CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT



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14	KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER and JUDY KNOTT, ) on behalf of themselves, the general public, and all others similarly-situated	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR			
15		DAMAGES, RESTITUTION AND PENALTIES			
16 17	Plaintiffs,	1. Failure to Pay Overtime Wages (Lab. Code §§204, 510, 1194);			
18 19	V.	2. Failure to Provide Meal Periods or Compensation in Lieu Thereof (Lab. Code §§226.7, 512);			
20		) 3. Failure to Provide Paid Rest Periods or Compensation in Lieu Thereof (Lab. Code			
21		§§226.7, 512);			
	CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST, a California Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100,	4. Failure to Timely Pay Wages at Separation (Lab. Code §§201-203);			
<ul><li>23</li><li>24</li></ul>	Inclusive,	5. Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements (Lab. Code §226);			
25	Defendants.	) 6. Unfair Business Practices (Bus. & Prof. Code §§17200-17208)			
<ul><li>26</li><li>27</li></ul>		7. Violation of the Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA"); (Lab. Code §2698 et seq.)			
28		DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL			

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Plaintiffs KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER and JUDY KNOTT, on behalf of themselves, the general public, and all others similarly-situated, complain and allege as follows:

I.

#### INTRODUCTION

- This case arises out of CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST's (hereinafter "CHW" 1. or "Defendant") uniform and systematic classification of proposed class member employees as 'exempt' from the requirement to pay overtime compensation and to provide other labor benefits and protections otherwise available under the California Labor Code and applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC). Specifically, an entire group of ascertainable employees based in California were systematically deemed ineligible for overtime wages and other Labor Code/Wage Order benefits and protections by the Defendant without any individualized assessment of tasks and duties, and were regularly, consistently and continuously required to work hours in excess of 8 hours per day and/or 40 hours per week in violation of IWC Wage Order 4-2001, and Labor Code Sections 201, 510, 515.5, and 1194. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant engaged in deliberate conduct to use an unnecessarily large number of job titles, position codes, and Human Resource reference identification codes for the purpose of trying to confuse and differentiate a large number of similarly situated Information Technology employees so as to impede the ability of Plaintiffs' herein to address grievances on a class-wide basis.
- 2. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereupon allege, that they and the proposed class they seek to represent were presumed by law to be eligible for overtime pay, compliant meal and rest periods, and other protections afforded by California by virtue of their status as employees of CHW. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe, and based thereupon allege, that "exempt" classification is an affirmative defense that must be pled and proven by the employer under California law in order for a Defendant to avoid its obligations to pay overtime compensation and comply with specific provisions of applicable Wage Orders of the IWC. A Plaintiff, or class of plaintiffs, making a claim for wages owed need only show that they worked in excess of hours for which overtime pay was presumed and that the employer failed to pay such

wages in order to state a claim. Plaintiffs SCHNEIDER, KNOTT and the proposed class did work such excess hours within the relevant time period covered by this lawsuit without justification provided by their employer and without wages and compensation that were required to be paid by law. Plaintiffs and the proposed class were expected to work overtime without overtime wages in order to rapidly deploy IT systems and upgrades throughout CHW's health care delivery infrastructure. In fact, during the relevant time period covered by this suit, Plaintiffs are informed and believe that they and the proposed class they seek to represent regularly worked side-by-side with contract employees, borrowed servants and hourly employees performing substantially identical tasks and duties, while those contract employees, borrowed servants and hourly employees were paid overtime, but Plaintiffs and the proposed class were not. Further, Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendant has engaged in conduct to reclassify some, but not all individuals within the proposed Plaintiff Class as hourly or non-exempt from applicable statutes, regulations and Wage Orders relating to employee benefits and protections otherwise presumed to exist.

3. During the "Relevant Time Period" (defined as commencing 4-years from the date of filing this Complaint until the date of commencement of trial in the action), CHW's course of conduct, policy and practice was to mis-classify a wholesale group of employees under "exempt" or "salaried" job titles as further defined and described below. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant never undertook to in any way assess, measure or analyze the tasks and duties assigned to them and the proposed class so that it could in any meaningful way ensure that Plaintiffs' or any proposed class member's designation was in compliance with any recognized exemption from the Labor Code protections identified herein. Defendant also failed to keep any records of actual hours caused or suffered to work by the employees, thus preventing it from in any way determining whether it met California's requirement that "exempt" employees spend more than 50% of their actual work time performing exempt tasks and duties. This failure of documentation and record-keeping on the part of the employer will require the use of survey and statistical analysis of secondary data in order for the company to make a prima-facie case supporting any exemption defense. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereupon

- 4. The end result of Defendant's conduct was the non-payment of overtime compensation to Plaintiffs and the proposed class. Defendant's activities also resulted in a direct financial benefit to it by requiring extraordinary amounts of labor while fixing labor costs.

  Further, Defendant's uniform "exempt" classification also deprived Plaintiffs and the proposed class of employees of compliant rest and meal periods as presumed and required under Labor Code Section 226.7, Labor Code Section 512, and IWC Wage Order 4-2001, Sections 11 & 12. Defendant's actions also led to derivative Labor Code violations by engaging in a knowing and wilful failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements as required by Labor Code Section 226(e) as well as a knowing and wilful failure to timely pay all wages due to employees, like SCHNEIDER, who separated from their employment with Defendant in the relevant time period. Thus, in addition to back wages, Defendant, by its conduct, policy and practices directed toward Plaintiffs and the proposed class, owes penalties as provided by law and further described below.
- organization that operates a cohesive and integrated network of acute care/intermediate care hospitals, medical clinics and health care facilities. CHW is a California corporation that is headquartered in San Francisco, California. During the Relevant Time Period, Plaintiff SCHNEIDER was an employee of CHW who worked in a "salaried" or "exempt" position in an Information Technology (IT) support role. SCHNEIDER and KNOTT's positions were directly involved in CHW's role-out, implementation, configuration and deployment of a comprehensive Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system within its California-based hospitals, medical clinics and related health care facilities providing inpatient and outpatient medical care. Thus, Plaintiff SCHNEIDER was part of CHW's overall information services group of employees charged with

deployment and implementation of the EMR applications. The job titles, job codes, and salary grades for these proposed CHW class members are numerous, varied and complicated, and many may have changed through the years encompassed by this action; however, all of the employees have performed and continue to perform the same and substantially identical primary functions of preparing, configuring, training, orienting, deploying, implementing, maintaining and troubleshooting CHW's transition to Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems throughout its California-based acute care hospitals and medical clinics. While these job functions require certain technical experience and skills, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereupon allege, that the actual tasks and duties common to all proposed class members were routine and repetitive, confined to a strict regimen of policies and procedures, and afforded the proposed class very little discretion and independent judgment necessary to implicate any recognized exemption under California labor laws and/or regulations. As a result, any efforts by CHW to assert either the "administrative" or the "computer professional" exemptions to defend its conduct in the failure to pay all wages due fail. Further, Plaintiffs are informed and believe that none of the proposed members of the Plaintiff Class had any significant degree of discretion or independent judgement as to any matters of corporate significance for any appreciable portion of their daily or weekly worktime. Finally, Plaintiffs are informed and believe that once total actual worktime is considered (which was not measured by Defendant), a large proportion of the proposed Plaintiff Class failed to meet DLSE mandated salary and hourly-equivalent thresholds in order to come close to implicating the exemption embodied in California Labor Code Section 515.5. Despite this knowledge, CHW still failed to pay all wages earned and due under California law.

