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VIA ONLINE FILING TO LWDA AND CERTIFIED MAIL TO DEFENDANT

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Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC
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Re: Notice Of Violations Of California Labor Code Sections §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218, 221, 226(a), 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 558(a)(1)(2), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040, Subdivision 5(A)-(B), California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1 1070(14) (Failure to Provide Seating), and Violation of Applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), brought Pursuant To California Labor Code Section 2699.5.

Dear Sir/Madam:

“Aggrieved Employees” refers to all individuals who are or previously were employed by Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. in California, including any employees staffed with Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. by a third party, and classified as non-exempt employees during the time period of May 22, 2023 until a date as determined by the Court. Our offices represent Plaintiff Nia Gilbert (“Plaintiff”) and other Aggrieved Employees in a lawsuit against Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff was employed by Defendant in California from April of 2023 to February 6, 2024. Plaintiff was at all times classified by Defendant as a non-exempt employee, paid on 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. Defendant, however, unlawfully failed to record and pay Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees for, including but not limited to, all of their time worked, including minimum and overtime wages and sick pay wages at the correct rate, for all of their missed meal and rest breaks at the correct regular rates, and for all of their time spent working off the clock. Moreover, when Defendant required Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees to report for work, but “furnished less than half said employee’s usual or scheduled day’s work,” Defendant violated Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8 § 11040, subd. 5(A) by failing to pay Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees for at least two (2) hours’ worth of work at their regular rate of pay. In addition, when Defendant required Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees to respond to and engage in additional work, this resulted in a second reporting for work in a single workday, and Defendant failed to pay these employees reporting time pay as required by Cal. Code Regs.,

tit. 8, § 11040, subd. 5(B). Further, Defendant failed to advise Plaintiff and the other Aggrieved Employees of their right to take separately and hourly paid duty-free ten (10) minute rest periods. *See Vaquero v. Stoneledge Furniture, LLC*, 9 Cal. App. 5th 98, 110 (2017). Additionally, pursuant to Labor Code § 204, Defendant failed to timely provide Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with their wages. Plaintiff further contends that Defendant failed to provide accurate wage statements to her, and other Aggrieved Employees, in violation of California Labor Code section 226(a). Specifically, PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES were paid on an hourly basis. As such, the wage statements should reflect all applicable hourly rates during the pay period and the total hours worked, and the applicable pay period in which the wages were earned pursuant to California Labor Code Section 226(a). The wage statements Defendant provided to PLAINTIFF and the AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES failed to identify such information. More specifically, the wage statements failed to identify the accurate total hours worked each pay period in violation of Cal. Lab. Code Section 226(a)(2). Additionally, Plaintiff contends that Defendant failed to comply with Industrial Wage Order 7(A)(3) in that Defendant failed to keep time records showing when Plaintiff began and ended each shift and meal period. Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees perform tasks that reasonably permit sitting, and a seat would not interfere with their performance of any of their tasks that may require them to stand. Defendant failed to provide Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees with suitable seats. Said conduct, in addition to the foregoing, as well as the conduct alleged in the incorporated Complaint, violates Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218, 221, 226(a), 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 558(a)(1)(2), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040, Subdivision 5(A)-(B), California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1 1070(14) (Failure to Provide Seating), Violation of the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s), and is therefore actionable under California Labor Code section 2699.3.

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This notice is provided to enable Plaintiff to proceed with the Complaint against Defendant as authorized by California Labor Code section 2699. 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 Statue of 2004 on behalf of Plaintiff and all Aggrieved Employees.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

NIA GILBERT, an individual, on behalf of
herself, and on behalf of all persons similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BEACON HILL STAFFING GROUP, LLC, a
Limited Liability Company; RELX INC., a
Corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. _____

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;
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;
6. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE ITEMIZED STATEMENTS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 226;
7. FAILURE TO REIMBURSE EMPLOYEES FOR REQUIRED EXPENSES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 2802;
8. FAILURE TO PROVIDE WAGES WHEN DUE IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 201, 202 AND 203; and,
9. FAILURE TO PAY SICK PAY WAGES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB CODE §§201-204, 233, 246.

DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

Nia Gilbert (“PLAINTIFF”), an individual, on behalf of herself and all other similarly situated current and former employees allege on information and belief, except for her own acts and knowledge which are based on personal knowledge, the following.

THE PARTIES

1. Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC is a limited liability company that at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial business in California. Relx Inc. is a corporation that at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial business in California.

2. Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. were the joint employers of PLAINTIFF as evidenced by paycheck, standardized company employment handbooks, by standardized policies and procedures, by the company PLAINTIFF performed work for respectively and by the California Secretary of State Business Information which includes but is not limited the same mailing and business addresses and same agent for service of process, and are therefore jointly responsible as employers for the conduct alleged herein, and are therefore collectively referred to herein as (“DEFENDANT”). DEFENDANT provides legal solutions in California.

3. PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANT in California from April of 2023 to February 6, 2024. PLAINTIFF was at all times classified by DEFENDANT as a non-exempt employee, paid on 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.

4. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of herself and a California class, defined as all individuals who are or previously were employed by Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. in California, including any employees staffed with Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. by a third party, and classified as non-exempt employees (the “CALIFORNIA CLASS”) at any time during the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of this Complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the “CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD”). The amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of CALIFORNIA

1 CLASS Members is under five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

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

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

22 7. The agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendants and each of them
23 acting on behalf of the Defendants acted within the course and scope of his, her or its
24 authority as the agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendants, and personally
25 participated in the conduct alleged herein on behalf of the Defendants with respect to the
26 conduct alleged herein. Consequently, the acts of each Defendant are legally attributable to
27 the other Defendants and all Defendants are jointly and severally liable to PLAINTIFF and
28

1 the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, for the loss sustained as a proximate result
2 of the conduct of the Defendants' agents, servants and/or employees.

3 4 THE CONDUCT

5 9. Pursuant to the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, DEFENDANT
6 was required to pay PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all their time
7 worked, meaning the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an
8 employer, including all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work.
9 DEFENDANT requires PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to work without
10 paying them for all the time they are under DEFENDANT's control. Among other things,
11 DEFENDANT requires PLAINTIFF to work while clocked out during what is supposed to
12 be PLAINTIFF's off-duty meal break. PLAINTIFF were from time to time interrupted by
13 work assignments while clocked out for what should have been PLAINTIFF' off-duty meal
14 break. DEFENDANT, as a matter of established company policy and procedure, administers
15 a uniform practice of rounding the actual time worked and recorded by PLAINTIFF and
16 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, always to the benefit of DEFENDANT, so that during the
17 course of their employment, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are paid less
18 than they would have been paid had they been paid for actual recorded time rather than
19 "rounded" time. Additionally, DEFENDANT engages in the practice of requiring
20 PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to perform work off the clock in that
21 DEFENDANT, as a condition of employment, required these employees to submit to
22 mandatory temperature checks and symptom questionnaires for COVID-19 screening prior
23 to clocking into DEFENDANT's timekeeping system for the workday. As a result,
24 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members forfeit minimum wage, overtime
25 wage compensation, and off-duty meal breaks by working without their time being correctly
26 recorded and without compensation at the applicable rates. DEFENDANT's policy and
27 practice not to pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all time
28 worked, is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records.

1 13. State and federal law provides that employees must be paid overtime and meal
2 and rest break premiums at one-and-one-half times their “regular rate of pay.” PLAINTIFF
3 and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are compensated at an hourly rate plus incentive
4 pay that is tied to specific elements of an employee’s performance.

