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14 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
15 **FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**
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17 TANYA PEREZ, individually, and on behalf of
18 others similarly situated,

19 Plaintiff,

20 vs.

21 COMMERCIAL LIGHTING INDUSTRIES,
INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1
22 through 50, inclusive,

23 Defendants.
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Case No.: CVRI2301807

*Assigned for all purposes to the
Honorable Harold W. Hopp, Dept. 10*

**JOINT STIPULATION TO AMEND
COMPLAINT; [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER**

Complaint Filed: April 10, 2023

Trial Date: Not set

1 **TO THE HONORABLE COURT:**

2 Plaintiff Tanya Perez (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Commercial Lighting Industries, Inc.
3 (“Defendant”) (collectively, “the Parties”), by and through their respective attorneys of record herein,
4 hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

5 **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2023, Plaintiff provided notice to the California Labor & Workforce
6 Development Agency (“LWDA”) and Defendant, pursuant to the Private Attorney General Act of 2004,
7 Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.* (“PAGA”), regarding alleged violations of the California Labor Code
8 and California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders and Plaintiff’s intent to bring a representative
9 action seeking civil penalties.

10 **WHEREAS**, Plaintiff filed the original Class Action Complaint in this above-entitled matter on
11 April 10, 2023.

12 **WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2023, Defendant filed its Answer to Plaintiff’s Complaint.

13 **WHEREAS**, the statutory 65-day notice period for Plaintiff to commence a civil action pursuant
14 to PAGA exhausted on May 17, 2023.

15 **WHEREAS**, Plaintiff seeks to amend the Complaint to add a representative cause of action for
16 recovery of civil penalties pursuant to PAGA.

17 **WHEREAS**, Labor Code section 2699.3 provides that Plaintiff as a matter of right may amend
18 an existing complaint to add a cause of action arising under PAGA at any time within 60 days of
19 exhausting PAGA’s notice requirements.

20 **WHEREAS**, the Parties have met and conferred and agreed that Plaintiff may file a First
21 Amended Complaint (“FAC”) adding an additional cause of action pursuant to PAGA.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS STIPULATED AS FOLLOWS:**

23 1. Plaintiff may file the FAC attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Proposed FAC makes the
24 following changes to the original Complaint:

25 a. Adding an additional representative cause of action seeking civil penalties
26 pursuant to the Labor Code Private Attorney General Act of 2004, Cal. Labor
27 Code §§ 2698, *et seq.* (“PAGA”).

28 2. The FAC shall be deemed filed and served on Defendant as of the date of the Court’s order
permitting its filing.

3. Defendant shall have thirty (30) days from the date the Court enters an order permitting


1 the filing of the FAC to file its responsive pleading.

2 4. The filing of the FAC is without prejudice to and does not waive Defendant's defenses to
3 the FAC.

4 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

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6 Dated: June 5, 2023

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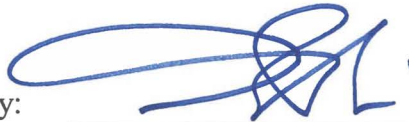
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EXHIBIT A

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**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION AND
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT**

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

- (1) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198 (Unpaid Overtime)
- (2) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a) (Unpaid Meal Period Premiums)
- (3) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226.7 (Unpaid Rest Period Premiums)
- (4) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1197.1 (Unpaid Minimum Wages)
- (5) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202 and 203 (Final Wages Not Timely Paid)
- (6) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 226(a) (Failure to Provide Accurate Wage Statements)
- (7) Violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802 (Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses)

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- (8) Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq.**
- (9) Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 2699, (Private Attorneys General Act)**

1 Plaintiff TANYA PEREZ (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of other members of the
2 general public similarly situated, and as a private attorney general, based upon facts that either have
3 evidentiary support or are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further
4 investigation and discovery, alleges as follows:

5 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6 1. Plaintiff brings this action against Defendants COMMERCIAL LIGHTING
7 INDUSTRIES, INC. and DOES 1 THROUGH 50 (hereinafter also collectively referred to as
8 “Defendants”) for California Labor Code violations, unfair business practices, and civil penalties
9 stemming from Defendants’ failure to pay overtime compensation, failure to provide meal periods,
10 failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to pay minimum wage, failure to timely pay wages,
11 failure to provide accurate wage statements, failure to maintain accurate time and payroll records, and
12 failure to reimburse necessary business-related expenses.