6. Due to the cohesive set of job code and salary grades incorporated into CHW's operations, each of the "salaried" and/or "exempt" IT employees in the proposed class definition (below) are readily ascertainable directly from review of CHW's corporate and Human Resource (HR)records. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereupon alleges that by resort to common organizational structure, integrated job codes, uniform job descriptions/job titles and salary grades assigned to the proposed class (below) that all members of the proposed class will be able to be notified of this action for determinations as to their participation in the action.

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- 8. The covered positions in the proposed class run across similar job families within CHW's Information Services, Operations Support, Information Technology, Clinical Resources and Training & Development Departments. Although particular applications may differ, the centralized systems and software utilized by CHW each have the same or similar functional aspects such that the variety of nomenclature used by CHW in their job titles and codes are, nonetheless, substantially identical in function, tasks and duties, and all were subject to a blanket classification by Defendant as exempt from overtime without justification. Further, all positions were related to the EMR initiative to digitize paper medical records and to streamline networked applications within CHW's facilities through its centralized group of key applications, such as Allscripts, Flowcast and AXOLOTL (Genix). The proposed Plaintiff Class worked side-by-side in order to deploy and implement the EMR process at each California-based CHW facility.
- 9. Like SCHNEIDER and KNOTT persons in these positions that were based in the State of California spent a majority of their work time engaged in routine, repetitive non-exempt functions and duties for the Defendant while being mis-classified as exempt employees during the "Class Period," which is defined as four years prior to the filing of the Complaint through the date

- 10. By this action, SCHNEIDER and KNOTT, on behalf of themselves, and on behalf of all other similarly situated employees based in California, seek damages and restitution in the recovery of unpaid overtime wages for hours worked in excess of 8 per day and/or 40 per week for themselves and each of the putative class members. SCHNEIDER and KNOTT also seek payment of "premium wages" for non-compliant meal periods and rest periods, "waiting time" penalty wages for formerly employed putative class members who were not paid all wages due at the time of separation from CHW, penalties for Defendant's failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements and declaratory/injunctive relief, to the extent permitted by law, that the positions identified and the tasks/duties performed fail to plainly and unmistakably meet the requirements of any recognized exemption under California law.
- 11. Plaintiff JUDY KNOTT has complied in all respects with Labor Code Section 2698, et seq., also called the Private Attorney General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"). Plaintiff KNOTT has fully complied with the notice and opportunity to cure provision of the PAGA as evidenced by Exhibit "A" attached hereto, by giving notice of her claim to the Defendant and the LWDA on or about November 1, 2010. The LWDA declined to intervene or investigate in the action within the time required by law. As required by the PAGA, Plaintiff KNOTT has waited 33-days in order for the LWDA to either intervene and investigate, or issue a letter declining to do so. That period of time allowing for CHW to take measures to "cure" has expired. In fact, CHW issued a letter to the LWDA specifically declining to take any curative action such that all conduct hereinafter is sufficient to constitute a knowing, willful and ongoing violation of law. As a result, Plaintiff KNOTT brings this action as a representative action as an aggrieved employee and is

12. Plaintiffs bring this as a class action pursuant to California Code of Civil
Procedure Section 382 and under the Unfair Competition Law, California Labor Code sections
201-204, 226, 226.7, 510-512, and 1194, applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare
Commission (IWC), Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, section 11050 et seq., and
pursuant to Business & Professions Code, section 17200, et seq. The Class sought to be certified
consists of the following:

#### Plaintiff Class:

All Defendant's employees based in California who, at any time from the period of 4 years prior to the commencement of this action until the date of trial were (1) held job titles, job codes and/or position descriptions of "Data Analyst," "Applications Analyst," "Applications Support Analyst," "Clinical Analyst," "Systems Analyst," "Technical Analyst," "Business Analyst," "Programmer Analyst," "Reporting Analyst," "Trainer," "Training Specialist," "Technical Writer," "Operations Analyst," "Program Manager" and/or similar job titles or positions; (2) classified by CHW as "exempt" or "salaried" and ineligible for overtime compensation; and (3) assigned by CHW to engage in the installation, configuration, deployment, implementation, training, updating, monitoring, maintaining and troubleshooting of Defendant's "CHW CareConnect" and/or the EMR initiative.

- 13. The "Overtime Subclass" includes all members of the Plaintiff Class who worked in excess of 8 hours per day and/or 40 hours per week and who were not paid overtime compensation as required by applicable orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC.")
- 14. The "Meal Period Subclass" includes all members of the Plaintiff Class who worked periods exceeding five hours without an uninterrupted, off-duty, 30-minute meal period and/or periods in excess of ten hours without a second uninterrupted off-duty, 30-minute meal period and were denied commensurate pay in lieu thereof as required under Labor Code sections 226.7 as well as applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC.") (See, IWC Wage Order 4-2001, Section 11.)

- 15. The "Rest Period Subclass" includes all members of the Plaintiff Class who worked periods of four hours or a major fraction thereof without a rest period of at least 10-minutes and were denied commensurate pay in lieu thereof as required under Labor Code section 226.7 as well as applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC.") (See, IWC Wage Order 4-2001, Section 12.)
- 16. The "Waiting Time Subclass" includes all members of the Plaintiff Class who ended their employment with the Defendant during the proposed Class Period, but who were not timely paid all wages owed as required by Labor Code Section 203. As a result, the members of this subclass, of which SCHNEIDER is a member, are entitled to "premium wage" payments equivalent to 30-days pay at their last hourly rate. For purposes of this subclass, Plaintiff SCHNEIDER is informed and believes that Defendant's conduct in failing to timely pay the proposed subclass members all wages due at the time of separation was "wilful" and "knowing" as defined by California case law and as will be proven by Defendant's conduct, practices and policies at the time of trial.
- 17. The "Wage Statement Subclass" includes all members of the Plaintiff Class, who, as a result of their "exempt" classification, did not receive accurate itemized wage statements showing total time caused or suffered to work and the accompanying hours and rates of pay as required by California Labor Code Section 226(a). As a consequence, SCHNEIDER and KNOTT, and members of this subclass, are entitled to specified penalties pursuant to Labor Code Section 226(e). For purposes of this subclass, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that Defendant's conduct in failing to timely pay the proposed subclass members all wages due at the time of separation was "wilful" and "knowing" as defined by California case law and as will be proven by Defendant's conduct, practices and policies at the time of trial.
- 18. The "UCL Subclass" includes all members of the "Overtime Subclass," the "Meal Period Subclass," and the "Rest Period Subclass" who (1) were subject to unlawful, illegal, unfair and/or deceptive business acts /and or practices by the Defendant and (2) are entitled to restitution of unpaid wages from the Defendant based on conduct occurring at any time from 4 years prior to the commencement of this action until the commencement of trial in this action.