5 14. The second component of PLAINTIFF’ and other CALIFORNIA CLASS
6 Members’ compensation is DEFENDANT’s non-discretionary incentive program that paid
7 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members incentive wages based on their
8 performance for DEFENDANT. The non-discretionary incentive program provided all
9 employees paid on an hourly basis with incentive compensation when the employees met the
10 various performance goals set by DEFENDANT. However, when calculating the regular
11 rate of pay in order to pay overtime and meal and rest break premiums to PLAINTIFF and
12 other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, DEFENDANT failed to include the incentive
13 compensation as part of the employees’ “regular rate of pay” for purposes of calculating
14 overtime pay and meal and rest break premium pay. Management and supervisors described
15 the incentive program to potential and new employees as part of the compensation package.
16 As a matter of law, the incentive compensation received by PLAINTIFF and other
17 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members must be included in the “regular rate of pay.” The failure
18 to do so has resulted in a underpayment of overtime compensation and meal and rest break
19 premiums to PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members by DEFENDANT.

20 15. As a result of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other
21 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were from time to time unable to take thirty (30) minute
22 off duty meal breaks and were not fully relieved of duty for their meal periods. PLAINTIFF
23 and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required from time to time to perform
24 work as ordered by DEFENDANT for more than five (5) hours during some shifts without
25 receiving a meal break. Further, DEFENDANT from time to time failed to provide
26 PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with a second off-duty meal period for
27 some workdays in which these employees were required by DEFENDANT to work ten (10)
28 hours of work. DEFENDANT also engaged in the practice of rounding the meal period

1 times to avoid paying penalties to PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.
2 PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS therefore forfeit meal breaks
3 without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT's corporate policy
4 and practice.

5 16. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and other
6 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also required from time to time to work in excess of
7 four (4) hours without being provided ten (10) minute rest periods. Further, these employees
8 were denied their first rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of at
9 least two (2) to four (4) hours from time to time, a first and second rest period of at least ten
10 (10) minutes for some shifts worked of between six (6) and eight (8) hours from time to
11 time, and a first, second and third rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts
12 worked of ten (10) hours or more from time to time. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
13 CLASS Members were also not provided with one hour wages in lieu thereof. Additionally,
14 the applicable California Wage Order requires employers to provide employees with off-
15 duty rest periods, which the California Supreme Court defined as time during which an
16 employee is relieved from all work related duties and free from employer control. In so
17 doing, the Court held that the requirement under California law that employers authorize and
18 permit all employees to take rest period means that employers must relieve employees of all
19 duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time which includes control
20 over the locations where employees may take their rest period. Employers cannot impose
21 controls that prohibit an employee from taking a brief walk - five minutes out, five minutes
22 back. Here, DEFENDANT's policy restricted PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
23 CLASS Members from unconstrained walks and is unlawful based on DEFENDANT's rule
24 which states PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members cannot leave the work
25 premises during their rest period.

26 17. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT failed to
27 accurately record and pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for the
28 actual amount of time these employees worked. Pursuant to the Industrial Welfare

1 Commission Wage Orders, DEFENDANT was required to pay PLAINTIFF and other
2 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all time worked, meaning the time during which an
3 employee was subject to the control of an employer, including all the time the employee was
4 permitted or suffered to permit this work. DEFENDANT required these employees to work
5 off the clock without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANT's control.
6 As such, DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
7 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were under compensated for all time worked. As a
8 result, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members forfeited time worked by
9 working without their time being accurately recorded and without compensation at the
10 applicable minimum wage and overtime wage rates. To the extent that the time worked off
11 the clock does not qualify for overtime premium payment, DEFENDANT fails to pay
12 minimum wages for the time worked off-the-clock in violation of Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194,
13 1197, and 1197.1.

14 18. From time to time, DEFENDANT also failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the
15 other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with complete and accurate wage statements
16 which failed to show, among other things, the correct gross and net wages earned. Cal. Lab.
17 Code § 226 provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees with an
18 accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing, among other things, gross wages
19 earned and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding
20 amount of time worked at each hourly rate. PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS
21 Members were paid on an hourly basis. As such, the wage statements should reflect all
22 applicable hourly rates during the pay period and the total hours worked, and the applicable
23 pay period in which the wages were earned pursuant to California Labor Code Section
24 226(a). The wage statements DEFENDANT provided to PLAINTIFF and other
25 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members failed to identify such information. More specifically, the
26 wage statements failed to identify the accurate total hours worked each pay period. When
27 the hours shown on the wage statements were added up, they did not equal the actual total
28 hours worked during the pay period in violation of Cal. Lab. Code 226(a)(2). Aside, from

1 the violations listed above in this paragraph, DEFENDANT failed to issue to PLAINTIFF
2 an itemized wage statement that lists all the requirements under California Labor Code 226
3 *et seq.* As a result, DEFENDANT from time to time provided PLAINTIFF and the other
4 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with wage statements which violated Cal. Lab. Code
5 § 226.

6 19. Cal. Lab. Code § 204(d) provides, the requirements of this section shall be
7 deemed satisfied by the payment of wages for weekly, biweekly, or semimonthly payroll if
8 the wages are paid not more than seven (7) calendar days following the close of the payroll
9 period. Cal. Lab. Code § 210 provides:

10 in [I]n addition to, and entirely independent and apart from, any other penalty provided
11 this article, every person who fails to pay the wages of each employee as provided in
12 Sections. . . 204. . . shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows: (1) For any initial
13 violation, one hundred dollars (\$100) for each failure to pay each employee; (2) For
each subsequent violation, or any willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars
(\$200) for each failure to pay each employee, plus 25 percent of the amount
unlawfully withheld.

14 20. DEFENDANT from time to time failed to pay PLAINTIFF and members of
15 the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members within seven (7) days of the close of the
16 payroll period in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code § 204(d), including but not limited to for
17 the “Hourly” regular wage payments.

18 21. DEFENDANT underpaid sick pay wages to PLAINTIFF and other
19 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members by failing to pay such wages at the regular rate of pay in
20 violation of Cal. Lab. Code Section 246. Specifically, PLAINTIFF and other non-exempt
21 employees earn non-discretionary remuneration. Rather than pay sick pay at the regular rate
22 of pay, DEFENDANT underpaid sick pay to PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS
23 Members at their base rates of pay.

24 22. Cal. Lab. Code Section 246(1)(2) requires that paid sick time for nonexempt
25 employees be calculated by dividing the employee’s total wages, not including overtime
26 premium pay, by the employee’s total hours worked in the full pay periods of the prior 90
27 days of employment.

1 23. DEFENDANT violated Cal. Lab. Code Section 246 by failing to pay sick pay
2 at the regular rate of pay. PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members routinely
3 earned non-discretionary incentive wages which increased their regular rate of pay.
4 However, when sick pay was paid, it was paid at the base rate of pay for PLAINTIFF and
5 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, as opposed to the correct, higher regular rate of pay,
6 as required under Cal. Lab. Code Section 246.

7 24. As a pattern and practice, DEFENDANT regularly failed to pay PLAINTIFF
8 and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS their correct wages and accordingly owe
9 waiting time penalties pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code Section 203. Further, PLAINTIFF are
10 informed and believe and based thereon allege that such failure to pay sick pay at regular
11 rate was willful, such that PLAINTIFF and members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS whose
12 employment has separated are entitled to waiting time penalties pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code
13 Sections 201-203.

14 25. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code Section 221, "It shall be unlawful for any employer
15 to collect or receive from an employee any part of wages theretofore paid by said employer
16 to said employee." DEFENDANT failed to pay all compensation due to PLAINTIFF and
17 other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members, made unlawful deductions from
18 compensation payable to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members,
19 failed to disclose all aspects of the deductions from compensation payable to PLAINTIFF
20 and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members, and thereby failed to pay these
21 employees all wages due at each applicable pay period and upon termination. PLAINTIFF
22 and members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS seek recovery of all illegal
23 deductions from wages according to proof, related penalties, interest, attorney fees and costs.

