and practice that denies accurate compensation to PLAINTIFF
2 and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS in regard to minimum wage pay.

3 83. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT
4 inaccurately calculated the correct time worked and consequently underpaid the actual time
5 worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. DEFENDANT acted
6 in an illegal attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in violation of
7 the California Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements and other applicable
8 laws and regulations.

9 84. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful wage practices as alleged herein,
10 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS did not receive the correct
11 minimum wage compensation for their time worked for DEFENDANT.

12 85. During the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
13 CALIFORNIA CLASS were paid less for time worked that they were entitled to, constituting a
14 failure to pay all earned wages.

15 86. By virtue of DEFENDANT's unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned
16 compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the true
17 time they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have
18 suffered and will continue to suffer an economic injury in amounts which are presently unknown
19 to them, and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

20 87. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
21 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were under-compensated for their time worked.
22 DEFENDANT systematically elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross
23 nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor as a matter of uniform company policy, practice
24 and procedure, and DEFENDANT perpetrated this systematic scheme by refusing to pay
25 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS the correct minimum wages
26 for their time worked.

27 88. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California labor
28 laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked

1 and provide them with the requisite compensation, DEFENDANT acted and continues to act
2 intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
3 CALIFORNIA CLASS with a conscious and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the
4 consequences to them, and with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal
5 rights, and otherwise causing them injury in order to increase company profits at the expense of
6 these employees.

7 89. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS therefore request
8 recovery of all unpaid wages, according to proof, interest, statutory costs, as well as the
9 assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANT, in a sum as provided by the
10 California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the extent minimum wage
11 compensation is determined to be owed to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who have
12 terminated their employment, DEFENDANT's conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or
13 202, and therefore these individuals are also be entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab.
14 Code § 203, which penalties are sought herein on behalf of these CALIFORNIA CLASS
15 Members. DEFENDANT's conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional and not in good
16 faith. Further, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are entitled to seek and
17 recover statutory costs.

18 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **Failure To Pay Overtime Compensation**

20 **(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 510, 1194 and 1198)**

21 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against ALL Defendants)**

22 90. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
23 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
24 Complaint.

25 91. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS bring a claim for
26 DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code and the Industrial
27 Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANT's failure to pay these employees for all
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1 overtime worked, including, work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday, and/or
2 twelve (12) hours in a workday, and/or forty (40) hours in any workweek.

3 92. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public
4 policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked.

5 93. Cal. Lab. Code § 510 provides that employees in California shall not be employed
6 more than eight (8) hours per workday and/or more than forty (40) hours per workweek unless
7 they receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law.

8 94. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages,
9 including minimum and overtime compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of
10 suit. Cal. Lab. Code § 1198 further states that the employment of an employee for longer hours
11 than those fixed by the Industrial Welfare Commission is unlawful.

12 95. During the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
13 were required by DEFENDANT to work for DEFENDANT and were not paid for all the time
14 they worked, including overtime work.

15 96. DEFENDANT's uniform pattern of unlawful wage and hour practices manifested,
16 without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole, as a result of
17 implementing a uniform policy and practice that failed to accurately record overtime worked by
18 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members and denied accurate compensation to
19 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for overtime worked,
20 including, the overtime work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday, and/or twelve
21 (12) hours in a workday, and/or forty (40) hours in any workweek.

22 97. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT
23 inaccurately recorded overtime worked and consequently underpaid the overtime worked by
24 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. DEFENDANT acted in an illegal
25 attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in violation of the California
26 Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements and other applicable laws and
27 regulations.

1 98. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful wage practices as alleged herein,
2 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS did not receive the correct
3 overtime compensation for their time worked for DEFENDANT.

4 99. Cal. Lab. Code § 515 sets out various categories of employees who are exempt
5 from the overtime requirements of the law. None of these exemptions are applicable to
6 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. Further, PLAINTIFF and the
7 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are not subject to a valid collective bargaining
8 agreement that would preclude the causes of action contained herein this Complaint. Rather,
9 PLAINTIFF bring this Action on behalf of herself, and the CALIFORNIA CLASS, based on
10 DEFENDANT's violations of non-negotiable, non-waivable rights provided by the State of
11 California.

12 100. During the CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
13 CALIFORNIA CLASS were paid less for overtime worked that they were entitled to, constituting
14 a failure to pay all earned wages.

15 101. DEFENDANT failed to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
16 CALIFORNIA CLASS overtime wages for the time they worked which was in excess of the
17 maximum hours permissible by law as required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1194, & 1198, even
18 though PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were regularly required
19 to work, and did in fact work overtime, and did in fact work overtime as to which DEFENDANT
20 failed to accurately record and pay as evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records and
21 witnessed by employees.

22 102. By virtue of DEFENDANT's unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned
23 compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the true
24 amount of overtime they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
25 CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer an economic injury in amounts which are
26 presently unknown to them, and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

27 103. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
28 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were undercompensated for their time worked.