As used herein, the term "Plaintiffs" means KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER and JUDY 19. KNOTT, who are the named Plaintiff Class representatives; the term "Plaintiff Class" includes the Plaintiff and all members of the proposed Class and Subclasses. Plaintiffs were employed by CHW and held positions that were deemed by CHW to be "salaried" and/or "exempt." Plaintiffs held IT and IT-Support positions as identified herein and for which recovery is sought. Plaintiffs were assigned job duties, tasks and functions common to the proposed Plaintiff class and related to the installation, configuration, deployment, implementation, training, updating, monitoring, maintaining and troubleshooting of Defendant's "CHW CareConnect" and/or the EMR initiative. Plaintiffs regularly worked hours of overtime in excess of 8 per day and/or 40 per week without commensurate pay as required by the California Labor Code and/or applicable Wage Orders of the IWC. Further, Plaintiffs were not provided with compliant meal periods, nor were they authorized and permitted to take requisite rest breaks. Plaintiff SCHNEIDER separated from her employment in September/October 2009, and was not timely paid all wages owed, nor had Defendant properly and accurately itemized her wage statements during her employment with CHW. In short, Plaintiffs have suffered, damage and wage loss as a result of Defendant's conduct and mis-classification and Defendant has unjustly retained wages such that recovery for said sums, plus interest at the legal rate, are due. Plaintiffs' injury in fact provides them standing to sue both on their own behalf, but also as proposed class representatives on behalf of others similarly situated in the proposed Class and Subclasses. 20. Plaintiffs seek damages and restitution for compensation for work performed and

20. Plaintiffs seek damages and restitution for compensation for work performed and moneys due themselves and the Plaintiff Class and Subclasses during the "Class Period," which is defined as four years prior to the filing of this action through the trial date. Based upon information and belief that the Defendant's unlawful, unfair, and deceptive acts and business practices are continuing and will continue into the future, Plaintiffs may elect to seek declaratory, and/or injunctive relief for the benefit of the proposed class they represent.

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#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 21. The California Superior Court has original jurisdiction in this matter due to Defendant's violations of Labor Code §201, et seq., Labor Code §500, et seq., Labor Code §1194, Business and Professions Code §17200, et seq., the IWC Wage Order(s) and related common law principles. No federal law claims are asserted in this action.
- 22. Venue is proper in this Judicial district and the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the City and County of San Francisco because, upon information and belief, Defendant resides in, is located in and/or is domiciled in this county and maintains offices, headquarters and transacts business in this county, and work was performed by members of the class made the subject of this action in the City and County of San Francisco, California. Venue is also proper pursuant to CCP §395(b) and/or CCP §395.5 in that Plaintiffs are residents of said county and the county is the place were the harm occurred. Lastly, the unlawful acts alleged herein have a direct effect on Plaintiffs and those similarly situated within the State of California and within City and County of San Francisco, as well as other counties located throughout the State of California. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that a majority of Defendant's operations occur in Central and Northern California, and as a result, the Superior Court in and for the City and County of San Francisco is a convenient forum to try this case.
- On information and belief, the California Superior Court has primary and original jurisdiction in this matter because there is no federal question at issue as the issues herein are based solely on California statutes and law including the California Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, Code of Civil Procedure, Rules of Court, and Business and Professions Code. No diversity jurisdiction exists sufficient for any removal of action to federal district court, either under 28 U.S.C. §1332 or §1332(d) pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"). Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereupon allege, that any removal by the Defendant under the CAFA would be improper.

#### THE PARTIES

#### A. The Plaintiffs

- 24. Plaintiff KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER was an employee of the Defendant and is entitled to overtime compensation, rest and meal period compensation, wage statement penalties, waiting time "premium pay" penalties, interest and attorneys' fees from the Defendant.

  KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER was employed by the Defendant for a period of time during the Class Period in a salaried position, deemed exempt from the requirement to pay overtime by her employer. CHW utilized a systematic and uniform classification policy applicable to all class members without review or audit of tasks and duties, that, taken in combination with other uniform policies, business practices, and procedures applicable to the proposed Class and Subclasses, render the action well suited for class action procedures and treatment as permitted by Code of Civil Procedure §382 and Rules of Court.
- 25. Plaintiff JUDY KNOTT is a current employee of the Defendant and is entitled to overtime compensation, rest and meal period compensation, wage statement penalties, waiting time "premium pay" penalties, interest and attorneys' fees from the Defendant. KNOTT was employed by the Defendant for a period of time during the Class Period in a salaried position, deemed exempt from the requirement to pay overtime by her employer. CHW utilized a systematic and uniform classification policy applicable to all class members without review or audit of tasks and duties, that, taken in combination with other uniform policies, business practices, and procedures applicable to the proposed Class and Subclasses, render the action well suited for class action procedures and treatment as permitted by Code of Civil Procedure §382 and Rules of Court.
- 26. Each of the Plaintiff Class members are identifiable persons who were employed by CHW in the having job titles, job codes and/or job descriptions of "Data Analyst," "Applications Analyst," "Applications Support Analyst," "Clinical Analyst," "Systems Analyst," "Technical Analyst," "Reporting Analyst," "Trainer," "Training Specialist," "Technical Writer," "Operations Analyst," "Program Manager"

and/or similar job titles or positions assigned to the installation, configuration, deployment, implementation, training, updating, monitoring, maintaining and troubleshooting of Defendant's "CHW CareConnect" and/or the EMR initiative. None of the employees spent a majority of their work time either engaged in scientific research, nor did they design, develop, write, draft or create hardware or software solutions for CHW. Most of their tasks involved merely serving maintenance and implementation of new hardware/software/network and applications systems deployed by CHW during the Class Period, over which, the proposed Class had very little or no input, and were deprived of sufficient discretion and independent judgment necessary to invoke any recognized exemption under California labor laws and regulations.