24 26. DEFENDANT intentionally and knowingly failed to reimburse and indemnify
25 PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for required business expenses
26 incurred by the PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members in direct
27 consequence of discharging their duties on behalf of DEFENDANT. Under California
28 Labor Code Section 2802, employers are required to indemnify employees for all expenses

1 incurred in the course and scope of their employment. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 expressly
2 states that "an employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures
3 or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her
4 duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer, even though unlawful,
5 unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them to be unlawful."

6 27. In the course of their employment PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
7 CLASS Members as a business expense, were required by DEFENDANT to use their own
8 personal cellular phones as a result of and in furtherance of their job duties as employees for
9 DEFENDANT but are not reimbursed or indemnified by DEFENDANT for the cost
10 associated with the use of their personal cellular phones for DEFENDANT's benefit.
11 Specifically, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required by
12 DEFENDANT to use their personal cellular phones. As a result, in the course of their
13 employment with DEFENDANT, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA
14 CLASS incurred unreimbursed business expenses which included, but were not limited to,
15 costs related to the use of their personal cellular phones all on behalf of and for the benefit
16 of DEFENDANT.

17 28. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the
18 requirements of the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order,
19 DEFENDANT as a matter of company policy, practice and procedure, intentionally,
20 knowingly and systematically failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other Aggrieved
21 Employees suitable seating when the nature of these employees' work reasonably permitted
22 sitting.

23 29. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and other
24 Aggrieved Employees were entitled to suitable seating and/or were entitled to sit when it did
25 not interfere with the performance of their duties, and that DEFENDANT did not provide
26 suitable seating and/or did not allow them to sit when it did not interfere with the
27 performance of their duties.
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30. By reason of this conduct applicable to PLAINTIFF and all Aggrieved Employees, DEFENDANT violated California Labor Code Section 1198 and California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11070(14) (Failure to Provide Seating), Wage Order 4-2001, Section 14 by failing to provide suitable seats. PLAINTIFF seek penalties on behalf of PLAINTIFF and other Aggrieved Employees as provided herein. Providing suitable seating is the DEFENDANT's burden. As a result of DEFENDANT's intentional disregard of the obligation to meet this burden, DEFENDANT violated the California Labor Code and regulations promulgated thereunder as herein alleged.

31. Specifically as to PLAINTIFF, DEFENDANT failed to provide all the legally required off-duty meal and rest breaks to PLAINTIFF as required by the applicable Wage Order and Labor Code and failed to pay PLAINTIFF all minimum and overtime wages due to PLAINTIFF. DEFENDANT did not have a policy or practice which provided timely off-duty meal and rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and also failed to compensate PLAINTIFF for PLAINTIFF' missed meal and rest breaks. The nature of the work performed by the PLAINTIFF did not prevent PLAINTIFF from being relieved of all of PLAINTIFF' duties for the legally required off-duty meal periods. As a result, DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF with the legally required meal periods is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records. The amount in controversy for PLAINTIFF individually does not exceed the sum or value of \$75,000.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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

33. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure, Sections 395 and 395.5, because PLAINTIFF worked in this County for DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT (i) currently maintains and at all relevant times maintained offices and

1 facilities in this County and/or conducts substantial business in this County, and (ii)
2 committed the wrongful conduct herein alleged in this County against members of the
3 CALIFORNIA CLASS.

4 **THE CALIFORNIA CLASS**

5 34. PLAINTIFF brings the First Cause of Action for Unfair, Unlawful and
6 Deceptive Business Practices pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* (the
7 "UCL") as a Class Action, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, on behalf of a
8 California class, defined as all individuals who are or previously were employed by Beacon
9 Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. in California, including any employees staffed
10 with Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. by a third party, and classified as
11 non-exempt employees(the "CALIFORNIA CLASS") at any time during the period
12 beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of this Complaint and ending on the date as
13 determined by the Court (the "CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD"). The amount in
14 controversy for the aggregate claim of CALIFORNIA CLASS Members is under five
15 million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

16 35. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA
17 CLASS against DEFENDANT, the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted
18 accordingly.

19 36. DEFENDANT, as a matter of company policy, practice and procedure, and in
20 violation of the applicable Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage
21 Order requirements, and the applicable provisions of California law, intentionally,
22 knowingly, and wilfully, engaged in a practice whereby DEFENDANT failed to record all
23 meal and rest breaks missed by PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members,
24 even though DEFENDANT enjoyed the benefit of this work, required employees to perform
25 this work and permits or suffers to permit this work.

26 37. DEFENDANT has the legal burden to establish that each and every
27 CALIFORNIA CLASS Member was paid accurately for all meal and rest breaks missed as
28 required by California laws. The DEFENDANT, however, as a matter of policy and

1 procedure failed to have in place during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD and still fails
2 to have in place a policy or practice to ensure that each and every CALIFORNIA CLASS
3 Member is paid as required by law. This common business practice is applicable to each
4 and every CALIFORNIA CLASS Member can be adjudicated on a class-wide basis as
5 unlawful, unfair, and/or deceptive under Cal. Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*
6 (the “UCL”) as causation, damages, and reliance are not elements of this claim.

7 38. The CALIFORNIA CLASS, is so numerous that joinder of all CALIFORNIA
8 CLASS Members is impracticable.

9 39. DEFENDANT violated the rights of the CALIFORNIA CLASS under
10 California law by:

- 11 (a) Committing an act of unfair competition in violation of , Cal. Bus. &
12 Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* (the "UCL"), by unlawfully, unfairly
13 and/or deceptively having in place company policies, practices and
14 procedures that failed to record and pay PLAINTIFF and the other
15 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked, including
16 minimum wages owed and overtime wages owed for work performed
17 by these employees; and,
18 (b) Committing an act of unfair competition in violation of the UCL, by
19 failing to provide the PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
20 CALIFORNIA CLASS with the legally required meal and rest periods.

21 40. This Class Action meets the statutory prerequisites for the maintenance of a
22 Class Action as set forth in Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:

- 23 (a) The persons who comprise the CALIFORNIA CLASS are so numerous
24 that the joinder of all such persons is impracticable and the disposition
25 of their claims as a class will benefit the parties and the Court;
26 (b) Nearly all factual, legal, statutory, declaratory and injunctive relief
27 issues that are raised in this Complaint are common to the
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CALIFORNIA CLASS will apply to every member of the CALIFORNIA CLASS;

- (c) The claims of the representative PLAINTIFF are typical of the claims of each member of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. PLAINTIFF, like all the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, were classified as non-exempt employees paid on an hourly basis who were subjected to the DEFENDANT's deceptive practice and policy which failed to provide the legally required meal and rest periods to the CALIFORNIA CLASS and thereby underpaid compensation to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS. PLAINTIFF sustained economic injury as a result of DEFENDANT's employment practices. PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were and are similarly or identically harmed by the same unlawful, deceptive and unfair misconduct engaged in by DEFENDANT; and,
- (d) The representative PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interest of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, and have retained counsel who are competent and experienced in Class Action litigation. There are no material conflicts between the claims of the representative PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS that would make class certification inappropriate. Counsel for the CALIFORNIA CLASS will vigorously assert the claims of all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

41. In addition to meeting the statutory prerequisites to a Class Action, this action is properly maintained as a Class Action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:

- (a) Without class certification and determination of declaratory, injunctive, statutory and other legal questions within the class format, prosecution

1 of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA
2 CLASS will create the risk of:

- 3 1) Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual
4 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS which would establish
5 incompatible standards of conduct for the parties opposing the
6 CALIFORNIA CLASS; and/or,
7 2) Adjudication with respect to individual members of the
8 CALIFORNIA CLASS which would as a practical matter be
9 dispositive of interests of the other members not party to the
10 adjudication or substantially impair or impede their ability to
11 protect their interests.