1 DEFENDANT systematically elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross
2 nonfeasance, to not pay them for their labor as a matter of uniform company policy, practice and
3 procedure, and DEFENDANT perpetrated this systematic scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF
4 and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS the correct overtime wages for their
5 overtime worked.

6 104. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California labor
7 laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked
8 and provide them with the requisite compensation, DEFENDANT acted and continues to act
9 intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
10 CALIFORNIA CLASS with a conscious of and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the
11 consequences to them, and with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal
12 rights, and otherwise causing them injury in order to increase company profits at the expense of
13 these employees.

14 105. Therefore, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS
15 request recovery of overtime wages, according to proof, interest, statutory costs, as well as the
16 assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANT, in a sum as provided by the
17 California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the extent overtime compensation is
18 determined to be owed to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who have terminated their
19 employment, DEFENDANT'S conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or 202, and therefore
20 these individuals are also be entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab. Code § 203, which
21 penalties are sought herein. DEFENDANT's conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional,
22 and not in good faith. Further, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are
23 entitled to seek and recover statutory costs.

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109. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses and costs of suit.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure To Provide Required Rest Periods

(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512)

(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)

110. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.

111. From time to time, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required to work in excess of four (4) hours without being provided ten (10) minute rest periods. Further, these employees were denied their first rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of at least two (2) to four (4) hours, a first and second rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of between six (6) and eight (8) hours, and a first, second and third rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of ten (10) hours or more. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also not provided with one-hour wages *in lieu* thereof. As a result of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were periodically denied their proper rest periods by DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT's managers. In addition, DEFENDANT failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for their rest periods as required by the applicable Wage Order and Labor Code. As a result, DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with all the legally required paid rest periods is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records.

112. DEFENDANT further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who were not provided a rest period, in accordance with the applicable Wage Order, one

1 additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that rest
2 period was not provided.

3 113. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and
4 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial,
5 and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses and costs of suit.

6 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **Failure To Reimburse Employees for Required Expenses**

8 **(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2802)**

9 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)**

10 114. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
11 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
12 Complaint.

13 115. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 provides, in relevant part, that:

14 An employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or
15 losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her
16 duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer, even though
unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them
to be unlawful.

17 116. From time to time during the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT violated Cal. Lab.
18 Code § 2802, by failing to indemnify and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
19 members for required expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties for DEFENDANT's
20 benefit. DEFENDANT failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members
21 for expenses which included, but were not limited to, personal expenses incurred for the use of
22 their personal cell phones all on behalf of and for the benefit of DEFENDANT. Specifically,
23 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required by DEFENDANT to use
24 their own cell phones to execute their essential job duties on behalf of DEFENDANT.
25 DEFENDANT's uniform policy, practice and procedure was to not reimburse PLAINTIFF and
26 the CALIFORNIA CLASS members for expenses resulting from the use of their personal cell
27 phones for DEFENDANT within the course and scope of their employment for DEFENDANT.
28 These expenses were necessary to complete their principal job duties. DEFENDANT is estopped

1 by DEFENDANT's conduct to assert any waiver of this expectation. Although these expenses
2 were necessary expenses incurred by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members,
3 DEFENDANT failed to indemnify and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS
4 members for these expenses as an employer is required to do under the laws and regulations of
5 California.

6 117. PLAINTIFF therefore demand reimbursement for expenditures or losses incurred
7 by her and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members in the discharge of their job duties for
8 DEFENDANT, or their obedience to the directions of DEFENDANT, with interest at the statutory
9 rate and costs under Cal. Lab. Code § 2802.

10 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

11 **Failure To Provide Accurate Itemized Statements**

12 **(Cal. Lab. Code § 226)**

13 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)**

14 118. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
15 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
16 Complaint.

17 119. Cal. Labor Code § 226 provides that an employer must furnish employees with an
18 "accurate itemized" statement in writing showing:

- 19 a. Gross wages earned,
- 20 b. (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any employee whose
21 compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of
22 overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the
23 Industrial Welfare Commission,
- 24 c. the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee
25 is paid on a piece-rate basis,
- 26 d. all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee
27 may be aggregated and shown as one item,
- 28 e. net wages earned,

- f. the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid,
- g. the name of the employee and his or her social security number, except that by January 1, 2008, only the last four digits of his or her social security number of an employee identification number other than social security number may be shown on the itemized statement,
- h. the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and
- i. all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

120. When DEFENDANT did not accurately record PLAINTIFF'S and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members' missed meal and rest breaks, or were paid inaccurate missed meal and rest break premiums, or were not paid for all hours worked, DEFENDANT violated Cal. Lab. Code § 226 in that DEFENDANT failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with complete and accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, all deductions, the accurate gross wages earned, net wages earned, the total hours worked and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate, and correct rates of pay for penalty payments or missed meal and rest periods. Further, DEFENDANT from time to time failed to provide PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with wage statements that provided the correct name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226(a)(8).

121. In addition to the foregoing, DEFENDANT failed to provide itemized wage statements to PLAINTIFF and members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS that complied with the requirements of California Labor Code Section 226.