#### B. The Defendants

- 27. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon alleges that CHW is a California corporation with its principal place of business in California, and is and was the employer of Plaintiffs and the members of Plaintiff Class and Subclasses during the Class Period. CHW is headquartered, maintains and transacts business as a health care delivery system operating in this Judicial District and other Northern and Central California counties.
- 28. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names, capacities, relationships and extent of participation in the conduct herein alleged, of the Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, but on information and belief allege that said Defendants are legally responsible for the payment of overtime compensation, rest and meal period compensation and/or Labor Code section 203 "premium pay" penalties to the Plaintiff Class members by virtue of their unlawful practices, and therefore sue these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to allege the true names and capacities of the DOE Defendants when ascertained.
- 29. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that each Defendant, including all unnamed DOE Defendants, acted in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent of the other Defendants, carried out a joint scheme, business plan or policy in all respects pertinent hereto, and the acts of each Defendant are legally attributable to the other Defendants. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that CHW and all DOE defendants, for purposes of employment policies, hiring, firing, human resources, wages and benefits, act as a joint employer

or joint venture, such that CHW and any DOE Defendants are to be jointly and severally liable for the unlawful acts as herinafter described. Further, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereupon allege, that Defendants, and each of them, each had knowledge and information sufficient to them to have authorized, ratified and directed the acts of one another as their conduct relates to the Defendants' collective practices and treatment of the proposed class of employees.

#### IV.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 30. California Labor Code section 1194 provides that notwithstanding any agreement to work for a lesser wage, an employee receiving less than the legal overtime compensation is entitled to recover in a civil action the unpaid balance of their overtime compensation, including interest thereon, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.
- 31. Further, Business and Professions Code section 17203 provides that any person who engages in unfair competition may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction.

  Business and Professions Code section 17204 provides that any person who has suffered actual injury and has lost money or property as a result of the unfair competition may bring an action for restitution in a court of competent jurisdiction. Violations of the California Labor Code in connection with an employer's obligation to pay wages serves as a legitimate predicate for implication of the UCL.
- 32. During all, or a portion, of the Class Period, Plaintiffs and each member of the Plaintiff Class were employed by Defendants, and each of them, in the State of California.
- 33. Plaintiffs and each Plaintiff Class member were non-exempt employees covered under one or more Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) Wage Orders, including Wage Order 4-2000, 4-2001 ("Wage Orders"), Labor Code section 510, and/or other applicable wage orders, regulations and statutes, and each Plaintiff Class member was not subject to an exemption for computer, executive, administrative or professional employees, which imposed an obligation on the part of the Defendant to pay Plaintiffs and Plaintiff Class members lawful overtime compensation at the requisite legal rate for hours worked in excess of 8 hours per week and/or 40 per week, and were denied rest and meal period compensation for non-compliant missed, late or

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34. During the Class Period, Defendant was obligated to pay Plaintiffs and the Plaintiff Class overtime compensation for all hours worked over eight (8) hours of work in one (1) day or forty (40) hours in one week. Defendant regularly required Plaintiffs and the Plaintiff Class to work overtime hours without overtime compensation.

- 35. Plaintiffs and each Plaintiff Class member primarily performed non-exempt work in excess of the maximum regular rate hours set by the IWC in the above Wage Orders, regulations or statutes, and therefore entitled the Plaintiffs and Plaintiff Class members to overtime compensation at the rate of time and one-half, and when applicable, double time rates as set forth by the above Wage Orders, regulations and/or statutes.
- 36. During the Class Period, the Defendants, and each of them, required Plaintiffs and Plaintiff Class members to work overtime without lawful compensation, in violation of the various above applicable Wage Orders, regulations and statutes, and the Defendants: (1) willfully failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse to pay lawful overtime compensation to the Plaintiff Class members; and (2) willfully failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse to pay wages promptly when due upon termination of employment to each of the Plaintiff Class members.
- 37. During the Class Period, the Defendants, and each of them, required members of the Plaintiff Class to work without being given paid 10-minute rest periods as required by law and without being given a 30-minute meal period and second 30-minute meal periods as required by law, during which Plaintiff Class members were relieved of all duties and free to leave the premises. Plaintiffs were not provided with compliant meal periods during the Class Period nor did Defendant pay Plaintiffs or any Class member one hour's pay at the employee's regular rate of pay as premium pay compensation for failure to provide rest and/or meal periods. Plaintiffs were regularly required to work and were not provided with off-duty meal periods.
- 38. Plaintiff Class members performed primarily non-exempt functions for the Defendant and were mis-classified as exempt employees. They do not qualify under the corporate professional exemption because they are not paid statutory minimum pay to qualify for this

1	exemption. They are not employed to manage Defendant's enterprise in managerial duties. They			
2	do not perform work related to Defendant's general business operation but primarily perform			
3	functions related to the product or service provided by Defendant and do not exercise discretion			
4	and/or independent judgment to be exempt in an administrative capacity. Further, they are not			
5	employed on an hourly basis with pay not less than the statutory rate set by the IWC Wage Orders			
6	and premium overtime pay. Hence, the work performed in these employee positions is not			
7	exempt work but rather is non-exempt work.			
8	39. Class members who ended their employment during the Class Period, but were not			
9	paid the above due overtime compensation timely upon the termination of their employment as			
10	required by Labor Code sections 201-203, are entitled to penalties as provided by California Labor			
11	Code section 203.			
12	40. Class members are likewise entitled to penalties for Defendant's failure to provide			
13	accurate itemized wage statements concerning hours worked and meal periods taken.			
14	V.			
15	CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS			
16	41. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and all other similarly-situated			
17	persons as a class action pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382. The class			

-situated e class which Plaintiffs seek to represent is composed of and defined as follows:

> All Defendant's employees based in California who, at any time from the period of 4 years prior to the commencement of this action until the date of trial were (1) held job titles, job codes and/or position descriptions of "Data Analyst," "Applications Analyst," "Applications Support Analyst," "Clinical Analyst," "Systems Analyst," "Technical Analyst," "Business Analyst," "Programmer Analyst," "Reporting Analyst," "Trainer," "Training Specialist," "Technical Writer," "Operations Analyst," "Program Manager" and/or similar job titles or positions; (2) classified by CHW as "exempt" or "salaried" and ineligible for overtime compensation; and (3) assigned by CHW to engage in the installation, configuration, deployment, implementation, training, updating, monitoring, maintaining and troubleshooting of Defendant's "CHW CareConnect" and/or the EMR

Further, Plaintiff seeks to certify a subclass of employees composed of and defined 42. as follows:

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1	Plaintiff "Overtime Subclass" (Overtime):				
2	All members of the Plaintiff Class who worked in excess of eight (8) hours per workday and/or forty (40) hours per workweek and for whom CHW did not pay overtime wages as required by IWC Wage Order 4-2001.				
4	43. Further, Plaintiffs seek to certify a subclass of employees composed of and defined				
5	as follows:				
6	Plaintiff "Meal Period Subclass":				
7	All members of the Plaintiff Class, who, during the proposed Class Period, worked periods exceeding five hours without an uninterrupted, off-duty, 30-minute meal				
8	period and/or worked periods in excess of ten hours without a second uninterrupted, off-duty, 30-minute meal periods, and for whom CHW did not				
9	provide compensation of one hour's pay at the employee's regular rate for each such day that a meal period was not provided.				
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11	44. Further, Plaintiffs seek to certify a subclass of employees composed of and defined				
12	as follows:				
13	Plaintiff "Rest Period Subclass":				
14	All members of the Plaintiff Class, who, during the proposed Class Period, worked periods of four hours or a major fraction thereof without an uninterrupted rest				
15 16	period of at least 10-minutes in length and for whom CHW did not provide one hour's pay at the employee's regular rate for each such day that a rest period was not permitted.				
17	45. Further, Plaintiffs seek to certify a subclass of employees composed of and defined				
18	as follows:				
19	Plaintiff "Waiting Time Subclass":				
20	All members of the Plaintiff Class, who, during the proposed Class Period, separated from their employment from CHW by way of voluntary or involuntary				
21	discharge, and to whom the Defendant knowingly failed to timely pay all wages owed to said employees.				
22	46. Further, Plaintiffs seek to certify a subclass of employees composed of and defined				
23	as follows:				
24	Plaintiff "Wage Statement Subclass":				
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26	All members of the Plaintiff Class during the proposed Class Period to whom CHW knowingly and intentionally failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements showing all hours the said employee was actually caused or suffered to work.				
27	47. Further, Plaintiffs seek to certify a subclass of employees composed of and defined				
28	as follows:				

All members of the "Overtime Subclass," the "Meal Period Subclass," and the "Rest Period Subclass" who (1) were subject to unlawful, illegal, unfair and/or deceptive business acts /and or practices by the Defendant and (2) are entitled to restitution of unpaid wages from the Defendant based on conduct occurring at any time from 4 years prior to the commencement of this action until the commencement of trial in this action.

- 48. Plaintiffs reserve the right under Rule 3.765(b), California Rules of Court, to amend or modify the Class description with greater specificity or further division into subclasses or limitation to particular issues.
- 49. This action has been brought and may be maintained as a class action pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 382 because there is a well-defined common interest of many persons and it is impractical to bring them all before the court.
- 50. **Ascertainable Class**: The proposed class and each subclass are ascertainable in that their members can be identified and located using information contained in Defendant's payroll and personnel records.
- 51. Numerosity: The potential quantity of members of the Class and Subclasses as defined is so numerous that joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impractical. The disposition of their claims through this class action will benefit both the parties and this Court. The quantity of members of the Class and Subclasses is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, however, it is estimated that each the Class and Subclasses number is in excess of 100 individuals. The quantity and identity of such membership is readily ascertainable via inspection of Defendant's records.
- 52. **Typicality**: The claims of Plaintiff SCHNEIDER and JUDY KNOTT for overtime wages, waiting time penalties, interest, and attorneys' fees are typical of the claims of all members of the Class and Subclasses mentioned herein because all members of the Class and Subclasses sustained similar injuries and damages arising out of Defendant's common course of conduct in violation of law and the injuries and damages of all members of the Class and Subclasses were caused by Defendant's wrongful conduct in violation of law, as alleged herein.
  - 53. Adequacy: Plaintiffs KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER and JUDY KNOTT are adequate

representatives of the Class and Subclasses herein, and will fairly protect the interests of the members of the Class and Subclasses, have no interests antagonistic to the members of the Class and Subclasses and will vigorously pursue this suit via attorneys who are competent, skilled and experienced in litigating matters of this type. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that proposed Class Counsel that they have retained are competent and experienced in litigating large employment law class actions.

- 54. Superiority: The nature of this action and the nature of laws available to Plaintiffs make use of the class action format a particularly efficient and appropriate procedure to afford relief to Plaintiffs for the wrongs alleged herein, as follows:
  - a. This case involves a large corporate Defendant and a sufficient numerous group of individual Class Members with many relatively small claims and common issues of law and fact;
  - b. If each individual member of each of the Class and Subclasses was required to file an individual lawsuit, the large corporate Defendant would necessarily gain an unconscionable advantage because Defendant would be able to exploit and overwhelm the limited resources of each individual member of the Class and Subclasses with Defendant's vastly superior financial and legal resources;
  - c. Requiring each individual member of each of the Class and Subclasses to pursue an individual remedy would also discourage the assertion of lawful claims by the members of the Class and Subclasses who would be disinclined to pursue an action against Defendant because of an appreciable and justifiable fear of retaliation and permanent damage to their lives, careers and well-being;
  - d. Proof of a common business practice or factual pattern, of which the members of the Class and Subclasses experienced, is representative of the Class and Subclasses herein and will establish the right of each of the members of the Class and Subclasses to recover on the causes of action alleged herein;
  - e. The prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the Class and Subclasses, even if possible, would create a substantial risk of inconsistent or

varying verdicts or adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class and Subclasses against Defendant; and which would establish potentially incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant; and/or legal determinations with respect to individual members of the Class and Subclasses which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interest of the other members of the Class and Subclasses who are not parties to the adjudications or which would substantially impair or impede the ability of the members of the Class and Subclasses to protect their interests; and

- f. The claims of the individual members of the Class and Subclasses are not sufficiently large to warrant vigorous individual prosecution considering all of the concomitant costs and expenses attending thereto.
- g. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by each individual member of the class may be relatively small, the expenses and burden of individual litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them, while an important public interest will be served by addressing the matter as a class action.
- h. The cost to the court system of adjudication of such individualized litigation would be substantial. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgment.
- i. Finally, the alternative of filing a claim with the California Labor

  Commission is not superior, given the lack of discovery in such proceedings, the

  availability of fewer remedies, and the fact that the losing party has the right to a

  trial de novo in the Superior Court.
- 55. Existence and Predominance of Common Questions of Fact and Law: There are common questions of law and fact as to the members of the Class and Subclasses which predominate over questions affecting only individual members of the Class and Subclasses including, without limitation:
  - a. Whether the Class Members qualify for exempt status under the

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1	56. Manageability of Class and Common Proof: The nature of this action and the
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3	and appropriate procedure to afford relief to Plaintiffs for the wrongs alleged herein.
4	Specifically, the primary class turns upon Defendant's own uniform, systematic practice of
5	classifying all affected job positions as "salaried exempt" without any individual scrutiny of tasks
6	and duties is in compliance with Labor Code section 1194 and the presumptions against
7	employees being deemed "exempt" from overtime payment requirements. Therefore, the propriety
8	of the classification scheme applicable to all employees holding the job titles and positions is a
9	predominant question of fact that is easily cable of being discovered through manageable devices
10	of common proof such as statistical random sampling, survey evidence based on scientific
11	principles, representative testimony, documentary evidence and common practices/procedures of
12	the Defendant in treating each of the class members as a homogeneous group in the payment of
13	their wages. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the Plaintiff Class as defined, although
14	nominally constituting many constituents, is, in reality, a narrowly defined group of employees,
15	subject to common policies, practices and procedures, and whose job duties, tasks and
16	classification scheme can be readily achieved through means of common proof. Once the
17	predominant issue of exempt classification is determined, then each of the derivative Subclass
18	claims and damages, if any, suffered by each member is capable of being shown by several means
19	of common proof and limited by individual showings of entitlement to recovery that can be
20	professionally administered and tailored to the facts and circumstances of the case.