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

19 3. Plaintiff’s Ninth Cause of Action is brought as a representative action pursuant to
20 California Labor Code section 2698, *et seq* on behalf of herself, the State of California, and all
21 individuals who worked for Defendants in the State of California as hourly-paid and/or non-exempt
22 employees at any time during the period from March 13, 2022 to final judgment (“Aggrieved
23 Employees”). Plaintiff is an aggrieved employee against whom one or more of the alleged violations
24 occurred. The civil penalties sought by Plaintiff exceed the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior
25 Court and will be established according to proof at trial.

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

1 any other basis for jurisdiction.

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

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

8 **PARTIES**

9 7. Plaintiff TANYA PEREZ is an individual residing in the State of California.

10 8. Defendant COMMERCIAL LIGHTING INDUSTRIES, INC. is and at all times herein
11 mentioned was, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and
12 registered to do business in the state of California.

13 9. Plaintiff is ignorant of the identities of defendants Does 1 through 50, inclusive, and
14 therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. The Doe defendants may be individuals,
15 partnerships, or corporations. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the
16 fictitiously named Doe defendants are responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged,
17 and that Plaintiff's damages as herein alleged were proximately caused by their conduct. Plaintiff will
18 seek leave of this Court to amend the complaint and serve such fictitiously named defendants once
19 their names and capacities become known.

20 10. Defendant COMMERCIAL LIGHTING INDUSTRIES, INC. and Doe Defendants 1
21 through 50 are collectively referred to herein as "Defendants."

22 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times mentioned
23 herein each of Defendants was the parent, subsidiary, agent, servant, employee, co-venturer, co-
24 conspirator, and/or alter ego of each of the other Defendants, and was at all times mentioned acting
25 within the scope, purpose, consent, knowledge, ratification and authorization of such agency,
26 employment, joint venture, conspiracy, or alter ego relationship.

27 12. Defendants are and at all times herein mentioned were, (a) conducting business in the
28 County of County of Filing, State of California, and (b) the employer of Plaintiff, the Class, and the

1 Aggrieved Employees consistent with the California Labor Code and Industrial Welfare Commission
2 Wage Orders (“Wage Orders”).

3 13. At all relevant times, Defendants, directly or indirectly, had the authority to hire and
4 terminate Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees, and controlled or affected the working
5 conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of Plaintiff, the Class, and the
6 Aggrieved Employees so as to make each of said Defendants employers jointly liable under the
7 statutory provisions set forth herein.

8 14. At all relevant times, Defendants exercised sufficient authority over the terms and
9 conditions of Plaintiff’s, the Class’s, and the Aggrieved Employees’ employment for them to be joint
10 employers of Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees.

11 15. At all relevant times, Defendants, and each of them, ratified each and every act or
12 omission complained of herein. At all relevant times, Defendants, and each of them, aided and abetted
13 the acts and omissions of each and all the other Defendants in proximately causing the damages herein
14 alleged.

15 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of said
16 Defendants are in some manner intentionally, negligently, or otherwise responsible for the acts,
17 omissions, occurrences, and transactions alleged herein.

18 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

19 17. Plaintiff brings the First through Eighth Causes of Action as a class action on her own
20 behalf and on behalf of all other members of the general public similarly situated, and, thus, seeks
21 class certification under Code of Civil Procedure section 382.