12 (b) The parties opposing the CALIFORNIA CLASS have acted or refused
13 to act on grounds generally applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS,
14 making appropriate class-wide relief with respect to the CALIFORNIA
15 CLASS as a whole in that DEFENDANT failed to pay all wages due to
16 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS as required by law;

- 17 1) With respect to the First Cause of Action, the final relief on
18 behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS sought does not relate
19 exclusively to restitution because through this claim
20 PLAINTIFF seek declaratory relief holding that the
21 DEFENDANT's policy and practices constitute unfair
22 competition, along with declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and
23 incidental equitable relief as may be necessary to prevent and
24 remedy the conduct declared to constitute unfair competition;

25 (c) Common questions of law and fact exist as to the members of the
26 CALIFORNIA CLASS, with respect to the practices and violations of
27 California law as listed above, and predominate over any question
28 affecting only individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, and a Class

1 Action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
2 adjudication of the controversy, including consideration of:

- 3 1) The interests of the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS in
4 individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate
5 actions in that the substantial expense of individual actions will
6 be avoided to recover the relatively small amount of economic
7 losses sustained by the individual CALIFORNIA CLASS
8 Members when compared to the substantial expense and burden
9 of individual prosecution of this litigation;
- 10 2) Class certification will obviate the need for unduly duplicative
11 litigation that would create the risk of:
- 12 A. Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to
13 individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, which
14 would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the
15 DEFENDANT; and/or,
- 16 B. Adjudications with respect to individual members of the
17 CALIFORNIA CLASS would as a practical matter be
18 dispositive of the interests of the other members not
19 parties to the adjudication or substantially impair or
20 impede their ability to protect their interests;
- 21 3) In the context of wage litigation because a substantial number of
22 individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members will avoid asserting
23 their legal rights out of fear of retaliation by DEFENDANT,
24 which may adversely affect an individual's job with
25 DEFENDANT or with a subsequent employer, the Class Action
26 is the only means to assert their claims through a representative;
27 and,
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1 4) A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair
2 and efficient adjudication of this litigation because class
3 treatment will obviate the need for unduly and unnecessary
4 duplicative litigation that is likely to result in the absence of
5 certification of this action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. §
6 382.

7 42. This Court should permit this action to be maintained as a Class Action
8 pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382 because:

- 9 (a) The questions of law and fact common to the CALIFORNIA CLASS
10 predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA
11 CLASS Members because the DEFENDANT's employment practices
12 are applied with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS;
- 13 (b) A Class Action is superior to any other available method for the fair
14 and efficient adjudication of the claims of the members of the
15 CALIFORNIA CLASS because in the context of employment litigation
16 a substantial number of individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
17 will avoid asserting their rights individually out of fear of retaliation or
18 adverse impact on their employment;
- 19 (c) The members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are so numerous that it is
20 impractical to bring all members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS before
21 the Court;
- 22 (d) PLAINTIFF, and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, will not
23 be able to obtain effective and economic legal redress unless the action
24 is maintained as a Class Action;
- 25 (e) There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and
26 equitable relief for the acts of unfair competition, statutory violations
27 and other improprieties, and in obtaining adequate compensation for
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1 the damages and injuries which DEFENDANT's actions have inflicted
2 upon the CALIFORNIA CLASS;

3 (f) There is a community of interest in ensuring that the combined assets of
4 DEFENDANT are sufficient to adequately compensate the members of
5 the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the injuries sustained;

6 (g) DEFENDANT has acted or refused to act on grounds generally
7 applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS, thereby making final class-
8 wide relief appropriate with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a
9 whole;

10 (h) The members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are readily ascertainable
11 from the business records of DEFENDANT; and,

12 (i) Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to
13 bring a efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and
14 hour related claims arising out of the conduct of DEFENDANT as to
15 the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.

16 43. DEFENDANT maintains records from which the Court can ascertain and
17 identify by job title each of DEFENDANT's employees who have been intentionally
18 subjected to DEFENDANT's company policy, practices and procedures as herein alleged.
19 PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend the Complaint to include any additional job titles of
20 similarly situated employees when they have been identified.

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22 **THE CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS**

23 44. PLAINTIFF further brings the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh,
24 Eighth, Ninth and Tenth causes Action on behalf of a California sub-class, defined as all
25 members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who are or previously were employed by Beacon
26 Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. in California, including any employees staffed
27 with Beacon Hill Staffing Group, LLC and/or Relx Inc. by a third party, and classified as
28 non-exempt employees (the "CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS") at any time during the

1 period three (3) years prior to the filing of the complaint and ending on the date as
2 determined by the Court (the “CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD”) pursuant
3 to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382. The amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of
4 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is under five million dollars
5 (\$5,000,000.00).

6 45. DEFENDANT, in violation of the applicable Labor Code, Industrial Welfare
7 Commission (“IWC”) Wage Order requirements, and the applicable provisions of California
8 law, intentionally, knowingly, and wilfully, engaged in a practice whereby DEFENDANT
9 failed to correctly calculate compensation for the time worked by PLAINTIFF and the other
10 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and reporting time wages owed to
11 these employees, even though DEFENDANT enjoyed the benefit of this work, required
12 employees to perform this work and permitted or suffered to permit this work.
13 DEFENDANT has denied these CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members wages to
14 which these employees are entitled in order to unfairly cheat the competition and unlawfully
15 profit. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA LABOR
16 SUB-CLASS against DEFENDANT, the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD
17 should be adjusted accordingly.

18 46. DEFENDANT maintains records from which the Court can ascertain and
19 identify by name and job title, each of DEFENDANT’s employees who have been
20 intentionally subjected to DEFENDANT’s company policy, practices and procedures as
21 herein alleged. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend the complaint to include any
22 additional job titles of similarly situated employees when they have been identified.

23 47. The CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS is so numerous that joinder of all
24 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is impracticable.

25 48. Common questions of law and fact exist as to members of the CALIFORNIA
26 LABOR SUB-CLASS, including, but not limited, to the following:

- 27 (a) Whether DEFENDANT unlawfully failed to correctly calculate and pay
28 compensation due to members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-

1 CLASS for missed meal and rest breaks in violation of the California
2 Labor Code and California regulations and the applicable California
3 Wage Order;

4 (b) Whether DEFENDANT failed to provide the PLAINTIFF and the other
5 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with accurate
6 itemized wage statements;

7 (c) Whether DEFENDANT has engaged in unfair competition by the
8 above-listed conduct;

9 (d) The proper measure of damages and penalties owed to the members of
10 the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS; and,

11 (e) Whether DEFENDANT's conduct was willful.

