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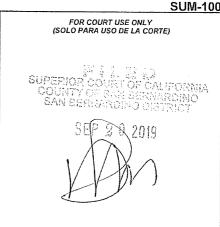
SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

MACK TRUCKING, INC., a California Corporation; MACK TRUCKING LP, a California Limited Partnership; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

JONATHAN MITCHELL, an individual, on behalf of himself, on behalf of all persons similarly situated,



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

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

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San Bernardino, CA 92415 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Tel: (619) 892-7095 Fax: (858) 404-9203 Shani O. Zakay, Esq. SBN:277924 Zakay Law Group, APLC - 3990 Old Town Avenue, Suite C204, San Diggel/CK 92110 SEP 2 0 2019 DATE: Clerk, by , Deputy (Fecha) (Secreterio) (Adjunto) (For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010),)

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Ì ZAKAY LAW GROUP, APLC 64 1 2 23 63 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDING SAN BERNARDING DISTRICT Shani O. Zakay (State Bar #277924) 3990 Old Town Avenue Suite C204 San Diego, CA 92110 3 Telephone: (619) 255-9047 SEP 2.0 2019 Facsimile: (858) 404-9203 4 Website: www.zakaylaw.com 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff 6 [Additional Counsel Listed on Next Page] 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CIV DS 1928334 10 JONATHAN MITCHELL, an individual, Case No. on behalf of himself, on behalf of all 11 persons similarly situated, **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR:** 12 Plaintiff, 1. UNFAIR COMPETITION IN VIOLATION OF CAL. BUS. & PROF, 13 CODE §§ 17200, et seq.; 2. FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. VS. 14 MACK TRUCKING, INC., a California Corporation; MACK TRUCKING LP, a CODE §§ 1194, 1197 & 1197.1; 3. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED 15 California Limited Partnership; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, MEAL PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF 16 CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE 17 Defendants. ORDER: 4. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED 18 REST PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE 19 ORDER; 5. FAILURE TO PROVIDE 20 ACCURATE ITEMIZED STATEMENTS 21 IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 22 6. FAILURE TO REIMBURSE EMPLOYEES FOR REQUIRED 23 EXPENSES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 2802; and, 24 7. FAILURE TO PŘOVIĎE WAGES WHEN DUE IN VIOLATION OF CAL. 25 LAB. CODE §§ 201, 202 AND 203. 26 DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL 27 28 1

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INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Jonathan Mitchell ("PLAINTIFF"), an individual, on behalf of himself and all other

similarly situated current and former employees, alleges on information and belief, except his

1. Defendant Mack Trucking, Inc. and Defendant Mack Trucking LP ("DEFENDANT") in order to service customers hires workers to aid DEFENDANT in providing transportation and delivery services for their clients. The cost, as proscribed by law, of the personnel hired to work for DEFENDANT, includes not only the pay of these employees but the cost of the employer's share of tax payments to the federal and state governments for income taxes, social security taxes, medicare insurance, unemployment insurance and payments for workers' compensation insurance. To avoid the payment of these legally proscribed expenses to the fullest extent possible, DEFENDANT devised a scheme to place the responsibility for the payment of these costs and expenses of DEFENDANT on the shoulders of PLAINTIFF and other drivers. As employer, DEFENDANT is legally responsible for the payment of all these expenses. This lawsuit is brought on behalf of these Drivers who worked for DEFENDANT in California and were classified as independent contractors, in order to collect the wages due them as employees of DEFENDANT, the cost of the employer's share of payments to the federal and state governments for income taxes, social security taxes, medicare insurance, unemployment insurance and payments for workers' compensation insurance, plus penalties and interest.

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DEFENDANT at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues

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- to conduct substantial and regular business in the State of California.
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3. DEFENDANT provides customers with access to Drivers who will transport and deliver freight to a specified location. DEFENDANT's driving services are performed by

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independent contractors.

- Defendant Mack Trucking, Inc. and Defendant Mack Trucking LP were the joint employers of PLAINTIFF as evidenced by paycheck and the independent contractor agreement signed by PLAINTIFF and are therefore jointly responsible as employers for the conduct alleged herein, and are therefore collectively referred to herein as DEFENDANT.
- 5. PLAINTIFF worked for DEFENDANT as a Driver from November of 2018 to April of 2019 and was classified by DEFENDANT as an independent contractor during his entire employment with DEFENDANT.
- 6. California Labor Code Section 226.8 provides that "[i]t is unlawful for any person or employer to engage in . . . [w]illful misclassification of an individual as an independent contractor." The penalty for willful misclassification of employees is a "civil penalty of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each violation, in addition to any other penalties or fines permitted by law." It is further provided that, in the event that an employer is found to have engaged in "a pattern or practice of these violations," the penalties increase to "not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each violation, in addition to any other penalties or fines permitted by law." Cal. Labor Code § 226.8.
- 7. Here, DEFENDANT has willfully misclassified PLAINTIFF and other Drivers as described in Cal. Labor Code § 226.8, and further, that DEFENDANT has engaged in a "pattern or practice" of such violations as contemplated by the California Labor Code.
- 8. Upon hire, the position of a Driver was represented by DEFENDANT to PLAINTIFF and the other Drivers as an independent contractor position capable of paying an piece rate for the time they spent driving. PLAINTIFF and other Drivers were not compensated minimum wages for all of their time spent working. PLAINTIFF and other Drivers were paid the piece rate to perform transportation services on DEFENDANT's behalf. PLAINTIFF and other Drivers were not compensated any other wages besides the piece rate. DEFENDANT did not pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for the time spent waiting for