122. DEFENDANT knowingly and intentionally failed to comply with Cal. Lab. Code § 226, causing injury and damages to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. These damages include, but are not limited to, costs expended calculating the correct wages for all missed meal and rest breaks and the amount of employment taxes which were not properly paid to state and federal tax authorities. These damages are difficult to estimate. Therefore, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS may elect to recover

1 liquidated damages of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the initial pay period in which the violation
2 occurred, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation in a subsequent pay period
3 pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 226, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial (but in no
4 event more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for PLAINTIFF and each respective member
5 of the CALIFORNIA CLASS herein).

6 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **Failure To Pay Wages When Due**

8 **(Cal. Lab. Code § 203)**

9 **(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS against all Defendants)**

10 123. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and
11 incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this
12 Complaint.

13 124. Cal. Lab. Code § 200 provides that:

14 As used in this article:

- 15 (d) "Wages" includes all amounts for labor performed by employees of every
16 description, whether the amount is fixed or ascertained by the standard of time,
17 task, piece, Commission basis, or other method of calculation.
18 (e) "Labor" includes labor, work, or service whether rendered or performed under
19 contract, subcontract, partnership, station plan, or other agreement if the to be
20 paid for is performed personally by the person demanding payment.

21 125. Cal. Lab. Code § 201 provides, in relevant part, that "If an employer discharges
22 an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable
23 immediately."

24 126. Cal. Lab. Code § 202 provides, in relevant part, that:

25 If an employee not having a written contract for a definite period quits his or her
26 employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours
27 thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention
28 to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employee who quits without providing a
72-hour notice shall be entitled to receive payment by mail if he or she so requests and
designates a mailing address. The date of the mailing shall constitute the date of payment
for purposes of the requirement to provide payment within 72 hours of the notice of
quitting.

127. There was no definite term in PLAINTIFF'S or any CALIFORNIA CLASS Members' employment contract.

128. Cal. Lab. Code § 203 provides:

If an employer willfully fails to pay, without abatement or reduction, in accordance with Sections 201, 201.5, 202, and 205.5, any wages of an employee who is discharged or who quits, the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an action therefor is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than 30 days.

129. The employment of PLAINTIFF and many CALIFORNIA CLASS Members terminated, and DEFENDANT has not tendered payment of wages to these employees who missed meal and rest breaks, as required by law.

130. Therefore, as provided by Cal Lab. Code § 203, on behalf of herself and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS whose employment has, PLAINTIFF demand up to thirty (30) days of pay as penalty for not paying all wages due at time of termination for all employees who terminated employment during the CLASS PERIOD and demand an accounting and payment of all wages due, plus interest and statutory costs as allowed by law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF pray for a judgment against each Defendant, jointly and severally, as follows:

1. On behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS:

- a. That the Court certify the First Cause of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a class action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
- b. An order temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining and restraining DEFENDANT from engaging in similar unlawful conduct as set forth herein;
- c. An order requiring DEFENDANT to pay all overtime wages and all sums unlawfully withheld from compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS; and
- d. Restitutionary disgorgement of DEFENDANT's ill-gotten gains into a fluid fund for restitution of the sums incidental to DEFENDANT's violations due to PLAINTIFF and to the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.

1 2. On behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS:

- 2 a. That the Court certify the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth
- 3 Causes of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a class action pursuant
- 4 to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
- 5 b. Compensatory damages, according to proof at trial, including compensatory
- 6 damages for overtime compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of
- 7 the CALIFORNIA CLASS, during the applicable CLASS PERIOD plus interest
- 8 thereon at the statutory rate;
- 9 c. Meal and rest period compensation pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512 and
- 10 the applicable IWC Wage Order;
- 11 d. The greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in
- 12 which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per each member of the
- 13 CALIFORNIA CLASS for each violation in a subsequent pay period, not exceeding
- 14 an aggregate penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), and an award of costs for
- 15 violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226
- 16 e. The wages of all terminated employees from the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a
- 17 penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an action
- 18 therefore is commenced, in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code § 203.
- 19 f. The amount of the expenses PLAINTIFF and each member of the CALIFORNIA
- 20 CLASS incurred in the course of their job duties, plus interest, and costs of suit.

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1 3. On all claims:

- 2 a. An award of interest, including prejudgment interest at the legal rate;
- 3 b. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable; and
- 4 c. An award of penalties, attorneys' fees, and costs of suit, as allowable under the law,
- 5 including, but not limited to, pursuant to Labor Code § 218.5, § 226, and/or § 1194.
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7 DATED: September 14, 2022

JCL LAW FIRM, APC

8 By: 
9 Jean-Claude Lapuyade, Esq.
10 Attorney for PLAINTIFF

11 **DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL**

12 PLAINTIFF demands a jury trial on issues triable to a jury.

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14 DATED: September 14, 2022

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15 By: 
16 Jean-Claude Lapuyade, Esq.
17 Attorney for PLAINTIFF

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