12 49. DEFENDANT violated the rights of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
13 CLASS under California law by:

14 (a) Violating Cal. Lab. Code § 510, by failing to correctly pay the
15 PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
16 CLASS all wages due for overtime worked, for which DEFENDANT is
17 liable pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 1194;

18 (b) Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 & 1197.1 *et seq.*, by failing to
19 accurately pay PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA
20 LABOR SUB-CLASS the correct minimum wage pay for which
21 DEFENDANT is liable pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194 and 1197;

22 (c) Violating Cal. Lab. Code § 226, by failing to provide PLAINTIFF and
23 the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with an
24 accurate itemized statement in writing showing the corresponding
25 correct amount of wages earned by the employee;

26 (d) Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512, by failing to provide
27 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR
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- 1 SUB-CLASS with all legally required off-duty, uninterrupted thirty
2 (30) minute meal breaks and the legally required off-duty rest breaks;
- 3 (e) Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202 and/or 203, which provides that
4 when an employee is discharged or quits from employment, the
5 employer must pay the employee all wages due without abatement, by
6 failing to tender full payment and/or restitution of wages owed or in the
7 manner required by California law to the members of the
8 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS who have terminated their
9 employment; and,
- 10 (f) Violating Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse PLAINTIFF
11 and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members with necessary
12 expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties.

13 50. This Class Action meets the statutory prerequisites for the maintenance of a
14 Class Action as set forth in Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:

- 15 (a) The persons who comprise the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
16 are so numerous that the joinder of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
17 CLASS Members is impracticable and the disposition of their claims as
18 a class will benefit the parties and the Court;
- 19 (b) Nearly all factual, legal, statutory, declaratory and injunctive relief
20 issues that are raised in this Complaint are common to the
21 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and will apply to every member
22 of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;
- 23 (c) The claims of the representative PLAINTIFF are typical of the claims
24 of each member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.
25 PLAINTIFF, like all the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR
26 SUB-CLASS, were non-exempt employees paid on an hourly basis who
27 were subjected to the DEFENDANT's practice and policy which failed
28 to pay the correct amount of wages due to the CALIFORNIA LABOR

1 SUB-CLASS. PLAINTIFF sustained economic injury as a result of
2 DEFENDANT's employment practices. PLAINTIFF and the members
3 of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were and are similarly or
4 identically harmed by the same unlawful, deceptive, and unfair
5 misconduct engaged in by DEFENDANT; and,

- 6 (d) The representative PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and
7 protect the interest of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, and
8 have retained counsel who are competent and experienced in Class
9 Action litigation. There are no material conflicts between the claims of
10 the representative PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA
11 LABOR SUB-CLASS that would make class certification
12 inappropriate. Counsel for the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
13 will vigorously assert the claims of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
14 CLASS Members.

15 51. In addition to meeting the statutory prerequisites to a Class Action, this action
16 is properly maintained as a Class Action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:

- 17 (a) Without class certification and determination of declaratory, injunctive,
18 statutory and other legal questions within the class format, prosecution
19 of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA
20 LABOR SUB-CLASS will create the risk of:
- 21 1) Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual
22 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS which
23 would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the
24 parties opposing the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS; or,
 - 25 2) Adjudication with respect to individual members of the
26 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS which would as a
27 practical matter be dispositive of interests of the other members
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not party to the adjudication or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

(b) The parties opposing the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, making appropriate class-wide relief with respect to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole in that DEFENDANT fails to pay all wages due. Including the correct wages for all time worked by the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as required by law;

(c) Common questions of law and fact predominate as to the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, with respect to the practices and violations of California Law as listed above, and predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members, and a Class Action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, including consideration of:

- 1) The interests of the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS in individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions in that the substantial expense of individual actions will be avoided to recover the relatively small amount of economic losses sustained by the individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members when compared to the substantial expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation;
- 2) Class certification will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that would create the risk of:

A. Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-

1 CLASS, which would establish incompatible standards of
2 conduct for the DEFENDANT; and/or,

3 B. Adjudications with respect to individual members of the
4 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS would as a
5 practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other
6 members not parties to the adjudication or substantially
7 impair or impede their ability to protect their interests;

8 3) In the context of wage litigation because a substantial number of
9 individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members will
10 avoid asserting their legal rights out of fear of retaliation by
11 DEFENDANT, which may adversely affect an individual's job
12 with DEFENDANT or with a subsequent employer, the Class
13 Action is the only means to assert their claims through a
14 representative; and,

15 4) A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair
16 and efficient adjudication of this litigation because class
17 treatment will obviate the need for unduly and unnecessary
18 duplicative litigation that is likely to result in the absence of
19 certification of this action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. §
20 382.

21 52. This Court should permit this action to be maintained as a Class Action
22 pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382 because:

23 (a) The questions of law and fact common to the CALIFORNIA LABOR
24 SUB-CLASS predominate over any question affecting only individual
25 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members;

26 (b) A Class Action is superior to any other available method for the fair
27 and efficient adjudication of the claims of the members of the
28 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS because in the context of

1 employment litigation a substantial number of individual
2 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members will avoid asserting
3 their rights individually out of fear of retaliation or adverse impact on
4 their employment;

5 (c) The members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are so
6 numerous that it is impractical to bring all members of the
7 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS before the Court;

8 (d) PLAINTIFF, and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
9 Members, will not be able to obtain effective and economic legal
10 redress unless the action is maintained as a Class Action;

11 (e) There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and
12 equitable relief for the acts of unfair competition, statutory violations
13 and other improprieties, and in obtaining adequate compensation for
14 the damages and injuries which DEFENDANT's actions have inflicted
15 upon the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;

16 (f) There is a community of interest in ensuring that the combined assets of
17 DEFENDANT are sufficient to adequately compensate the members of
18 the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for the injuries sustained;

19 (g) DEFENDANT has acted or refused to act on grounds generally
20 applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, thereby
21 making final class-wide relief appropriate with respect to the
22 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole;

23 (h) The members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are readily
24 ascertainable from the business records of DEFENDANT. The
25 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS consists of all CALIFORNIA
26 CLASS Members who worked for DEFENDANT in California at any
27 time during the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD; and,
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(i) Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring a efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims arising out of the conduct of DEFENDANT as to the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

For Unlawful Business Practices

[Cal. Bus. And Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS and Against All Defendants)

53. 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.

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

55. 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.

56. 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 Industrial Wage Order(s), the California Code of Regulations and the California Labor Code including Sections 204, 210, 221, 226.7, 246, 510, 512, 1194, 1197, 1197.1,

1 1198, 2802 and the Fair Labor Standards Act and federal regulations promulgated
2 thereunder, for which this Court should issue declaratory and other equitable relief pursuant
3 to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203 as may be necessary to prevent and remedy the conduct
4 held to constitute unfair competition, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

5 57. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were unlawful and
6 unfair in that these practices violate public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive,
7 unscrupulous or substantially injurious to employees, and were without valid justification or
8 utility for which this Court should issue equitable and injunctive relief pursuant to Section
9 17203 of the California Business & Professions Code, including restitution of wages
10 wrongfully withheld.

11 58. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were deceptive and
12 fraudulent in that DEFENDANT's policy and practice failed to provide the legally mandated
13 meal and rest periods, the required amount of compensation for missed meal and rest
14 periods and overtime and minimum wages owed, failed to timely pay wages, and failed to
15 reimburse all necessary business expenses incurred, and failed to provide Fair Labor
16 Standards Act overtime wages due for overtime worked as a result of failing to include non-
17 discretionary incentive compensation into their regular rates of pay for purposes of
18 computing the proper overtime pay due to a business practice that cannot be justified,
19 pursuant to the applicable Cal. Lab. Code, and Industrial Welfare Commission requirements
20 in violation of Cal. Bus. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, and for which this Court should issue
21 injunctive and equitable relief, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, including
22 restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

23 59. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unlawful,
24 unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANT's employment practices caused PLAINTIFF and
25 the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to be underpaid during their employment
26 with DEFENDANT.

27 60. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unlawful,
28 unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANT's policies, practices and procedures failed to

1 provide all legally required meal breaks to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
2 CALIFORNIA CLASS as required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512.