22 18. The proposed class is defined as follows: All current and former non-exempt
23 employees of any of the Defendants within the State of California at any time commencing four (4)
24 years preceding the filing of Plaintiff’s complaint up until the time that notice of the certified class
25 action is provided to the class (hereinafter referred to as the “Class” or “Class Members.”).

26 19. Plaintiff reserves the right to establish other subclasses as appropriate.

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

- 1 a. Numerosity: The Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all Class Members
2 is impracticable. The membership of the entire Class is unknown to Plaintiff at this
3 time; however, the Class is estimated to be over fifty (50) individuals and the identity
4 of such membership is readily ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' employment
5 records.
- 6 b. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of all other Class Members demonstrated
7 herein. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other Class
8 Members with whom she has a well-defined community of interest.
- 9 c. Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of each Class
10 Member, with whom she has a well-defined community of interest and typicality of
11 claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff has no interest that is antagonistic to the other
12 Class Members. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules
13 governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiff has incurred,
14 and during the pendency of this action will continue to incur, costs and attorneys' fees,
15 which have been, are, and will be necessarily expended for the prosecution of this
16 action for the substantial benefit of each Class Member.
- 17 d. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and
18 efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual joinder of all Class Members
19 is impractical.
- 20 e. Public Policy Considerations: Certification of this lawsuit as a class action will
21 advance public policy objectives. Employers of this great state violate employment
22 and labor laws every day. Current employees are often afraid to assert their rights out
23 of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. However, class actions provide the Class
24 Members who are not named in the complaint anonymity that allows for the
25 vindication of their rights.

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

- 1 a. Whether Defendants' failure to pay wages, without abatement, or reduction, in
2 accordance with the California Labor Code was willful;
- 3 b. Whether Defendants had a corporate policy and practice of failing to pay Plaintiff and
4 the other Class Members for all hours worked, and missed, short, late or interrupted
5 meal periods and rest breaks in violation of California law;
- 6 c. Whether Defendants required Plaintiff and the other Class Members to work more than
7 eight (8) hours per day and/or more than forty (40) hours per week and failed to pay
8 the legally required overtime compensation to Plaintiff and the other Class Members;
- 9 d. Whether Defendants deprived Plaintiff and the other Class Members of meal and/or
10 rest periods or required Plaintiff and the other Class Members to work during meal
11 and/or rest periods without compensation;
- 12 e. Whether Defendants failed to pay meal period premium wages to Class Members
13 when they were not provided with a legally compliant meal period;
- 14 f. Whether Defendants failed to pay rest period premium wages to Class Members when
15 they were not authorized and permitted to take legally compliant rest periods;
- 16 g. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other Class
17 Members for all hours worked;
- 18 h. Whether Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members the required
19 minimum wage pursuant to California law;
- 20 i. Whether Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members proper
21 overtime compensation pursuant to California law;
- 22 j. Whether Defendants failed to pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other Class
23 Members within the time required upon their discharge or resignation from
24 employment;
- 25 k. Whether Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other Class Members for all
26 necessary business-related expenses and costs;
- 27 l. Whether Defendants complied with wage reporting as required by the California Labor
28 Code, including section 226;

- 1 m. Whether Defendants' conduct was with malice, fraud or oppression;
- 2 n. Whether Defendants' conduct was willful or reckless;
- 3 o. Whether Defendants engaged in unfair business practices in violation of California
- 4 Business & Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.* based on their improper
- 5 withholding of compensation and deduction of wages;
- 6 p. The appropriate amount of damages, restitution, and/or monetary penalties resulting
- 7 from Defendants' violation of California law; and
- 8 q. Whether Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to compensatory damages
- 9 pursuant to the California Labor Code.

10 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

11 22. Defendants are a provider of lighting design and supply services.

12 23. Defendants employed Plaintiff to work as a project manager from approximately

13 February 2021 to December 2022.

14 24. At all relevant times set forth herein, Defendants employed Plaintiff, the Class, and the

15 Aggrieved Employees as hourly-paid or non-exempt employees.

16 25. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants were subject to the Labor Code of the State

17 of California and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Orders.