VI.

#### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Failure To Pay Overtime Wages [Labor Code §1194] (Plaintiffs and each Plaintiff Class Member against each Defendant)

- 55. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 56. Plaintiffs and the Plaintiff Class Members were regularly required to work overtime hours and are entitled to overtime compensation for overtime work performed for the Defendant, in an amount according to proof. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1194 and 1198 and

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IWC Wage Order 4-2001, the Plaintiff Class Members seek the payment of all overtime compensation which they earned and accrued after four (4) years prior to filing of the Complaint, according to proof.

57. Additionally, Plaintiffs and Plaintiff Class Members are entitled to attorneys' fees, and costs, pursuant to California Labor Code § 1194 and prejudgment interest in an amount according to proof.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS OR COMPENSATION IN LIEU THEREOF (Against each Defendant)

- 58. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 59. By requiring Plaintiffs and members of the Plaintiff Class to work periods exceeding five hours without an uninterrupted, off-duty 30-minute meal period and to work periods exceeding ten hours without a second uninterrupted, off-duty 30-minute meal period and not compensating one hour of pay at their regular rate of compensation for each such occurrence, as alleged above, Defendant willfully violated the provisions of Labor Code sections 226.7, 512 and IWC Wage Order Nos. 4-1998, 4-2000, and 4-2001. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512, the Plaintiff Class members seek the payment of all meal period compensation which they are owed, according to proof.
- 60. Additionally, Plaintiffs and Plaintiff Class members are entitled to attorneys' fees, and costs, and prejudgment interest.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION FAILURE TO PROVIDE REST PERIODS OR COMPENSATION IN LIEU THEREOF (Against each Defendant)

- 61. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 62. By requiring Plaintiffs and members of the Plaintiff Class they seek to represent to work four hours or a major fraction thereof without a rest period of at least ten minutes, and failing to provide appropriate compensation in lieu thereof, as alleged above, Defendant willfully violated the provisions of Labor Code section 226.7 and IWC Wage Order Nos. 5-2000, and

- Defendant had a consistent and uniform policy, practice and procedure of willfully failing to lawfully pay the earned and unpaid overtime wages of Defendant's former employees. Labor Code sections 201 and 202 requires Defendant to pay its employees all wages due within 72 hours of termination of employment. Section 203 of the Labor Code provides that if an employer willfully fails to timely pay such wages the employer must, as a penalty, continue to pay the subject employee's wages until the back wages are paid in full or an action is commenced. The penalty cannot exceed 30 days of wages.
- 66. Members of the Waiting Time Subclass are no longer employed by Defendant. They were either discharged from or quit Defendant's employment.
- 67. Defendant willfully failed to pay LC203 Subclass Members a sum certain at the time of their termination or within seventy-two (72) hours of their resignation, and failed to pay those sums for thirty (30) days thereafter.
- 68. Defendant's willful failure to pay wages to the LC203 Subclass Members violates Labor Code section 203 because Defendant knew wages were due to the LC203 Subclass Members, but Defendant failed to pay them.
  - Members of the "Waiting Time" Subclass are entitled to penalties pursuant to 69.

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Labor Code section 203, in the amount of each class member's daily wage multiplied by thirty (30) days.

#### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# Knowing and Intentional Failure to Comply with Itemized Employee Wage Statement Provisions (Lab. Code, § 226(a)) (Plaintiffs and the Wage Statement Subclass against each Defendant)

- 70. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. Section 226(a) of the California Labor Code requires Defendant to itemize in wage statements all deductions from payment of wages and to accurately report total hours worked by Plaintiffs and the members of the proposed Class. Defendant has knowingly and intentionally failed to comply with Labor Code section 226(a) on each and every wage statement provided to Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Wage Statement Subclass. To wit, Plaintiffs allege that the wages statements failed to accurately set forth all hours actually caused or suffered to work.
- 72. As a consequence of Defendant's knowing and intentional failure to comply with Labor Code section 226(a), Plaintiffs and the Wage Statement Subclass are entitled to actual damages or penalties not to exceed \$4000 for each employee pursuant to Labor Code section 226(b), together with interest thereon and attorneys' fees and costs.

#### **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

# Violations of the Unfair Competition Law (Plaintiffs and each Plaintiff Class Member and Subclass Member against each Defendant)

- 73. Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 74. The failure to pay lawful overtime compensation and timely pay all pay due upon termination of employment to Plaintiffs and each Plaintiff Class Member and Subclass Member is an unlawful and unfair business practice within the meaning of Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq., including but not limited to a violation of the applicable State of California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, regulations and statutes, or is otherwise a practice which is otherwise unfair and unlawful, including that the Defendant did not pay tax contributions on the accrued overtime compensation in the form of taxes payable to the State of California, state programs and the State's unemployment insurance fund. The scheme by CHW to engage in wholesale mis-classification of the proposed Plaintiff class as "exempt" from overtime and other

- 75. This cause of action is brought under Business and Professions Code sections 17203 and 17204, commonly called the Unfair Competition Law. Under this cause of action and pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17208, Plaintiffs and all Plaintiff Class Members seek restitution of overtime wages and other pay owed and, where applicable, penalties under Labor Code section 203, where such wages were due each of the class members during the Class Period, commencing four (4) years prior to filing of this complaint, according to proof.
- 76. This cause of action is brought as a cumulative remedy as provided in Business and Professions Code section 17205, and is intended as an alternative remedy for restitution for Plaintiffs, each Plaintiff Class Member and each Plaintiff Subclass Member for the time period, or any portion thereof, commencing within four (4) years prior to the filing of this complaint, and as the primary remedy for Plaintiffs, each Plaintiff Class Member and each Plaintiff Subclass Member for the time period of the fourth year prior to the filing of this complaint, as such one year time period exceeds the statute of limitations on statutory wage claims.
- 77. As a result of the Defendant's unlawful and unfair business practice of failing to pay overtime and prompt payment of wages in violation of Labor Code sections 201 and 202, each Plaintiff Class Member and Subclass Member has suffered damages and is entitled to restitution in an amount according to proof.
- 78. Further, Plaintiffs request the violations of the Defendant alleged herein be enjoined, and other equitable relief as this court deems proper including an order for the reclassification of Class Members to non-exempt status and requiring payment by the Defendant of tax contributions on the accrued overtime compensation in the form of FICA, Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment Insurance or other appropriate payments necessary for the State of

California to function.

79. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that some potential Class Members are no longer employed and CHW's conduct in failing to timely pay all wages due and owing was willful and as a consequence, those Class Members are owed waiting time premium pay under Labor Code sections 201-203.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violations of the PAGA - Labor Code Section 2698, et seq.
(Plaintiff KNOTT, as a Representative of the General Public, on behalf of all aggrieved Employees, and against Defendant)

- 80. Plaintiff KNOTT incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if fully alleged herein.
- 81. Plaintiff KNOTT, by virtue of her employment with CHW and the Defendant's failure to pay all overtime wages and unlawful classification scheme, is an aggrieved employee with standing to bring an action under the PAGA. Plaintiff, by virtue of Exhibit "A" attached hereto, has satisfied all prerequisites to serve as a representative of the general public to enforce California's labor laws, including, without limitation, the penalty provisions identified in Labor Code section 2699.5 Since the LWDA took no steps within the time period required nor indicated any intention to intervene and because CHW took no corrective action to remedy the allegations set forth above, Plaintiff KNOTT, as a representative of the people of the State of California, will seek any and all penalties otherwise capable of being collected by the Labor Commission and/or the Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE). This includes, each of the following, as is set forth in Labor Code Section 2699.5, which states:

The provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 2699.3 apply to any alleged violation of the following provisions: subdivision (k) of Section 96, Sections 98.6, 201, 201.3, 201.5, 201.7, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.5, 204, 204a, 204b, 204.1, 204.2, 205, 205.5, 206, 206.5, 208, 209, and 212, subdivision (d) of Section 213, Sections 221, 222, 222.5, 223, and 224, subdivision (a) of Section 226, Sections 226.7, 227, 227.3, 230, 230.1, 230.2, 230.3, 230.4, 230.7, 230.8, and 231, subdivision (c) of Section 232, subdivision (c) of Section 232.5, Sections 233, 234, 351, 353, and 403, subdivision (b) of Section 404, Sections 432.2, 432.5, 432.7, 435, 450, 510, 511, 512, 513, 551, 552, 601, 602, 603, 604, 750, 751.8, 800, 850, 851, 851.5, 852, 921, 922, 923, 970, 973, 976, 1021, 1021.5, 1025, 1026, 1101, 1102, 1102.5, and 1153, subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 1174, Sections 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.5, and 1198, subdivision (b) of Section 1198.3, Sections 1199, 1199.5, 1290, 1292, 1293, 1293.1, 1294, 1294.1, 1294.5, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1301, 1308, 1308.1, 1308.7, 1309, 1309.5, 1391, 1391.1, 1391.2, 1392, 1683, and 1695, subdivision (a)

of Section 1695.5, Sections 1695.55, 1695.6, 1695.7, 1695.8, 1695.9, 1696, 1696.5, 1696.6, 1697.1, 1700.25, 1700.26, 1700.31, 1700.32, 1700.40, and 1700.47, paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (a) of and subdivision (e) of Section 1701.4, subdivision (a) of Section 1701.5, Sections 1701.8, 1701.10, 1701.12, 1735, 1771, 1774, 1776, 1777.5, 1811, 1815, 2651, and 2673, subdivision (a) of Section 2673.1, Sections 2695.2, 2800, 2801, 2802, 2806, and 2810, subdivision (b) of Section 2929, and Sections 3095, 6310, 6311, and 6399.

- 82. Plaintiff KNOTT is informed and believes that CHW has violated and continues to violate provisions of the California Labor Code and applicable Wage Orders related to the payment of overtime wages, the failure to provide meal and rest periods to the affected group of employees, the failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, and has and continues to knowingly and intentionally fail to pay all wage due in a timely fashion for all employees whose employment is or has been terminated during the class period.
- 83. In addition to restitution, the recovery of unpaid back wages and the recovery of premium pay for unpaid overtime, interest on wages owed and violations of the applicable Wage Orders relating thereto, Plaintiff, as a personal representative of the general public, will and does seek to recover any and all penalties for each and every violation shown to exist or to have occurred during the proposed Class Period, in an amount according to proof, as to those penalties that are otherwise only available to public agency enforcement actions. Said funds recovered will be distributed in accordance with the PAGA, with at least 75% of said PAGA penalty recovery being reimbursed to the State of California and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

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#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment as follows:

a. That the Court issue an Order that this action may be maintained as a class action and certify the Class and subclasses herein, appointing the named Plaintiff(s) as representative of all others similarly situated, and appointing the law firm representing the named Plaintiffs as counsel for the members of the Class and subclasses;

### As to the First Cause of Action for Failure to Pay Hourly and Overtime Wages:

b. For damages, as set forth in Labor Code §§ 510, et seq., and 1194(a) and the IWC Wage Order(s), including IWC Wage Order 4, section 20, regarding wages due and owing,

1	according to proof;			
2	c.	For pre-judgment interest as allowed by Labor Code §218.6, Labor Code §1194(a)		
3	and Civil Cod	and Civil Code §3287;		
4	đ.	For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code		
5	§218.5 and Labor Code §1194(a);			
6	As to the Second Cause of Action for Failure to Provide Meal Periods:			
7	e.	For one (1) hour of pay at the regular rate of compensation for each member of the		
8	Meal Period Classes for each workday that a meal period was not provided, pursuant to Labor			
9	Code Section 226.7;			
10	f.	For recovery pursuant to IWC Wage Order 4, section 11;		
11	g.	For pre-judgment interest as authorized by Labor Code§218.6 and CC §3287;		
12	h.	For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code		
13	§218.5;			
14	As to the Thi	rd Cause of Action for Failure to Provide Paid Rest Periods:		
15	i.	For one (1) hour of pay at the regular rate of compensation for each member		
16	of the Rest Period Classes for each day worked that a rest period was not provided, pursuant to			
17	Labor Code S	ection 226.7;;		
18	j.	For recovery pursuant to IWC Wage Order 4, section 12;		
19	k.	For pre-judgment interest as authorized by Labor Code §218.6 and CC §3287		
20	1.	For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code		
21	§218.5;			
22	As to the Fourth Cause of Action for Failure to Timely Pay Wages at Separation:			
23	m.	For recovery of "premium pay" as authorized by Labor Code section 203;		
24	As to the Fifth Cause of Action for Failure to Timely Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage			
25	Statements:			
26	n.	For recovery as authorized by Labor Code §226(e);		
27	0.	For injunctive relief to ensure Defendant's compliance with Labor Code §226		
28	pursua	ant to Labor Code §226(g);		

1	(PAGA) Labor Code section 2699, et seq.		
2	As to All Causes of Action:		
3	cc. For reasonable attorneys' fees as allowed by statute;		
4	dd. Costs of Suit, including collection costs; and		
5	ee. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.		
6	COHELAN-KHOURY & SINGER		
7	HAMNER LAW OFFICES, LP		
8	Dated: December 14, 2010 By:		
9	J. Jason Hill		
10	Attorneys for Plaintiff KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER and JUDY KNOTT		
11	am Jobi Kivoii		
12	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL		
13	Plaintiffs hereby demand trial of their claims by jury to the extent authorized by law.		
14	COHELAN KHOURY & SINGER		
15	HAMNER LAW OFFICES, LP		
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17	Dated: December 14, 2010 By:		
18	J. Jason Hill		
19	Attorneys for Plaintiff KIMBERLY SCHNEIDER and JUDY KNOTT		
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# **EXHIBIT A**

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# NOTICE OF LABOR CODE VIOLATIONS PURSUANT TO LABOR CODE SECTION 2699.3

To: The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and Catholic Healthcare West (CHW)

From: Judy Knott, on behalf of herself and on behalf of all current and/or former IT employees mis-classified as "exempt" and not paid overtime wages in violation of Labor Code Section 1194, et seq.