3 61. Therefore, PLAINTIFF demands on behalf of herself and on behalf of each
4 CALIFORNIA CLASS Member, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which an off-duty
5 meal period was not timely provided for each five (5) hours of work, and/or one (1) hour of
6 pay for each workday in which a second off-duty meal period was not timely provided for
7 each ten (10) hours of work.

8 62. PLAINTIFF further demands on behalf of herself and each member of the
9 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which an off
10 duty paid rest period was not timely provided as required by law.

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

17 64. All the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the
18 Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, the California Code of Regulations, and the
19 California Labor Code, were unlawful and in violation of public policy, were immoral,
20 unethical, oppressive and unscrupulous, were deceptive, and thereby constitute unlawful,
21 unfair and deceptive business practices in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et*
22 *seq.*

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

1 66. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are further
2 entitled to, and do, seek a declaration that the described business practices are unlawful,
3 unfair and deceptive, and that injunctive relief should be issued restraining DEFENDANT
4 from engaging in any unlawful and unfair business practices in the future.

5 67. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have no
6 plain, speedy and/or adequate remedy at law that will end the unlawful and unfair business
7 practices of DEFENDANT. Further, the practices herein alleged presently continue to occur
8 unabated. As a result of the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein,
9 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have suffered and will
10 continue to suffer irreparable legal and economic harm unless DEFENDANT is restrained
11 from continuing to engage in these unlawful and unfair business practices.

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15 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

16 **For Failure To Pay Minimum Wages**

17 **[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1197.1]**

18 **(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS**

19 **and Against All Defendants)**

20 68. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
21 CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior
22 paragraphs of this Complaint.

23 69. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
24 CLASS bring a claim for DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the
25 California Labor Code and the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements for
26 DEFENDANT's failure to accurately calculate and pay minimum wages to PLAINTIFF and
27 CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.

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

3 71. Cal. Lab. Code § 1197 provides the minimum wage for employees fixed by
4 the commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a less
5 wage than the minimum so fixed is unlawful.

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

9 73. DEFENDANT maintained a wage practice of paying PLAINTIFF and the
10 other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS without regard to the correct
11 amount of time they work. As set forth herein, DEFENDANT's policy and practice was to
12 unlawfully and intentionally deny timely payment of wages due to PLAINTIFF and the
13 other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.

14 74. DEFENDANT's unlawful wage and hour practices manifested, without
15 limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole, as a result of
16 implementing a policy and practice that denies accurate compensation to PLAINTIFF and
17 the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS in regards to minimum
18 wage pay.

19 75. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT
20 inaccurately calculated the correct time worked and consequently underpaid the actual time
21 worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.
22 DEFENDANT acted in an illegal attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and
23 other benefits in violation of the California Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission
24 requirements and other applicable laws and regulations.

25 76. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful wage practices as alleged
26 herein, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS did
27 not receive the correct minimum wage compensation for their time worked for
28 DEFENDANT.

1 77. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT
2 required, permitted or suffered PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
3 Members to work without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANT's
4 control. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the
5 other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were paid less for time worked
6 that they were entitled to, constituting a failure to pay all earned wages.

7 78. By virtue of DEFENDANT's unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned
8 compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
9 CLASS for the true time they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
10 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer an
11 economic injury in amounts which are presently unknown to them and which will be
12 ascertained according to proof at trial.

13 79. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
14 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were under compensated for their
15 time worked. DEFENDANT elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross
16 nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor as a matter of company policy, practice
17 and procedure, and DEFENDANT perpetrated this scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF
18 and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the correct minimum
19 wages for their time worked.

20 80. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California
21 labor laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
22 CLASS for all time worked and provide them with the requisite compensation,
23 DEFENDANT acted and continues to act intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously
24 toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
25 with a conscious and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the consequences to them, and
26 with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal rights, and otherwise
27 causing them injury in order to increase company profits at the expense of these employees.
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1 81. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
2 CLASS therefore request recovery of all unpaid wages, according to proof, interest,
3 statutory costs, as well as the assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANT,
4 in a sum as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the
5 extent minimum wage compensation is determined to be owed to the CALIFORNIA
6 LABOR SUB-CLASS Members who have terminated their employment, DEFENDANT's
7 conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or 202, and therefore these individuals are also
8 be entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab. Code § 203, which penalties are sought
9 herein on behalf of these CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members. DEFENDANT's
10 conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional and not in good faith. Further,
11 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members are entitled to seek
12 and recover statutory costs.

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18 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **For Failure To Pay Overtime Compensation**

20 **[Cal. Lab. Code § 510]**

21 **(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All**
22 **Defendants)**

23 82. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
24 CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though full set forth herein, the prior
25 paragraphs of this Complaint.

26 83. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
27 CLASS bring a claim for DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the
28 California Labor Code and the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements for

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

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

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

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

15 87. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and
16 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were required, permitted or suffered by
17 DEFENDANT to work for DEFENDANT and were not paid for all the time they worked,
18 including overtime work.

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

27 89. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT
28 inaccurately recorded overtime worked and consequently underpaid the overtime worked by

1 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR-SUB CLASS Members. DEFENDANT
2 acted in an illegal attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in
3 violation of the California Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements
4 and other applicable laws and regulations. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful
5 wage practices as alleged herein, the PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
6 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS did not receive full compensation for overtime
7 worked.

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

16 91. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and
17 the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have been paid less for
18 overtime worked that they are entitled to, constituting a failure to pay all earned wages..

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

26 93. By virtue of DEFENDANT's unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned
27 compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
28 CLASS for the true amount of time they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the

1 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer an
2 economic injury in amounts which are presently unknown to them and which will be
3 ascertained according to proof at trial.

4 94. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other
5 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were under compensated for all
6 overtime worked. DEFENDANT elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross
7 nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor as a matter of company policy, practice
8 and procedure, and DEFENDANT perpetrated this scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF
9 and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for overtime worked.

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

19 96. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
20 CLASS therefore request recovery of all overtime wages, according to proof, interest,
21 statutory costs, as well as the assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANT,
22 in a sum as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the
23 extent minimum and/or overtime compensation is determined to be owed to the
24 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members who have terminated their employment,
25 DEFENDANT's conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or 202, and therefore these
26 individuals are also be entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab. Code § 203, which
27 penalties are sought herein on behalf of these CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
28 Members. DEFENDANT's conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional and not in

1 good faith. Further, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members
2 are entitled to seek and recover statutory costs.

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4 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **For Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods**

6 **[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512]**

7 **(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All**
8 **Defendants)**

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

12 98. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT from time to time
13 failed to provide all the legally required off-duty meal breaks to PLAINTIFF and the other
14 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members as required by the applicable Wage Order
15 and Labor Code. The nature of the work performed by PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA
16 LABOR SUB-CLASS MEMBERS did not prevent these employees from being relieved of
17 all of their duties for the legally required off-duty meal periods. As a result of their rigorous
18 work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members
19 were from time to time not fully relieved of duty by DEFENDANT for their meal periods.
20 Additionally, DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA
21 LABOR SUB-CLASS Members with legally required meal breaks prior to their fifth (5th)
22 hour of work is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records from time to time. Further,
23 DEFENDANT failed to provide PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with a
24 second off-duty meal period in some workdays in which these employees were required by
25 DEFENDANT to work ten (10) hours of work from time to time. As a result, PLAINTIFF
26 and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS therefore forfeited meal
27 breaks without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT's strict
28 corporate policy and practice.

99. DEFENDANT further violates California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members who were not provided a meal period, in accordance with the applicable Wage Order, one additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a meal period was not provided.

10. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-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.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

For Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods

[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All Defendants)

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

102. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were from time to time required to work in excess of four (4) hours without being provided ten (10) minute rest periods. Further, these employees from time to time 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

1 between six (6) and eight (8) hours, and a first, second and third rest period of at least ten
2 (10) minutes for some shifts worked of ten (10) hours or more from time to time.

3 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were also not
4 provided with one hour wages in lieu thereof. As a result of their rigorous work schedules,
5 PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were periodically
6 denied their proper rest periods by DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT's managers.

7 103. DEFENDANT further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the
8 applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA
9 LABOR SUB-CLASS Members who were not provided a rest period, in accordance with
10 the applicable Wage Order, one additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular
11 rate of pay for each workday that rest period was not provided.

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

16 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **For Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Statements**

18 **[Cal. Lab. Code § 226]**

19 **(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All**
20 **Defendants)**

21 105. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
22 CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior
23 paragraphs of this Complaint.

24 106. Cal. Labor Code § 226 provides that an employer must furnish employees with
25 an "accurate itemized" statement in writing showing:

- 26 (1) gross wages earned,
27 (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any employee whose
28 compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of
overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the
Industrial Welfare Commission,

(3) the number of piecerate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis,
(4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item,
(5) net wages earned,
(6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid,
(7) 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 or an employee identification number other than a social security number may be shown on the itemized statement,
(8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and
(9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

107. From time to time, DEFENDANT also failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with complete and accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, the correct gross and net wages earned. Cal. Lab. Code § 226 provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees with an accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing, among other things, gross wages earned and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate. PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were paid on an hourly basis. As such, the wage statements should reflect all applicable hourly rates during the pay period and the total hours worked, and the applicable pay period in which the wages were earned pursuant to California Labor Code Section 226(a). The wage statements DEFENDANT provided to PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members failed to identify such information. More specifically, the wage statements failed to identify the accurate total hours worked each pay period. When the hours shown on the wage statements were added up, they did not equal the actual total hours worked during the pay period in violation of Cal. Lab. Code 226(a)(2). Aside, from the violations listed above in this paragraph, DEFENDANT failed to issue to PLAINTIFF an itemized wage statement that lists all the requirements under California Labor Code 226 *et seq.* As a result, DEFENDANT from time to time provided PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with wage statements which violated Cal. Lab. Code § 226.

1 108. DEFENDANT knowingly and intentionally failed to comply with Cal. Lab.
2 Code § 226, causing injury and damages to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
3 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. These damages include, but are not limited to, costs
4 expended calculating the correct wages for all missed meal and rest breaks and the amount
5 of employment taxes which were not properly paid to state and federal tax authorities.
6 These damages are difficult to estimate. Therefore, PLAINTIFF and the other members of
7 the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS may elect to recover liquidated damages of fifty
8 dollars (\$50.00) for the initial pay period in which the violation occurred, and one hundred
9 dollars (\$100.00) for each violation in a subsequent pay period pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code §
10 226, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial (but in no event more than four
11 thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for PLAINTIFF and each respective member of the
12 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS herein).

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18 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **For Failure to Reimburse Employees for Required Expenses**

20 **[Cal. Lab. Code § 2802]**

21 **(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All**
22 **Defendants)**

23 109. PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members
24 reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior
25 paragraphs of this Complaint.

26 110. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 provides, in relevant part, that:

27 An employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary
28 expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the
 discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of

1 the employer, even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of
2 obeying the directions, believed them to be unlawful.

3 111. At all relevant times herein, DEFENDANT violated Cal. Lab. Code § 2802,
4 by failing to indemnify and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
5 CLASS members for required expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties for
6 DEFENDANT's benefit. DEFENDANT failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and the
7 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members for expenses which included, but were not
8 limited to, costs related to using their personal cellular phones on behalf of and for the
9 benefit of DEFENDANT. Specifically, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR
10 SUB-CLASS Members were required by DEFENDANT to use their personal cellular
11 phones and home offices in order to perform work related job tasks. DEFENDANT's policy
12 and practice was to not reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
13 CLASS members for expenses resulting from using their personal cellular phones and home
14 offices for DEFENDANT within the course and scope of their employment for
15 DEFENDANT. These expenses were necessary to complete their principal job duties.
16 DEFENDANT is estopped by DEFENDANT's conduct to assert any waiver of this
17 expectation. Although these expenses were necessary expenses incurred by PLAINTIFF
18 and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members, DEFENDANT failed to indemnify
19 and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members for
20 these expenses as an employer is required to do under the laws and regulations of California.

21 112. PLAINTIFF therefore demands reimbursement for expenditures or losses
22 incurred by herself and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members in the discharge
23 of their job duties for DEFENDANT, or their obedience to the directions of DEFENDANT,
24 with interest at the statutory rate and costs under Cal. Lab. Code § 2802.

25 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

26 **For Failure to Pay Wages When Due**

27 **[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202, 203]**

**(By PLAINTIFF, and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
and Against All Defendants)**

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

1. Cal. Lab. Code § 200 provides, in relevant part, that:

As used in this article:

(a) "Wages" includes all amounts for labor performed by employees of every description, whether the amount is fixed or ascertained by the standard of time, task, piece, Commission basis, or other method of calculation.

(b) "Labor" includes labor, work, or service whether rendered or performed under contract, subcontract, partnership, station plan, or other agreement if the labor to be paid for is performed personally by the person demanding payment.

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

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

If an employee not having a written contract for a definite period quits his or her employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention 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.

116. There was no definite term in PLAINTIFF's or any CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members' employment contract.

117. Cal. Lab. Code § 203 provides, in relevant part, that:

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.

118. The employment of PLAINTIFF, and many CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members has terminated and DEFENDANT has not tendered payment of all

1 wages owed as required by law. Additionally, at all times during the term of PLAINTIFF's
2 employment with DEFENDANT, PLAINTIFF, and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
3 Members earned and accrued vested vacation and holiday time on the date of their
4 termination pursuant to DEFENDANT's uniform vacation policies and applicable California
5 law. The amount of vacation pay PLAINTIFF, and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR
6 SUB-CLASS Members earned and accumulated is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business
7 records. Additionally, DEFENDANT also underpaid accrued vested vacation wages to
8 PLAINTIFF, and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS MEMBERS by failing to pay
9 such wages at the regular rate of pay and more specifically the final rate of pay that included
10 all non-discretionary incentive compensation. Rather than pay vacation wages at the regular
11 rate of pay, DEFENDANT underpaid vacation wages to PLAINTIFF and other
12 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members at their base rates of pay, instead of
13 including all of PLAINTIFF's, and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members'
14 non-discretionary incentive compensation into the vacation wage payment calculations.
15 DEFENDANT failed to specify in DEFENDANT's written vacation policy the rate at which
16 PLAINTIFF, and other CALIFORNIA LABOR CLASS Members would be paid vacation
17 upon leaving employment with DEFENDANT. As a result of DEFENDANT's unlawful
18 practice, policy and procedure to deny paying PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the
19 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS all of their vested vacation and holiday time,
20 DEFENDANT failed to pay PLAINTIFF, and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR
21 SUB-CLASS all vested vacation time as wages due upon employment termination, in
22 violation of the California Labor Code, Sections 201, 202, 203 and 227.3. Similarly,
23 DEFENDANT underpaid waiting time penalties to PLAINTIFF, and other CALIFORNIA
24 LABOR SUB-CLASS Members at their base rates of pay, instead of including all of
25 PLAINTIFF's, and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members' non-discretionary
26 compensation into the waiting time penalty calculations. This failure by DEFENDANT is
27 believed to be the result of DEFENDANT's unlawful, unfair and deceptive refusal to
28 provide compensation for earned, accrued and vested vacation and holiday time, as well as

1 the corresponding waiting time penalties that were paid. DEFENDANT perpetrated this
2 unlawful, unfair and deceptive practice to the detriment of PLAINTIFF, and the members of
3 the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. DEFENDANT's uniform practice and policy of
4 failing to pay the LABOR SUB-CLASS Members for all vested vacation and holiday time
5 accumulated at employment termination violated and continues to violate Section 227.3 of
6 the California Labor Code.