the truck to be stocked and all the other non-driving work tasks. The finite set of tasks required to be performed by the Drivers is to transport goods from DEFENDANT's facility to a requested delivery location for customers that requested DEFENDANT's services all in accordance with DEFENDANT's business practices and policies.

- 9. To perform their job duties, PLAINTIFF and the other Drivers performed work subject to the control of DEFENDANT in that DEFENDANT had the authority to exercise complete control over the work performed and the manner and means in which the work was performed. DEFENDANT provided the customers and DEFENDANT provided the instructions as to how to perform the driving services.
- 10. California Labor Code § 3357 defines "employee" as "every person in the service of an employer under any appointment or contact of hire or apprenticeship, express or implied, oral or written, whether lawfully or unlawfully employed." In addition to the California Labor Code's presumption that workers are employees, the California Supreme Court has determined the most significant factor to be considered in distinguishing an independent contractor from an employee is whether the *employer or principal has control or the right to control the work both as to the work performed and the manner and means in which the work is performed.* DEFENDANT heavily controlled both the work performed and the manner and means in which the PLAINTIFF and the other Drivers performed their work in that:
- (a) PLAINTIFF and other Drivers were not involved in a distinct business, but instead were provided with instructions as to how to perform their work and the manner and means in which the work was to be performed by means of DEFENDANT's manuals and written instructions;
- (b) PLAINTIFF and other Drivers were continuously provided with training and supervision, including following DEFENDANT's company documents and received training from DEFENDANT as to how and in what way to perform the driving services;
- (c) DEFENDANT set the requirements as to what policies and procedures all of the Drivers were to follow;

- (d) PLAINTIFF and other Drivers had no opportunity for profit or loss because DEFENDANT only paid these workers a block rate. DEFENDANT controlled and assigned the Drivers which tasks were to be performed;
- (e) PLAINTIFF and other Drivers performed driving services which are part of DEFENDANT's principal business and is closely integrated with and essential to the employer's business of providing transportation and delivery services to their customers;
- (f) PLAINTIFF and other Drivers performed the work themselves and did not hire others to perform their work for them;
- (g) PLAINTIFF and other Drivers did not have the authority to make employment-related personnel decisions;
- (h) PLAINTIFF and other Drivers performed their work in a particular order and sequence in accordance with DEFENDANT's company policy; and,
- (i) DEFENDANT had the "right" to control every critical aspect of DEFENDANT's daily driving services operations in that DEFENDANT provided the customer, assigned where the Drivers were to go, and step-by-step instructions to PLAINTIFF and other Drivers as to the entire process of picking up and dropping off deliveries at their assigned locations.
- 11. As a result, stripped of all the legal fictions and artificial barriers to an honest classification of the relationship between PLAINTIFF and all the other Drivers on the one hand, and DEFENDANT on the other hand, PLAINTIFF and all the other Drivers are and were employees of DEFENDANT and not independent contractors of DEFENDANT and should therefore be properly classified as non-exempt, hourly employees.
- 12. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of himself and a California class, defined as all individuals who worked for Defendant Mack Trucking, Inc. and/or Defendant Mack Trucking LP in California as Drivers and who were classified as independent contractors (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 CLASS Members is under five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

- 13. As a matter of company policy, practice and procedure, DEFENDANT has unlawfully, unfairly and/or deceptively classified every CALIFORNIA CLASS Member as "independent contractors" in order to unlawfully avoid compliance with all applicable federal and state laws that require payment for all time worked, business expenses, and the employer's share of payroll taxes and mandatory insurance. As a result of the scheme to defraud the federal and state governments and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were underpaid throughout their employment with DEFENDANT. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise of the Defendants sued here as DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are presently unknown to PLAINTIFF who therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names pursuant to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 474. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and based thereon, alleges that each of the Defendants designated herein is legally responsible in some manner for the unlawful acts referred to herein. PLAINTIFF will seek leave of Court to amend this Complaint to reflect the true names and capacities of the Defendants when they have been ascertained and become known.
- 14. The agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendants and each of them acting on behalf of the Defendants acted within the course and scope of his, her or its authority as the agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendants, and personally participated in the conduct alleged herein on behalf of the Defendants with respect to the conduct alleged herein. Consequently, the acts of each Defendant are legally attributable to the other Defendants and all Defendants are jointly and severally liable to the PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CLASS, for the loss sustained as a proximate result of the conduct of the Defendants' agents, servants and/or employees.

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15. The finite set of tasks required of PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as defined by DEFENDANT was executed by them through the performance of non-exempt labor.