18 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants engaged in a

19 pattern and practice of wage abuse against their hourly-paid or non-exempt employees. As set forth in

20 more detail below, this pattern and practice of wage abuse involved, *inter alia*, regularly requiring

21 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work off the clock without compensation, thereby

22 failing to pay them for all hours worked, including minimum and overtime wages. Defendants also

23 implemented policies that prohibited Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees from

24 accurately recording their actual time worked, resulting in a failure to pay Plaintiff, the Class, and the

25 Aggrieved Employees all wages owed. In addition, Defendants routinely failed to permit Plaintiff, the

26 Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to take timely and duty-free meal periods and rest periods in

27 violation of California law. Defendants also failed to reimburse Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved

28 Employees for all necessary business-related expenses, failed to timely pay wages during employment

1 and upon termination of employment, and failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements.

2 27. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants have implemented
3 policies and practices which failed to provide Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees with
4 timely and duty-free meal periods. Defendants routinely failed to relieve Plaintiff, the Class, and the
5 Aggrieved Employees of all duties during their meal periods, regularly failed to relinquish control
6 over Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees during their meal periods, regularly failed to
7 permit Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees a reasonable opportunity to take their meal
8 periods, and regularly impeded or discouraged Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees from
9 taking thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal breaks no later than the end of their fifth hour of work
10 and/or from taking a second thirty (30) minute uninterrupted meal break no later than their tenth hour
11 of work for shifts lasting more than ten (10) hours. Defendants also failed to maintain accurate records
12 of meal periods taken by Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees.

13 28. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants did not adequately inform
14 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees of their right to take meal periods under California
15 law. Moreover, Defendants often disregarded their own written policies regarding the provision and
16 timing of meal periods for Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees. Instead, Defendants'
17 actual policy and practice was to schedule Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees in a way
18 Plaintiff that prohibited them from taking timely and duty-free meal periods, and to require Plaintiff,
19 the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work through their meal periods, for which they were not
20 compensated.

21 29. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff,
22 the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees premium wages for meal periods that were missed, late,
23 interrupted, or shortened in violation of California law. Defendants knew or should have known that
24 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were entitled to receive all meal periods or payment
25 of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, short, late,
26 and/or interrupted. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendants routinely failed to provide legally
27 compliant meal periods to Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees, and routinely failed to
28 pay one additional hour of pay to Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees at their regular

1 rate of pay when a meal period was missed, short, late, and/or interrupted.

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

9 31. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants did not adequately inform
10 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees of their right to take rest periods under California
11 law. Moreover, Defendants often disregarded their own written policies regarding the provision and
12 timing of rest periods for Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees. Instead, Defendants'
13 actual policy and practice was to schedule Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees in a way
14 that regularly prohibited them from taking timely and duty-free rest periods, and to regularly require
15 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work through their rest periods.

16 32. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff,
17 the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees premium wages for rest periods that were missed, late,
18 interrupted, or shortened in violation of California law. Defendants knew or should have known that
19 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were entitled to receive all rest periods or payment
20 of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, short, late,
21 and/or interrupted. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendants routinely failed to authorize and
22 permit Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to take duty-free rest periods, and failed to
23 pay one additional hour of pay to Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees at their regular
24 rate of pay when a rest period was missed, short, late and/or interrupted.

25 33. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly required
26 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to perform work off the clock. Although Defendants
27 prohibited overtime, Defendants still regularly required that Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
28 Employees complete all of their assigned duties. To do so, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved

1 Employees were regularly required to perform work off the clock for which they were not compensated.

2 34. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants implemented policies that
3 prohibited Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees from accurately recording the actual time
4 worked, resulting in a failure to pay Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees all wages owed.