7 119. Therefore, as provided by Cal Lab. Code § 203, on behalf of PLAINTIFF and
8 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS whose employment has terminated
9 and who have not been fully paid their wages due to them, PLAINTIFF demands thirty days
10 of pay as penalty for not paying all wages due at time of termination for all employees who
11 terminated employment during the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD and
12 demand an accounting and payment of all wages due, plus interest and statutory costs as
13 allowed by law.

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18 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **For Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages**

20 **[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-204, 210, 233, 246]**

21 **(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS**

22 **and Against All Defendants)**

23 120. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
24 CLASS, reallege and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior
25 paragraphs of this Complaint.

26 121. Cal Lab. Code § 233 provides that an employer must permit an employee to
27 use accrued sick leave in accordance with Cal Lab. Code § 246.5 at the employee's then
28 current rate of entitlement. Cal Lab. Code § 246 provides that an employee is entitled to

1 sick pay wages for use of accrued sick leave pursuant to Cal Lab. Code § 246.5.
2 Specifically, once accrued sick leave is used as paid sick time, an employee has a vested
3 right to sick pay wages, which an employer must calculate and compensate based on one of
4 two calculations: (i) “Paid sick time for nonexempt employees shall be calculated in the
5 same manner as the regular rate of pay for the workweek in which the employee uses paid
6 sick time, whether or not the employee actually works overtime in that workweek,” or (ii)
7 “Paid sick time for nonexempt employees shall be calculated by dividing the employee’s
8 total wages, not including overtime premium pay, by the employee’s total hours worked in
9 the full pay periods of the prior 90 days of employment.” Under Cal Lab. Code §§ 218 and
10 233, employees may sue to recover underpaid sick pay wages as damages.

11 122. As a matter of policy and practice, DEFENDANT pays sick pay wages to
12 PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS at the
13 incorrect rate of pay. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR-
14 SUB-CLASS regularly use accrued sick leave in the workweeks in which they also earn
15 non-hourly remuneration. As a matter of policy and practice, DEFENDANT pays sick pay
16 wages to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR-SUB-CLASS
17 at the base hourly pay, as opposed to the regular rate of pay, which would consider all non-
18 hourly remuneration in addition to base hourly wages, or the rate resulting from dividing the
19 employee’s total wages, not including overtime premium pay, by the employee’s total hours
20 worked in the full pay periods of the prior 90 days of employment. As a result,
21 DEFENDANT underpaid sick pay wages to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
22 CALIFORNIA LABOR-SUB-CLASS.

23 123. Cal. Lab. Code § 204 provides that wages generally are due and payable twice
24 during each calendar month and are to be paid no later than the payday for the next regular
25 payroll period. Consistent with Cal. Lab. Code § 204, Cal. Lab. Code § 246 specifically
26 requires that, upon use of accrued sick leave, vested sick pay wages are due and to be paid
27 no later than the payday for the next regular payroll period after accrued sick leave is used as
28 paid sick time. Similarly, Cal. Lab. Code § 201 provides that if an employer discharges an

1 employee, wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable
2 immediately. Cal. Lab. Code § 202 provides that an employee is entitled to receive all
3 unpaid wages no later than 72 hours after an employee quits his or her employment, unless
4 the employee has given 72-hour notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the
5 employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting. The Labor Code penalizes
6 untimely payments. For example, Cal. Lab. Code § 203 provides that if an employer
7 willfully fails to pay wages owed in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-202, then the
8 wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date, and at the same rate
9 until paid, but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30) days. Likewise, Cal.
10 Lab. Code § 210 provides penalties for violations of Cal. Lab. Code § 204 and untimely
11 payments during employment. Under Cal. Lab. Code §§ 203, 210 and 218, employees may
12 sue to recover applicable penalties.

13 124. As alleged herein and as a matter of policy and practice, DEFENDANT
14 routinely underpays sick pay wages and thus did not timely pay PLAINTIFF and the other
15 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR-SUB-CLASS all owing and underpaid sick pay
16 wages. As a result, DEFENDANT violates Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-204, 210, 233, and 246,
17 among other Labor Code provisions. PLAINTIFF are informed and believe that
18 DEFENDANT was advised by skilled lawyers and knew, or should have known, of the
19 mandates of the Labor Code as it relates to PLAINTIFF' allegations, especially since the
20 California Supreme Court has explained that "[c]ourts have recognized that 'wages' also
21 include those benefits to which an employee is entitled as a part of his or her compensation,
22 including money, room, board, clothing, vacation pay, *and sick pay.*" *Murphy v. Kenneth*
23 *Cole Prods., Inc.*, 40 Cal. 4th 1094, 1103 (2007)(emphasis added). Because DEFENDANT
24 willfully fails to timely pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
25 LABOR-SUB-CLASS all sick pay wages due, DEFENDANT is subject to applicable
26 penalties.

27 125. Such a pattern, practice, and uniform administration of corporate policy is
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1 unlawful and entitles PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR-
2 SUB-CLASS to underpaid sick pay wages, including interest thereon, applicable penalties,
3 attorney's fees, and costs of suit.

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5 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

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

8 1. On behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS:

- 9 A) That the Court certify the First Cause of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA
10 CLASS as a class action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
11 B) An order temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining and restraining
12 DEFENDANT from engaging in similar unlawful conduct as set forth herein;
13 C) An order requiring DEFENDANT to pay all wages and all sums unlawfully
14 withheld from compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the
15 CALIFORNIA CLASS; and,
16 D) Restitutionary disgorgement of DEFENDANT's ill-gotten gains into a fluid fund
17 for restitution of the sums incidental to DEFENDANT's violations due to
18 PLAINTIFF and to the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.

19 2. On behalf of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS:

- 20 A) That the Court certify the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth,
21 and Ninth Causes of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
22 CLASS as a class action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
23 B) Compensatory damages, according to proof at trial, including compensatory
24 damages for minimum and overtime compensation due PLAINTIFF and the other
25 members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, during the applicable
26 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD plus interest thereon at the
27 statutory rate;
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- 1 C) The greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period
2 in which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per each member of
3 the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for each violation in a subsequent pay
4 period, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), and
5 an award of costs for violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226;
- 6 D) Meal and rest period compensation pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512 and
7 the applicable IWC Wage Order;
- 8 E) For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 1194.2 and
9 1197;
- 10 F) The amount of the expenses PLAINTIFF and each member of the CALIFORNIA
11 LABOR SUBCLASS incurred in the course of their job duties, plus interest, and
12 costs of suit.; and,
- 13 G) The wages of all terminated employees in the CALIFORNIA LABOR
14 SUB-CLASS as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or
15 until an action therefore is commenced, in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code § 203.

16 3. On all claims:

- 17 A) An award of interest, including prejudgment interest at the legal rate;
- 18 B) Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable; and,
- 19 C) An award of penalties, attorneys' fees and cost of suit, as allowable under the
20 law, including, but not limited to, pursuant to Labor Code §221, §226, §1194,
21 and/or §2802.

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DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

PLAINTIFF demand a jury trial on issues triable to a jury.

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