- 16. Although PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members performed non-exempt labor subject to DEFENDANT's complete control over the manner and means of performance, DEFENDANT instituted a blanket classification policy, practice and procedure by which all of these CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were classified as "independent contractors" exempt from compensation for meal breaks and rest breaks, and reimbursement for business related expenses. By reason of this uniform misclassification, the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also required to pay DEFENDANT 's share of payroll taxes and mandatory insurance premiums. As a result of this uniform misclassification practice, policy and procedure applicable to PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who performed this work for DEFENDANT, DEFENDANT committed acts of unfair competition in violation of the California Unfair Competition law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. (the "UCL"), by engaging in a company-wide policy, practice and procedure which uniformly failed to properly classify PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as employees and thereby failed to pay them wages for all time worked, reimbursement of business related expenses, failed to provide them with meal and rest breaks, and failed to reimburse these employees for the employer's share of payroll taxes and mandatory insurance. The proper classification of these employees is 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. DEFENDANT did not have in place a policy, practice or procedure that provided meal and/or rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records which contain no record of these breaks.
- 17. Specifically as to PLAINTIFF, DEFENDANT fails to provide all the legally required off-duty meal and rest breaks to him as required by the applicable Wage Order and

Labor Code. DEFENDANT does not have a policy or practice which provides timely off-duty meal and rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and also fails to compensate PLAINTIFF for his missed meal and rest breaks. The nature of the work performed by PLAINTIFF does not prevent him from being relieved of all of his 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. As a result of DEFENDANT not accurately recording all missed meal and rest periods and/or wages due, the wage statements issued to PLAINTIFF by DEFENDANT violated California law, and in particular, Labor Code Section 226(a). The amount in controversy for PLAINTIFF individually does not exceed the sum or value of \$75,000.

- 18. DEFENDANT, as a matter of law, has the burden of proving that employees are properly classified and that DEFENDANT otherwise complies with applicable laws. DEFENDANT, as a matter of corporate policy, erroneously and unilaterally classified all the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as independent contractors.
- 18. DEFENDANT as a matter of corporate policy, practice and procedure, intentionally, knowingly and systematically failed to reimburse and indemnify PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for required business expenses incurred by PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members in direct consequence of discharging their duties on behalf of DEFENDANT. Under California Labor Code Section 2802, employers are required to indemnify employees for all expenses incurred in the course and scope of their employment. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 expressly states that "an employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary 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 the employer, even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them to be unlawful."
- 19. In the course of their employment PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as a business expense, were required by DEFENDANT to use personal cellular

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phones as a result of and in furtherance of their job duties as employees for DEFENDANT but were not reimbursed or indemnified by DEFENDANT for the cost associated with the use of the personal cellular phones for DEFENDANT's benefit. DEFENDANT also required PLAINTIFF to personally incur and pay for expenses, including, but not limited to, all costs and expenses of fueling the trucks they drove in the discharge of their employment duties for DEFENDANT, all without reimbursement from the DEFENDANT in violation of California Labor Code Section 2802. As a result, in the course of their employment with DEFENDANT, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS incurred unreimbursed business expenses which included, but were not limited to, costs related to the use of their personal cellular phones and costs related to fueling the trucks they drove, all on behalf of and for the benefit of DEFENDANT.

- 20. From time to time, DEFENDANT also failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with complete and accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, the correct amount of time worked. 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. As a result, DEFENDANT provided PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with wage statements which violated Cal. Lab. Code § 226.
- 21. By reason of this uniform conduct applicable to PLAINTIFF and all the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, DEFENDANT committed acts of unfair competition in violation of the California Unfair Competition law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. (the "UCL"), by engaging in a company-wide policy, practice and procedure which failed to correctly classify PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as employees. The proper classification of these employees is DEFENDANT's burden. As a result of DEFENDANT's intentional disregard of the obligation to meet this burden, DEFENDANT

failed to pay all required wages for work performed by PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members and violated the California Labor Code and regulations promulgated thereunder as herein alleged.

22. Specifically as to PLAINTIFF, he worked for DEFENDANT in California as a Driver and was classified by DEFENDANT as an independent contractor from December 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017. Upon hire, the position of a Driver was represented by DEFENDANT to PLAINTIFF as an independent contractor position capable of paying an hourly rate for time worked for DEFENDANT. PLAINTIFF as a Driver, was classified by DEFENDANT as an independent contractor and thus did not receive pay for all time worked. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF was also required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANT for more than five (5) hours during a shift without receiving a meal or rest break as evidenced by daily time reports for PLAINTIFF. PLAINTIFF therefore forfeited meal and rest breaks without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT's strict corporate policy and practice which did not provide for mandatory meal and rest breaks. To date, DEFENDANT has not fully paid PLAINTIFF all wages still owed to him or any penalty wages owed to him under California Labor Code § 203. The amount in controversy for PLAINTIFF individually does not exceed the sum or value of \$75,000.