#### **Factual Statement:**

Judy Knott, on behalf of herself and similar current and former employees of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) were information technology (IT) workers who engaged in non-exempt work activity for the majority of their work time gives notice of her intent to bring a cause of action for violation fo the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA") for CHW's failure to comply with California's wage and hour minimum requirements — During the entire course of their employment, CHW failed to provide said employees and those similarly situated with overtime pay meal periods, rest breaks, accurate pay records or timely termination pay. As a consequence, CHW has failed to comply with Labor Code Section 201-203, 221-222, 226.7, Labor Code Sections 510, 512, 515, 515.5, 1194, 221-223, and Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders 4-2001. CHW has and continues to fail to provide accurate, timely and itemized pay stub accounting records to Knott in violation of Labor Code Section 226(a). Knott is informed and believes that such violations are ongoing, systematic and continuous. She intends to bring an action against CHW under the Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") to recover wages and penalties as provided by California law.

The provisions of subdivision (a) of Section 2699.3 apply to any alleged violation of the following provisions: subdivision (k) of Section 96, Sections 98.6, 201, 201.3, 201.5, 201.7, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.5, 204, 204a, 204b, 204.1, 204.2, 205, 205.5, 206, 206.5, 208, 209, and 212, subdivision (d) of Section 213, Sections 221, 222, 222.5, 223, and 224, subdivision (a) of Section 226, Sections 226.7, 227, 227.3, 230, 230.1, 230.2, 230.3, 230.4, 230.7, 230.8, and 231, subdivision (c) of Section 232, subdivision (c) of Section 232.5, Sections 233, 234, 351, 353, and 403, subdivision (b) of Section 404, Sections 432.2, 432.5, 432.7, 435, 450, 510, 511, 512, 513, 551, 552, 601, 602, 603, 604, 750, 751.8, 800, 850, 851, 851.5, 852, 921, 922, 923, 970, 973, 976, 1021, 1021.5, 1025, 1026, 1101, 1102, 1102.5, and 1153, subdivisions (c) and (d) of Section 1174, Sections 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.5, and 1198, subdivision (b) of Section 1198.3,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Without limitation, Knott, if permitted, will seek any and all penalties otherwise capable of being collected by the Commission. This includes, each of the following, as is set forth in Labor Code Section 2699.5, which states:

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# Theories of Labor Code Violations and Remedies:

Knott has been and continues to be employed in a position as an Information Technology (IT) employee at CHW and is involved in the deployment, training and implementation of the company's Electronic Medical Records ("EMR") initiative and CareConnect. The positions, while having varied job titles, essentially involved identical functions and tasks for which a majority of their work time was spent engaged in tasks that were not consistent with any recognized exemption from the general requirement to pay overtime wages. CHW, for a period of at least four years prior to the date of this Notice, unlawfully failed to pay such employees overtime wages, but yet regularly required employees to work in excess of eight hours per day and/or forty hours per week without premium pay under Labor Code Section 1194.

Claimants, (which includes Knott and the class she seeks to represent) were at all times also entitled to uninterrupted paid meal periods or compensation lieu thereof. CHW failed to provide meal periods for claimant and all other similarly situated employees as required by Labor Code Section 226.7, Labor Code Section 512, and Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders 4-2001(11) and/or 9-2001(11.) Therefore, Claimants are entitled to recover wages and/or penalties as provided by Labor Code Section 558 and applicable IWC Wage Orders. Furthermore, since CHW required Knott and others similarly situated to work during their meal period in violation of Labor Code Section 226.7(a), Claimants seek wages of one additional hour of pay as permitted by Labor Code Section 226.7(b) as well as all available penalties as set forth in Labor Code Section 2699(f.)

Claimants were at all times entitled rest breaks. CHW failed to authorize or permit rest breaks for claimant and all other similarly situated employees engaged in the same tasks and function as required by Labor Code Section 226.7, Labor Code Section 512, and Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders. Therefore, Claimants are entitled to recover wages and/or penalties as provided by Labor Code Section 558 and applicable IWC Wage Orders. Furthermore, since CHW required its IT employees to work during rest periods in violation of Labor Code Section 226.7(a), Claimants seek wages of one additional hour of pay as permitted by Labor Code Section 226.7(b) as well as all available penalties as set forth in Labor Code Section 2699(f.)

CHW's uniform failure to pay overtime wages, allow rest and meal periods to Knott and other IT employees during their workday was also done without any payment of an additional one-hours wage per day to said Claimants at their regular rate of pay, or alternatively, premium compensation, if applicable, pursuant to Labor Code Section 1194. CHW's failure to provide such compensation in lieu of meals violated Labor Code Section 204 and 204(b), such that penalties are recoverable as set forth in Labor Code Section 210 and/or Section 1194, et.seq.

Sections 1199, 1199.5, 1290, 1292, 1293, 1293.1, 1294, 1294.1, 1294.5, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1301, 1308, 1308.1, 1308.7, 1309, 1309.5, 1391, 1391.1, 1391.2, 1392, 1683, and 1695, subdivision (a) of Section 1695.5, Sections 1695.55, 1695.6, 1695.7, 1695.8, 1695.9, 1696, 1696.5, 1696.6, 1697.1, 1700.25, 1700.26, 1700.31, 1700.32, 1700.40, and 1700.47, paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subdivision (a) of and subdivision (e) of Section 1701.4, subdivision (a) of Section 1701.5, Sections 1701.8, 1701.10, 1701.12, 1735, 1771, 1774, 1776, 1777.5, 1811, 1815, 2651, and 2673, subdivision (a) of Section 2673.1, Sections 2695.2, 2800, 2801, 2802, 2806, and 2810, subdivision (b) of Section 2929, and Sections 3095, 6310, 6311, and 6399.

# NOTICE OF LABOR CODE VIOLATIONS Re: CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST

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Claimants are entitled to recover unpaid wages, with interest, and are entitled to an award of attorneys fees as permitted by Labor Code Section 1194 and other penalties, as permitted by Labor Code Section 2699, Labor Code Section 210, and waiting time penalties for former employees, pursuant to Labor Code Section 203.

espectfully submitted,

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#### CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST

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