

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

MARIA RETANA, an individual, on behalf
of herself and others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BAR BAKERS, LLC, a limited liability
company; ASC STAFFING GROUP, LLC, a
limited liability company, and DOES 1
through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2019-01096563-CU-OE-CXC

Consolidated with Case No.: 30-2022- 01260635-
CU-OE-CXC

Assigned for All Purposes To:
Hon. Melissa R. McCormick
Dept.: CX105

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR APPROVAL OF PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
GENERAL ACT SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT; AND ENTERING JUDGMENT**

OCTAVIO CASSO LOPEZ, on behalf of
himself and others similarly aggrieved,

Plaintiff,

Vs.

BARS BAKERS, LLC; CONNECT
STAFFING, INC.; and DOES 1 to 100,
inclusive.

1 Plaintiffs Maria Retana and Octavio Casso Lopez (collectively "Plaintiffs")'s Motion for
2 Approval of the PAGA Settlement entered into by and between Plaintiffs, on behalf of
3 themselves, the State of California and all aggrieved employees, and Defendant Bar Bakers, LLC,
4 ASC Staffing Group, LLC, and Connect Staffing Inc. (collectively "Defendants"), came before
5 the Court for hearing. Having considered the Motion, the settlement agreement and amendment
6 thereto (attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and collectively, the "Settlement" or the "Settlement
7 Agreement"), the Notice of PAGA Settlement (the "PAGA Notice," attached hereto in English
8 and Spanish as **Exhibits 2 and 3**), and all documents filed in support of the Motion, the court
9 grants the Motion as follows:

10 1. Unless otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the
11 same meaning as in the Settlement Agreement.

12 2. Aggrieved Employees are defined as "all current and former hourly-paid, non-
13 exempt employees employed by Defendants throughout California any time during the PAGA
14 Period, which is September 11, 2018, through November 21, 2023 for Defendant Bar Bakers,
15 LLC and ASC Staffing Group, LLC and May 19, 2021 through November 21, 2023 for
16 Defendant Bar Bakers, LLC and Connect Staffing, Inc." ("Aggrieved Employees").

17 3. The Gross Settlement Amount is \$1,000,000. Pursuant to the Settlement,
18 Defendant Bar Bakers, LLC shall pay \$150,000, (2) Defendant ASC Staffing Group, LLC shall
19 pay \$750,000, and (3) Defendant Connect Staffing, Inc. shall pay \$100,000.

20 4. The Court finds the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

21 5. The Parties, their counsel and the settlement administrator are ordered to carry out
22 their duties and obligations as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

23 6. The Court approves D.Law, Inc., David Yeremian and Associates, Inc., and Lavi
24 & Ebrahimian, LLP as PAGA Counsel for settlement purposes.

25 7. The Court appoints Apex Class Action, LLC ("Apex") to serve as the
26 Administrator.

27 8. The Court approves the following deductions from the Gross Settlement Amount:
28 (i) attorneys' fees to PAGA Counsel of \$300,000.00; (ii) attorneys' costs to PAGA Counsel of

1 \$26,246.40; and (iii) settlement administration expenses of \$11,980.00 to Apex.

2 9. The Net Settlement Amount of \$661,773.60 shall be allocated as follows: 75%
3 (\$496,330.20) to the LWDA and the remaining 25% (\$165,443.40) to the Aggrieved Employees
4 pursuant to the method set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

5 10. The Court hereby approves the Notice of PAGA Settlement to be mailed to
6 Aggrieved Employees along with the Individual PAGA Payments by the Administrator,
7 attached hereto as **Exhibits 2 and 3** (in English and Spanish).

8 11. Notice of entry of this Order and Judgment shall be given to the Aggrieved
9 Employees by posting a copy of the Order and Judgment on the Administrator's website for at
10 least 180 calendar days after the date of entry of this Order and Judgment.

11 12. The Court retains jurisdiction over the lawsuit for the purposes of supervising
12 the implementation, enforcement, construction, administration and interpretation of the
13 Settlement Agreement and this Order and Judgment pursuant to Civil Procedure Code section
14 664.6.

15 13. The Court enters judgment in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and
16 this Order and Judgment.

17 14. The final accounting hearing will be held on June 10, 2027 at 9:00 a.m. in
18 Department CX105. Class Counsel shall submit a final administrator's report at least 9 court
19 days before the hearing addressing the status of the settlement administration, including the
20 actual amounts paid to the Aggrieved Employees and the other amounts distributed under the
21 settlement, including any uncashed checks.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED, AJUDGED AND DECREED.**

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25 DATED: October 6, 2026



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Melissa R. McCormick
27 Judge of the Superior Court
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