THE CALIFORNIA CLASS

23. PLAINTIFF brings the First Cause of Action for Unfair, Unlawful and Deceptive Business Practices pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. (the "UCL") as a Class Action, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, on behalf of a California class, defined as all individuals who worked for Defendant Mack Trucking, Inc. and Defendant Mack Trucking LP in California as Drivers and who were classified as independent contractors (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

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

- To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA 24. CLASS against DEFENDANT, the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.
- 25. All CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who performed and continue to perform this work for DEFENDANT during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD are similarly situated in that they are subject to DEFENDANT's uniform policy and systematic practice that required them to perform work without compensation as required by law.
- 26. DEFENDANT, as a matter of corporate, policy, practice and procedure, and in violation of the applicable California Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order requirements, and the applicable provisions of California law, intentionally, knowingly and willfully engaged in a practice whereby DEFENDANT unfairly, unlawfully and deceptively instituted a practice to ensure that all individuals employed as independent contractors were not properly classified as non-exempt employees from the requirements of California Labor Code §§ 510, et seq.
- 27. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT uniformly violated the rights of the PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members under California law, without limitation, in the following manners:
 - (a) Violating the California Unfair Competition laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. the ("UCL"), in that DEFENDANT, while acting as employer, devised and implemented a scheme whereby PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members are forced to unlawfully, unfairly and deceptively shoulder the cost of DEFENDANT's wages for all unpaid wages, business related expenses, and DEFENDANT's share of employment taxes, social security taxes, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation insurance;
 - (b) Violating the California Unfair Competition laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code

§§ 17200, et seq. the ("UCL"), by unlawfully, unfairly and/or deceptively having in place company policies, practices and procedures that uniformly misclassified PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as independent contractors;

- (c) Violating the California Unfair Competition laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. the ("UCL"), by unlawfully, unfairly and/or deceptively failing to have in place a company policy, practice and procedure that accurately determined the amount of working time spent by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members performing non-exempt employee labor;
- (d) Violating the California Unfair Competition laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. the ("UCL"), by failing to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with all legally required meal and rest breaks:
- Violating the California Unfair Competition laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code (e) §§ 17200, et seq. the ("UCL") by violating Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members with necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties; and,
- 28. As a result of DEFENDANT's uniform policies, practices and procedures, there are numerous questions of law and fact common to all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members who worked for DEFENDANT during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD. These questions include, but are not limited, to the following:
 - Whether PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were (a) misclassified as independent contractors by DEFENDANT;
 - (b) Whether the PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members all afforded all the protections of the California Labor Code that apply when properly classified as non-exempt employees;

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failed to properly classify the PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. PLAINTIFF sustained economic injury as a result of DEFENDANT's employment practices. PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were and are similarly or identically harmed by the same unlawful, unfair, deceptive and persuasive pattern of misconduct engaged in by DEFENDANT by deceptively telling all the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members that they were not entitled to minimum wages, the employer's share of payment of payroll taxes and mandatory insurance, and reimbursement for business expenses based on the defined corporate policies and practices, and unfairly failed to pay these employees who were improperly classified as independent contractors; and,

- (d) The representative PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interest of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, and has retained counsel who is competent and experienced in Class Action litigation. There are no material conflicts between the claims of the representative PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members that would make class certification inappropriate. Counsel for the CALIFORNIA CLASS will vigorously assert the claims of all employees in the CALIFORNIA CLASS.
- 30. 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 of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS will create the risk of:
- (i) Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the parties opposing the CALIFORNIA CLASS; and/or,
- (ii) Adjudication with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS which would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not party to the adjudication or substantially impair or impeded their ability to protect their interests.

- (b) The parties opposing the CALIFORNIA CLASS have acted on grounds generally applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS making appropriate class-wide relief with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole in that DEFENDANT uniformly classified and treated the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as independent contractors and, thereafter, uniformly failed to take proper steps to determine whether the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were properly classified as independent contractors, and thereby denied these employees wages and payments for business expenses and the employer's share of payroll taxes and mandatory insurance as required by law.
- (i) With respect to the First Cause of Action, the final relief on behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS sought does not relate exclusively to restitution because through this claim the PLAINTIFF seeks declaratory relief holding that DEFENDANT's policies and practices constitute unfair competition, along with incidental equitable relief as may be necessary to remedy the conduct declared to constitute unfair competition.
- (c) Common questions of law and fact exist as to members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with respect to the practices and violations of California and federal law as listed above, and predominate over any question affecting only individual members, and a Class Action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, including consideration of:
- (i) The interest of the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members in individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions;
- (ii) The extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by or against members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS;
- (iii) In the context of wage litigation because as a practical matter a substantial number of individual CALIFORNIA CLASS members will avoid asserting their legal rights out of fear of retaliation by DEFENDANT, which may adversely affect an individual's job with DEFENDANT or with a subsequent employer, the Class Action is the only means to assert their claims through a representative;

the business records of DEFENDANT. The CALIFORNIA CLASS consists of all DEFENDANT's Drivers in California classified as independent contractors during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD and subjected to DEFENDANT's policies, practices and procedures as herein alleged; and,

- (i) Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring an efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims arising out of DEFENDANT's conduct as to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.
- 32. DEFENDANT maintains records from which the Court can ascertain and identify by name and job title, each of DEFENDANT's employees who have been systematically, intentionally and uniformly subjected to DEFENDANT's corporate policies, practices and procedures as herein alleged. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend the complaint to include any additional job titles of similarly situated employees when they have been identified.