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

7 36. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly failed to pay
8 all overtime compensation owed to Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees when they
9 worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a single workday and/or forty (40) hours in a single work week,
10 or in excess of twelve (12) hours in a single workday and/or eighty (80) hours in a single work week.
11 Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were
12 entitled to receive certain wages for overtime compensation and that they were not receiving wages
13 for overtime compensation.

14 37. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants failed to pay overtime to
15 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees for all overtime hours worked based on regular
16 rates of pay correctly calculated to include all applicable remuneration.

17 38. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly failed to pay
18 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees at least minimum wages for all hours worked.
19 Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were
20 entitled to receive at least minimum wages for all hours worked and that they were not receiving at
21 least minimum wages for all hours worked. Defendants' failure to pay minimum wages included, *inter*
22 *alia*, failing to pay Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees at the required minimum wage
23 pursuant to California law, requiring Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to perform
24 work off the clock, and failing to record the actual time worked by Plaintiff, the Class, and the
25 Aggrieved Employees.

26 39. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly failed to pay
27 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees all wages owed to them upon discharge or
28 resignation. Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved

1 Employees were entitled to receive all wages owed to them upon termination within the time
2 permissible under California Labor Code section 202. Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
3 Employees did not receive payment of all final wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation,
4 including overtime compensation, minimum wages, and meal and rest period premiums, within any
5 time permissible under California Labor Code section 202.

6 40. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly failed to pay
7 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees all wages within any time permissible under
8 California law, including, *inter alia*, California Labor Code section 204. Defendants knew or should
9 have known that Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were entitled to receive all wages
10 owed to them during their employment. Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees did not
11 receive payment of all wages, including overtime compensation, minimum wages, and meal and rest
12 period premiums.

13 41. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly failed to
14 provide complete or accurate wage statements to Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees.
15 Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were
16 entitled to receive complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with California law, but, in
17 fact, they did not receive complete and accurate wage statements from Defendants. The deficiencies
18 included, *inter alia*, the failure to include the total number of hours worked, and the actual gross wages
19 earned, the correct rates of pay.

20 42. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly failed to keep
21 complete or accurate payroll records for Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees.
22 Defendants knew or should have known that Defendants were required to keep complete and accurate
23 payroll records for Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees in accordance with California
24 law, but, in fact, did not keep complete and accurate payroll records.

25 43. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants regularly failed to
26 maintain accurate records relating to Plaintiff's, the Class's, and the Aggrieved Employees' work
27 periods, meal periods, total daily hours, hours per pay period, and applicable pay rates.

28 44. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants failed to reimburse

1 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees for all necessary business-related expenses,
2 including but not limited to use of their personal cell phones for work-related purposes. Defendants
3 knew or should have known that Defendants were required to reimburse Plaintiff, the Class, and the
4 Aggrieved Employees for all necessary business-related expenses and costs, but, in fact, failed to do
5 so in violation of California law.

6 45. Throughout the time period involved in this case, Defendants knew or should have
7 known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees pursuant
8 to California law. Defendants had the financial ability to pay such compensation, but willfully,
9 knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely represented to Plaintiff, the Class, and the
10 Aggrieved Employees that they paid all wages owed to them, to increase Defendants' profits.

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

14 47. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Judicial Council of California enacted
15 Emergency Rule 9 to the California Rules of Court, which provided that, notwithstanding any other
16 law, the statutes of limitations and repose for civil causes of action that exceed 180 days are tolled
17 from April 6, 2020, until October 1, 2020.

18 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198)**

20 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

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

27 50. Specifically, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that Defendants are and were
28 required to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members employed by Defendants, and working more

1 than eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, at the rate of time-and-one-
2 half for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours in a
3 workweek.

4 51. The applicable IWC Wage Order further provides that Defendants are and were
5 required to pay Plaintiff and the Class overtime compensation at a rate of two times their regular rate
6 of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day and for all hours worked in excess
7 of eight (8) hours on the seventh day of work in a workweek.

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

13 53. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other Class Members regularly
14 worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day, and/or in excess of forty (40) hours in a week.