THE CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS

- 33. PLAINTIFF further brings the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Causes of Action on behalf of a California sub-class, defined as all members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who are or previously were employed by Defendant Mack Trucking, Inc. and Defendant Mack Trucking LP in California as Drivers and who were classified as Independent Contractors (the "CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS") at any time during the period three (3) years prior to the filing of the Complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the "CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD") pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382. The amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is under five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).
- 34. DEFENDANT, as a matter of corporate policy, practice and procedure, and in violation of the applicable California Labor Code ("Labor Code"), and Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order requirements intentionally, knowingly, and wilfully, on the basis of job title alone and without regard to the actual overall requirements of the job,

systematically classified PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as independent contractors in order to avoid the payment of all wages, and in order to avoid the obligations under the applicable California Labor Code provisions. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS against DEFENDANT, the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.

- 35. DEFENDANT maintains records from which the Court can ascertain and identify by job title each of DEFENDANT's employees who as CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members have been systematically, intentionally and uniformly misclassified as independent contractors as a matter of DEFENDANT's corporate policy, practices and procedures. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend the complaint to include these additional job titles when they have been identified.
- 36. The CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS is so numerous that joinder of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is impracticable.
- 37. DEFENDANT, as a matter of corporate policy, practice and procedure, erroneously classified all Drivers as independent contractors making these employees exempt from California labor laws. All Drivers, including PLAINTIFF, performed the same finite set of tasks and were paid by DEFENDANT according to uniform and systematic company procedures, which, as alleged herein above, failed to correctly pay minimum wage compensation. This business practice was uniformly applied to each and every member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, and therefore, the propriety of this conduct can be adjudicated on a class-wide basis.
- 38. DEFENDANT violated the rights of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS under California law by:
 - (a) Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 & 1197.1 et seq., by misclassifying and thereby failing to pay PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the correct minimum wages for

which DEFENDANT is liable;

- (b) Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512, by failing to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with all legally required off-duty, uninterrupted thirty (30) minute meal breaks and the legally required rest breaks;
- (c) Violating Cal. Lab. Code § 226 by failing to provide PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS who were improperly classified as independent contractors with an accurate itemized statement in writing showing the gross wages earned, the net wages earned, all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate by the employee;
- (d) Violating Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members with necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties; and,
- (e) Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202 and/or 203, which provides that when an employee is discharged or quits from employment, the employer must pay the employee all wages due without abatement, by failing to tender full payment and/or restitution of wages owed or in the manner required by California law to the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS who have terminated their employment.
- 39. This Class Action meets the statutory prerequisites for the maintenance of a Class Action as set forth in Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:
 - (a) The persons who comprise the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are so numerous that the joinder of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is impracticable and the disposition of their claims as a class will benefit the parties and the Court;

- (b) Nearly all factual, legal, statutory, declaratory and injunctive relief issues that are raised in this Complaint are common to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and will apply uniformly to every member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;
- (c) The claims of the representative PLAINTIFF are typical of the claims of each member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. PLAINTIFF, like all other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS was improperly classified as an independent contractor and was thus denied minimum wage pay and meal and rest breaks, among other things, as a result of DEFENDANT's systematic classification practices. PLAINTIFF and all other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS sustained economic injuries arising from DEFENDANT's violations of the laws of California; and,
- (d) The representative PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interest of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, and has 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 LABOR SUB-CLASS that would make class certification inappropriate. Counsel for the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS will vigorously assert the claims of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members.
- 40. 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 of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS will create the risk of:

- Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the parties opposing the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS; or,
- 2) Adjudication with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS which would as a practical matter be dispositive of interests of the other members 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 the DEFENDANT uniformly classified and treated the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as independent contractors and, thereafter, uniformly failed to take proper steps to determine whether the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were properly classified as independent contractors, and thereby denied these employees the protections afforded to them under the California Labor Code;
- (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-CLASS, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the DEFENDANT; and/or,
 - B. Adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudication or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests;
- In the context of wage litigation because a substantial number of individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members will avoid asserting their legal rights out of fear of retaliation by DEFENDANT, which may adversely affect an individual's job with DEFENDANT or with a subsequent employer, the Class Action is the only means to assert their claims through a representative; and,
- 4) A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because class treatment will obviate the need for unduly and unnecessary duplicative litigation

that is likely to result in the absence of certification of this action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382.