15 54. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to pay
16 overtime wages owed to Plaintiff and the other Class Members.

17 55. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members the unpaid balance of
18 overtime compensation, as required by California laws, violates the provisions of California Labor
19 Code sections 510 and 1198, and is therefore unlawful.

20 56. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194, Plaintiff and the other Class Members
21 are entitled to recover unpaid overtime compensation, as well as interest, costs, and attorneys' fees.

22 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

23 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a))**

24 **(Against All Defendants)**

25 57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein each and every
26 allegation set forth above.

27 58. At all relevant times, the relevant IWC Order and California Labor Code sections 226.7
28 and 512(a) were applicable to Plaintiff and the other Class Members' employment by Defendants.

1 59. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no employer
2 shall require an employee to work during any meal or rest period mandated by an applicable order of
3 the California IWC.

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

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

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

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

24 64. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully required
25 Plaintiff and the other Class Members to miss their meal periods and to take meal periods that were
26 late, shortened, or interrupted, and failed to compensate Plaintiff and the other Class Members the full
27 meal period premium for missed, shortened, late, or interrupted meal periods.

28 65. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other Class

1 Members the full meal period premiums due pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7.

2 66. Defendants' conduct violates the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
3 Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

4 67. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section
5 226.7(b), Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to recover from Defendants one additional
6 hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that the meal period was
7 not provided. Plaintiff is also entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

8 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7)**

10 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

13 69. At all times herein set forth, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
14 Code section 226.7 were applicable to Plaintiff and the other Class Members' employment by
15 Defendants.

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

19 71. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that "[e]very employer
20 shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods, which insofar as practicable shall be in
21 the middle of each work period" and that the "rest period time shall be based on the total hours worked
22 daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof unless the
23 total daily work time is less than three and one-half (3.5) hours."

24 72. During the relevant time period, Defendants required Plaintiff and other Class
25 Members to work four (4) or more hours without authorizing or permitting a ten (10) minute rest
26 period per each four (4) hour period worked.

27 73. During the relevant time period, Defendants willfully required Plaintiff and the other
28 Class Members to work during rest periods, failed to allow Plaintiff and the other Class Member to

1 take any rest period and/or failed to authorize and permit Plaintiff and the other Class Members to
2 take uninterrupted, duty-free rest breaks.

3 74. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other Class
4 Members the full rest period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7 for work
5 performed during rest periods, and/or for failure to authorize and permit Plaintiff and other Class
6 Members from taking uninterrupted rest periods.

7 75. Defendants' conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code
8 section 226.7.

9 76. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code section
10 226.7(b), Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to recover from Defendants one additional
11 hour of pay at the employees' regular hourly rate of compensation for each workday that the rest
12 period was not provided. Plaintiff is also entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

13 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1)**

15 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

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

21 79. During the relevant time period, Defendants regularly failed to pay minimum wage to
22 Plaintiff and the other Class Members as required pursuant to California Labor Code sections 1194,
23 1197, and 1197.1.

24 80. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other Class Members the minimum wage
25 as required violates California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Pursuant to those
26 sections, Plaintiff and the other Class Members are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of their
27 minimum wage compensation as well as interest, costs, and attorneys' fees, and liquidated damages
28 in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

1 81. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the other Class
2 Members are entitled to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully
3 unpaid and interest thereon.

4 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203)**

6 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

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

15 84. During the relevant time period, the employment of Plaintiff and many other Class
16 Members with Defendants ended, *i.e.* was terminated by quitting or discharge. Defendants
17 intentionally and willfully failed to pay Plaintiff and other Class Members who are no longer employed
18 by Defendants all of their wages, earned and unpaid, including but not limited to minimum wages,
19 straight time wages, overtime wages, meal period premiums, and rest period premiums within seventy-
20 two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.