- This Court should permit this action to be maintained as a Class Action pursuant
 - The questions of law and fact common to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members;
 - A Class Action is superior to any other available method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS because in the context of employment litigation a substantial number of individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members will avoid asserting their rights individually out of fear of retaliation or adverse impact on their employment;
 - The members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are so numerous that it is impractical to bring all members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS before the Court;
 - PLAINTIFF, and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members, will not be able to obtain effective and economic legal redress unless the action is maintained as a Class Action:
 - There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and equitable relief for the acts of unfair competition, statutory violations and other improprieties, and in obtaining adequate compensation for the damages and injuries which DEFENDANT's actions have inflicted upon the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;
 - There is a community of interest in ensuring that the combined assets of DEFENDANT are sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for the injuries sustained;

1	(g) DEFENDANT has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable
2	to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, thereby making final class-
3	wide relief appropriate with respect to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
4	CLASS as a whole;
5	(h) The members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are readily
6	ascertainable from the business records of DEFENDANT. The
7	CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS consists of all CALIFORNIA
8	CLASS Members who are or previously were employed by DEFENDANT
9	in California as Drivers and classified as independent contractors during
10	the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD; and,
11	(i) Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring
12	a efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour
13	related claims arising out of the conduct of DEFENDANT.
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15	JURISDICTION AND VENUE
16	42. This Court has jurisdiction over this Action pursuant to California Code of Civil
17	Procedure, Section 410.10 and California Business & Professions Code, Section 17203. This
18	Action is brought as a Class Action on behalf PLAINTIFF and on behalf of similarly situated
19	employees of DEFENDANT pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. Section 382.
20	43. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. Sections 395 and
21	395.5, because DEFENDANT (i) currently maintains and at all relevant times maintained its
22	principal offices and facilities in this County and/or conducts substantial business in this
23	County, and (ii) committed the wrongful conduct herein alleged in this County against members
24	of the CALIFORNIA CLASS and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.
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CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

For Unlawful, Unfair and Deceptive Business Practices

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

(By PLAINTIFF and the CLASS and Against All Defendants)

- 44. PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 45. DEFENDANT is a "person" as that term is defined under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17021.
- 46. Section 17200 of the California Business & Professions Code defines unfair competition as any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice. Section 17200 applies to violations of labor laws in the employment context. 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 take 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.

California Business & Professions Code § 17203.

47. 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 Orders, the California Labor Code including Sections 204, 221, 226.7, 226.8, 512, 558, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, & 2802, and California Code of Regulations § 11090, for which this Court should issue declaratory, injunctive, and other equitable relief, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof § 17203, as may be necessary to prevent and remedy the conduct held to constitute unfair competition, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld, business expenses wrongfully withheld and for the payment of the employer's share of income taxes, social security taxes, unemployment insurance and workers' compensation insurance.

- 48. By the conduct alleged herein DEFENDANT has obtained valuable property, money, and services from PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, and has deprived them of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law, all to their detriment and to the benefit of DEFENDANT so as to allow DEFENDANT to unfairly compete. Declaratory and injunctive relief is necessary to prevent and remedy this unfair competition, and pecuniary compensation alone would not afford adequate and complete relief.
- 49. All the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the California Labor Code, California Code of Regulations and the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, were unlawful, were in violation of public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive, and unscrupulous, and were likely to deceive employees, and thereby constitute deceptive, unfair and unlawful business practices in violation of Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.
- 50. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were deceptive and fraudulent in that DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice was to represent to the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members that they were not entitled to minimum wages, payment for payroll taxes or mandatory insurance and other benefits as required by California law, when in fact these representations were false and likely to deceive and for which this Court should issue injunctive and equitable relief, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.
- 51. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unlawful, unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANT's employment practices caused PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to be underpaid during their employment with DEFENDANT.
- 52. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are entitled to, and do, seek such relief as may be necessary to restore to them the money and property which DEFENDANT has acquired, or of which PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have been deprived, by means of the above described unlawful and unfair business practices, including earned but unpaid wages for all time worked.

- 53. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are further entitled to, and do, seek a declaration that the described business practices were unlawful, unfair and deceptive, and that injunctive relief should be issued restraining DEFENDANT from engaging in any unlawful and unfair business practices in the future.
- 54. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unlawful, unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANT's uniform policies, practices and procedures failed to provide all legally required meal and rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS as required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512.
- 55. Therefore, PLAINTIFF demands on behalf of himself and on behalf of each CALIFORNIA CLASS member, minimum wages, payment for the employer's share of payroll taxes and mandatory insurance, and one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which an off-duty meal period was not timely provided for each five (5) hours of work, and/or one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which a second off-duty meal period was not timely provided for each ten (10) hours of work.
- 56. PLAINTIFF further demands on behalf of himself and each member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which a rest period was not timely provided as required by law.
- 57. By and through the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein, DEFENDANT has obtained valuable property, money and services from PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, including earned wages for all time worked and has deprived them of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law and contract, all to the detriment of these employees and to the benefit of DEFENDANT so as to allow DEFENDANT to unfairly compete against competitors who comply with the law.
- 58. All the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, the California Code of Regulations, and the California Labor Code, are unlawful and in violation of public policy, are immoral, unethical, oppressive and unscrupulous, are deceptive, and thereby constitute unlawful, unfair and deceptive business

practices in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.