21 85. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and other Class Members who are no longer
22 employed by Defendants their wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72) hours of their
23 leaving Defendants' employ, is in violation of California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

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

28 87. Plaintiff and other Class Members who are no longer employed by Defendants are

1 entitled to recover from Defendants the statutory penalty wages for each day they were not paid, up
2 to a thirty (30) day maximum pursuant to California Labor Code section 203.

3 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a))**

5 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

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

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

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

27 92. More specifically, Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by Defendants' intentional
28 and willful violation of California Labor Code section 226(a) because they were denied both their

1 legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving, accurate and itemized wage statements
2 pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(a).

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

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

8 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802)**

10 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

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

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

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

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1 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Violation of Cal. Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.)**

3 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

6 100. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair, unlawful
7 and harmful to Plaintiff and the Class, to the general public, and Defendants' competitors.
8 Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks to enforce important rights affecting the public interest within the
9 meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

10 101. Defendants' activities as alleged herein are violations of California law, and constitute
11 unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code section
12 17200, *et seq.*

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

21 103. Defendants also violated California Labor Code sections 221, 226(a), 1194, 1197,
22 1197.1, 510, 1174(d), 2800, and 2802.

23 104. As a result of the herein described violations of California law, Defendants unlawfully
24 gained an unfair advantage over other businesses.

25 105. Plaintiff and the Class have personally been injured by Defendants' unlawful business
26 acts and practices as alleged herein, including but not necessarily limited to the loss of money and/or
27 property.

28 106. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*, Plaintiff

1 and the Class are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and retained by Defendants during a
2 period that commences four years prior to the filing of this Complaint; an award of attorneys' fees
3 pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 and other applicable laws; and an award
4 of costs.

5 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 2699, Et Seq.)**

7 **(Against All Defendants)**

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

10 108. Plaintiff brings her ninth cause of action as a representative action on behalf of herself
11 and similarly Aggrieved Employees in the capacity as a private attorney general pursuant to the Private
12 Attorneys General Act of 2004, California Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.* ("PAGA").

13 109. PAGA specifically provides for a private right of action to recover civil penalties for
14 violations of the Labor Code as follows: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision
15 of this code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor and Workforce
16 Development Agency or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies, or
17 employees, for a violation of this code, may, as an alternative, be recovered through a civil action
18 brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of himself or herself and other current or former
19 employees pursuant to the procedures specified in Section 2699.3." Cal. Lab. Code § 2699(a).

20 110. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants and the Labor Code violations alleged above
21 were committed against her during her time of employment. Plaintiff is therefore an "aggrieved
22 employee" under PAGA.

23 111. As set forth in detail above, during all times relevant to this Action, Defendants have
24 routinely subjected Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees to violations of California Labor Codes
25 by:

- 26 a. Failing to pay Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees all earned minimum wage
27 compensation in violation of Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1198 *et seq.*
28 b. Failing to pay Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees all earned overtime

1 compensation in violation of Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 1194, and 1198 *et seq.*

- 2 c. Failing to provide legally required meal periods to Plaintiff and the Aggrieved
3 Employees, and failing to pay Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees an additional
4 hour of premium pay for meal period violations in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7
5 and 512.
- 6 d. Failing to provide authorize and permit Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees to take
7 duty-free rest periods, and failing to pay Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees an
8 additional hour of premium pay for rest period violations in violation of Labor Code
9 §§ 226.7 and 512.
- 10 e. Failing to timely pay Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees all wages at the end of
11 their employment in violation of Labor Code § 203.
- 12 f. Failing to timely pay Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees all wages owed during
13 employment in violation of Labor Code § 204.
- 14 g. Failing to furnish Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees with complete, accurate,
15 itemized wage statements in violation of Labor Code § 226.
- 16 h. Failing to maintain accurate records relating to Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees’
17 work periods, meal periods, total daily hours, hours per pay period, total wages, and
18 compensation in violation of Labor Code § 1174(d) and the applicable IWC Wage
19 Order.
- 20 i. Failing to reimburse Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees for necessary business-
21 related expenses in violation of Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802.