- 59. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are entitled to, and do, seek such relief as may be necessary to restore to them the money and property which DEFENDANT has acquired, or of which PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have been deprived, by means of the above described unlawful and unfair business practices.
- PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are further 60. entitled to, and do, seek a declaration that the described business practices are unlawful, unfair and deceptive, and that injunctive relief should be issued restraining DEFENDANT from engaging in any unlawful and unfair business practices in the future.
- 61. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have no plain, speedy and/or adequate remedy at law that will end the unlawful and unfair business practices of DEFENDANT. Further, the practices herein alleged presently continue to occur unabated. As a result of the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable legal and economic harm unless DEFENDANT is restrained from continuing to engage in these unlawful and unfair business practices.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

For Failure To Pay Minimum Wages [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1197.1]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS

and Against All Defendants)

- 62. 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.
 - 63. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS

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

- 64. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked.
- 65. Cal. Lab. Code § 1197 provides the minimum wage for employees fixed by the commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a less wage than the minimum so fixed in unlawful.
- 66. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages, including minimum wage compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of suit.
- 67. DEFENDANT maintained a uniform wage practice of paying PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS without regard to the correct amount of time they worked. As set forth herein, DEFENDANT's uniform policy and practice was to unlawfully and intentionally deny timely payment of wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.
- 68. DEFENDANT's uniform pattern of unlawful wage and hour practices manifested, without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole, as a result of implementing a uniform policy and practice that denied accurate compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS in regards to minimum wage pay.
- 69. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT inaccurately calculates the correct time worked and consequently underpays the actual time worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. DEFENDANT acted in an illegal attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in violation of the California Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements and other applicable laws and regulations.

- 70. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful wage practices as alleged herein, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS do not receive the correct minimum wage compensation for their time worked for DEFENDANT.
- 71. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were paid less for time worked that they were entitled to, constituting a failure to pay all earned wages.
- 72. By virtue of DEFENDANT's unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for the true time they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer an economic injury in amounts which are presently unknown to them and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 73. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are under compensated for their time worked. DEFENDANT systematically elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross nonfeasance, to not pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members for their labor as a matter of uniform company policy, practice and procedure, and DEFENDANT perpetrated this systematic scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the correct minimum wages for their time worked.
- 74. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California labor laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for all time worked and provide them with the requisite compensation, DEFENDANT acted and continues to act intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with a conscious of and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the consequences to them, and with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal rights, and otherwise causing them injury in order to increase

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

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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

For Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods

[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512]

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

- 76. 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.
- 77. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, from time to time, DEFENDANT failed to provide all the legally required off-duty meal breaks to PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members as required by the applicable Wage Order and Labor Code. The nature of the work performed by PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS MEMBERS did not prevent these employees from being relieved of all of their duties for the legally required off-duty meal periods. As a result

1	of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-				
2	CLASS Members were often not fully relieved of duty by DEFENDANT for their meal				
3	periods. Additionally, DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the				
4	CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members with legally required meal breaks prior to				
5	their fifth (5th) hour of work is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records. As a result,				
6	PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS therefore				
7	forfeited meal breaks without additional compensation and in accordance with				
8	DEFENDANT's strict corporate policy and practice.				
9	78. DEFENDANT further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the				
0	applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA				
1	LABOR SUB-CLASS Members who were not provided a meal period, in accordance with				
2	the applicable Wage Order, one additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular				
3	rate of pay for each workday that a meal period was not provided.				
4	79. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and				
15	CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members have been damaged in an amount according				
6	to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses and costs of				
17	suit.				
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9	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION				
20	For Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods				
21	[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512]				
22	(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All				
23	Defendants)				
24	80. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-				
25	CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior				
26	paragraphs of this Complaint.				
27	81. Form time to time, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-				

CLASS Members were required to work in excess of four (4) hours without being provided
en (10) minute rest periods. Further, these employees were denied their first rest periods of
at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of at least two (2) to four (4) hours, a first
and second rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of between six (6)
and eight (8) hours, and a first, second and third rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for
some shifts worked of ten (10) hours or more. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were also not provided with one hour wages in lieu thereof
As a result of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR
SUB-CLASS Members were periodically denied their proper rest periods by DEFENDANT
and DEFENDANT's managers.

- 82. DEFENDANT further violated 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 rest 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 rest period was not provided.
- 83. 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.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

For Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Statements

[Cal. Lab. Code § 226]

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

84. 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

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in that DEFENDANT failed to properly and accurately itemize the amount of penalties paid

to PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR-SUB CLASS Members when they missed

§ 226, causing damages to PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. These damages include, but are not limited to, costs expended calculating the true amount of time worked and the amount of employment taxes which were not properly paid to state and federal tax authorities. These damages are difficult to estimate. Therefore, PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS elect to recover liquidated damages of \$50.00 for the initial pay period in which the violation occurred, and \$100.00 for each violation in subsequent pay period pursuant to Labor Code § 226, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial (but in no event more than \$4,000.00 for PLAINTIFF and each respective member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS herein).

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

For Failure to Reimburse Employees for Required Expenses [Cal. Lab. Code § 2802]

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

- 88. PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 79 of this Complaint.
 - 89. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 provides, in relevant part, that:

An employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary 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 the employer, even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them to be unlawful.