22 112. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699 and 2699.5, Plaintiff, individually
23 and on behalf of the Aggrieved Employees and the State of California, requests and is entitled to
24 recover penalties against Defendants for the Labor Code violations described above, including
25 penalties under California Labor Code sections 2699, 558, 210, 1197.1, 226, 226.3, 1174.5, and
26 1197.1, penalties under the applicable IWC Wage Order, and any and all additional penalties and sums
27 as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other statutes. The exact amount of the applicable
28 penalties, in all, is in an amount to be shown according to proof at trial.

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

2 5. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor
3 Code sections 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all overtime
4 wages due to Plaintiff and other Class Members;

5 6. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates and such general and special damages
6 as may be appropriate;

7 7. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing from the
8 date such amounts were due;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 15. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California
22 Labor Code section 218.5; and

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

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

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

28 18. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the Class of one (1) hour of pay at each

1 employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a rest period was not provided;

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

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

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

5 22. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California
6 Labor Code section 218.5; and

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

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

9 24. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor
10 Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 by willfully failing to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the
11 Class;

12 25. For general unpaid wages and such general and special damages as may be appropriate;

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

15 27. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts
16 were due;

17 28. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California
18 Labor Code section 1194(a);

19 29. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2; and

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

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

22 31. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor
23 Code sections 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time of
24 termination of the employment of Plaintiff and other Class Members;

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

26 33. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 203 for Plaintiff
27 and other Class Members who have left Defendants' employ;

28 34. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts

1 were due; and

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

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

4 36. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the record keeping
5 provisions of California Labor Code section 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders as to Plaintiff
6 and the Class, and willfully failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements thereto;

7 37. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

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

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

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

11 40. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor
12 Code sections 2800 and 2802 by willfully failing to reimburse Plaintiff and the Class for all necessary
13 business-related expenses as required by California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802;

14 41. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

15 42. For the imposition of civil penalties and/or statutory penalties;

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

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

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

19 45. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
20 Business and Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.* by failing to provide Plaintiff and the Class all
21 overtime compensation due to them, failing to provide all meal and rest periods to Plaintiff and the
22 Class, failing to pay at least minimum wages to Plaintiff and the Class, failing to pay Plaintiff's and
23 other Class Members' wages timely as required by California Labor Code section 201, 202 and 204
24 and by violating California Labor Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), 2800, and 2802;

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

27 47. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all funds
28 disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by Defendants as a

1 result of violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.*;

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

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

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

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

8 51. For statutory attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 2699(g)(1) of California Labor Code;

9 52. For the imposition of civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 2699, 210,
10 558, 226, 226.3, 1174.5, 1197.1, and all other penalties allowed by the California Labor Code and/or
11 other applicable statutes; and

12 53. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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14 Dated: June 5, 2023

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

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

Dated: June 5, 2023

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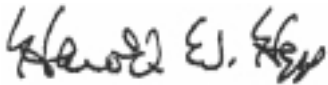
[PROPOSED] ORDER

The Court, having reviewed the Parties' Joint Stipulation to Amend Complaint, and good cause appearing therefor, HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Plaintiff Tanya Perez is granted leave to file the First Amended Complaint ("FAC") attached as "Exhibit A" to the Parties' Joint Stipulation to Amend Complaint.
2. The FAC shall be ~~deemed filed as of the date of entry of this Order.~~ ^{filed as of the date of entry of this Order.}
3. The FAC shall be deemed served on Defendant Commercial Lighting Industries, Inc. as of the date of entry of this Order.
4. Defendant Commercial Lighting Industries, Inc. shall have thirty (30) days from the entry of this order to file a responsive pleading.
5. The filing of the FAC is without prejudice to and does not waive Defendant Commercial Lighting Industries, Inc.'s defenses thereto.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 06/06/2023



Honorable Harold W. Hopp
Judge of the Superior Court