90. At all relevant times herein, DEFENDANT violated Cal. Lab. Code § 2802, by failing to indemnify and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-

1	CLASS members for required expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties for				
2	DEFENDANT's benefit. Specifically, DEFENDANT failed to reimburse PLAINTIFF and				
3	the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members for expenses which included, but were				
4	not limited to, the cost associated with the use of their personal cellular phones for				
5	DEFENDANT's benefit. As a result, in the course of their employment with				
6	DEFENDANT, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-				
7	CLASS incurred unreimbursed business expenses which included, but were not limited to,				
8	the costs related to the use of their personal cellular phones all on behalf of and for the				
9	benefit of DEFENDANT. DEFENDANT also required PLAINTIFF to personally incur and				
10	pay for expenses, including, but not limited to, all costs and expenses of fueling the trucks				
11	they drove in the discharge of their employment duties for DEFENDANT, all without				
12	reimbursement from the DEFENDANT in violation of California Labor Code Section 2802.				
13	These expenses are necessary to complete their principal job duties. DEFENDANT is				
14	estopped by DEFENDANT's conduct to assert any waiver of this expectation. Although				
15	these expenses are necessary expenses incurred by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA				
16	LABOR SUB-CLASS members, DEFENDANT failed to indemnify and reimburse				
17	PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members for these expenses as				
18	an employer is required to do under the laws and regulations of California.				
19	91. PLAINTIFF therefore demands reimbursement for expenditures or losses				
20	incurred by them and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members in the discharge of				
21	their job duties for DEFENDANT, or their obedience to the directions of DEFENDANT,				
22	with interest at the statutory rate and costs under Cal. Lab. Code § 2802.				
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1	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION		
2	For Failure to Pay Wages When Due		
3	[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202 and 203]		
4	(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All		
5	Defendants)		
6	92. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-		
7	CLASS, reallege and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior		
8	paragraphs of this Complaint.		
9	93. Cal. Lab. Code § 200 states that:		
10	As used in this article:		
11	(a) "Wages" includes all amounts for labor performed by employees of every description, whether the amount is fixed or ascertained by the		
12	standard of time, task, piece, Commission basis, or other method of calculation. (b) "Labor" includes labor, work, or service whether rendered or		
13	performed under contract, subcontract, partnership, station plan, or other agreement if the labor to be paid for is performed personally by the person		
14	demanding payment.		
15	94. Cal. Lab. Code § 201 states, in relevant part, that "If an employer discharges		
16	an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable		
17	immediately."		
18	95. Cal. Lab. Code § 202 states, in relevant part, that:		
19	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		
20	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		
21	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-		
22	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		
23	constitute the date of payment for purposes of the requirement to provide payment within 72 hours of the notice of quitting.		
24	96. There was no definite term in PLAINTIFF's or any other CALIFORNIA		
25	LABOR SUB-CLASS Members' employment contract.		
26	97. Cal. Lab. Code § 203 states:		
27	If an employer willfully fails to pay, without abatement or reduction, in		
28	accordance with Sections 201, 201.5, 202, and 205.5, any wages of an		
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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.

- 98. The employment of PLAINTIFF and many other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members has terminated, yet as to those individuals whose employment terminated, DEFENDANT did not timely tender payment of all wages owed as required by law.
- 99. Therefore, as provided by Cal Lab. Code § 203, on behalf of himself and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS whose employment terminated, PLAINTIFF demands thirty days of pay as penalty for not paying all wages due at time of termination for all individuals in the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS who terminated employment during the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD plus interest and statutory costs as allowed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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

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

1	2.	On be	chalf of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS:
2		A)	That the Court certify the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh
3			Causes of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a
4			class action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
5		B)	Compensatory damages, according to proof at trial, including compensation
6			due PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-
7			CLASS, during the applicable CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD
8			plus interest thereon at the statutory rate;
9		C)	The wages of all terminated individuals in the CALIFORNIA LABOR
10			SUB-CLASS as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid
11			or until an action therefore is commenced, in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code
12			§ 203;
13		D)	The greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay
14			period in which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per each
15			member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for each violation in a
16			subsequent pay period, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of four thousand
17			dollars (\$4,000), and an award of costs for violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 226;
18		E)	Meal and rest period compensation pursuant to California Labor Code Section
19			226.7 and the applicable IWC Wage Order; and,
20		F)	The amount of the expenses PLAINTIFF and each member of the
21			CALIFORNIA LABOR SUBCLASS incurred in the course of their job duties,
22			plus interest, and costs of suit.
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1	3.	On al	l claims:	
2		A)	An award of interest, incl	luding prejudgment interest at the legal rate;
3		B)	Such other and further re	lief as the Court deems just and equitable; and,
4		C)	An award of penalties, at	torneys' fees and cost of suit, as allowable under the
5			law, including, but not lin	mited to, pursuant to Labor Code §218.5, §226 and/or
6			§1194, and/or §2802.	
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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

Dated: September 20, 2019 ZAKAY LAW GROUP, APLC

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