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Plaintiff Taylor Kalin ("Plaintiff") brings this Class, Collective and Representative Action Complaint against Defendant Apple, Inc. and on information and belief alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated and aggrieved employees, brings this class, collective, and representative action for recovery of unpaid wages and penalties under California Labor Code Sections identified below, Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 4 ("IWC Wage Order"), California Business and Professions Code Section 17200, *et seq.*, and the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and for injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and restitution.
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant's violations of the FLSA pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 216 and 28 U.S.C. Section 1331 because the action asserts rights arising under federal law.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant's violations of the state law provisions alleged herein because these claims derive from the same common nucleus of operative facts as the FLSA claim.
- 4. Defendant is subject to the personal jurisdiction of this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1391(c) because it operated retails stores where it employed Plaintiff within the Northern District of California.

VENUE

- 5. Venue is proper in the Northern District of California under 28 U.S.C. Section 1391 because Apple is headquartered in this judicial district and a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in this judicial district.
- 6. This matter is properly assigned to the San Francisco Division of this District First Amended Class, Collective and Representative Action Complaint

pursuant to Civil Local Rule 3-2(c) because Defendant maintains numerous retail stores within the counties comprising the San Francisco Division and employs numerous hourly non-exempt employees at those locations, who, on information and belief, were subjected to Defendant's illegal policies and practices alleged in this action. As stated in Defendant's written rules, the mandatory personal package and bag search policy "appl[ies] to all employees of Apple Inc. and participating subsidiaries in the United States." *See* Apple Employee Policies. Therefore, a substantial part of the events or omissions that give rise to the claims occurred within this Division within the meaning of Civil Local Rule 3-2(c).

PARTIES

- 7. Plaintiff is a California resident residing in San Francisco County. During the four years immediately preceding the filing of the Complaint in this action and within the statute of limitations periods applicable to each cause of action pled herein, Plaintiff was employed by Defendant as an hourly non-exempt employee. Plaintiff has lost money and/or property and has been deprived of the rights guaranteed to him by the FLSA, California Labor Code provisions, California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 *et seq.* (Unfair Competition), and California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order 4-2001 (hereafter "Wage Order 4-2001").
- 8. Defendant Apple, Inc. is a California corporation that is headquartered in California. During the four years preceding the filing of the Complaint and continuing to the present, Defendant operated retail stores in California and elsewhere within the United States and the world.

GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9. For the purposes of this matter, Class Members include, but are not limited to,
Kalin and all non-exempt employees who were employed by Apple as non-exempt

- Specialists, Lead Specialists and Expert Specialists ("Specialists") and non-exempt Managers, Senior Managers, Developmental Managers and Business Managers ("Managers,"). Specialists and Managers are collectively referred to as Hourly Employees.
- 10. A Specialist's duties include customer support relating to retail sales of Apple products and accessories. Specialists are also required to have knowledge of and be able to perform light diagnostic checks on Apple hardware and software. A Manager's duties include overseeing the Specialists and tending to customer-related needs. Specialists and Managers are non-exempt hourly employees who are entitled to overtime compensation.
- 11. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant as a full-time non-exempt Specialist at stores in Spokane and San Francisco from approximately September 2010 to November 2012.
- 12. Hourly Employees are required to clock in when they arrive at work, clock out when they go on a meal break, clock in when they return from a meal break and clock out when they leave for the day. The time-keeping system and the procedures for using it are the same at each Apple retail store. In this regard, Apple uses time tracking software developed by Kronos, Inc. The software requires Hourly Employees to enter a username and password to clock in and clock out each day.
- 13. Kalin typically was required to arrive 15 minutes or more before his shift was scheduled to begin because there was typically a line of employees waiting to clock in on time and he never knew how long the line would be. On Launch days, it would take up to 30 minutes or more to clock in because of the lines. Similarly, when Hourly Employees returned from their meal periods, they were required to wait in line to clock in.
- 14. Apple did not compensate Kalin or the other Hourly Employees for the time they

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27 28 were required to spend waiting in line to clock in.

- 15. Kalin and other Hourly Employees were required to use company devices at work. Kalin and other Hourly Employees were required by Apple to check the devices out at the beginning of their shift and check the devices back in at beginning of the meal period if they left the premises and at the end of the shift, after the employees had clocked out. Because many Hourly Employees were required to do this, the check-in time could take anywhere from five to 45 minutes or more.
- After they had clocked out at the end of their shifts or at the beginning of the meal 16. breaks, after they checked in the devices, Kalin and other Hourly Employees were required to undergo personal package and bag searches before they were permitted to leave the store.
 - Apple has adopted a uniform nationwide policy that provides "[a]ll employees, including managers and Market Support employees, are subject to personal package and bag searches." See Apple Employee Conduct Manual. If an Hourly Employee refuses to submit to this security screening or deviates from the corporate policy in any way, it "could result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination." See Apple Employee Policies. Hourly Employees were and are required to wait in line and be searched for potential or possible store items or merchandise taken without permission and/or other contraband. Thus, at the discretion and control of the Defendant and solely for its benefit, Plaintiff and other Hourly Employees were and are required to wait in line for security checks for at least 10-15 minutes each day before leaving for their meal breaks and at the end of their shift after they had already clocked out. This daily 10-15 minute uncompensated waiting time during security checks was done in order to undergo searches for possible contraband and/or pilferage of inventory. Because such screening is designed to prevent and deter employee theft, a concern that stems from the nature of the employee's work (specifically, their access to high value

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- electronics and merchandise), the security checks and consequential wait time are necessary to the employee's primary work and done solely for Apple's benefit.
- A large number of Specialists and Managers leave for lunch at the same time 18. and/or end their shifts at the same time. This creates lengthy lines and backups for managers, members of the security team and others authorized to conduct security screenings who are often times engaged in other job related duties. As a result, Hourly Employees are forced to wait in these lines and undergo lengthy off-theclock security screenings before they are allowed to leave the premises. This work, done primarily for the employer's benefit, is time which Hourly Employees should be, but are not compensated for, both straight hours and overtime hours worked in excess of 40 in a week or, in California, in excess of eight in a day.
- 19. Apple's corporate employee conduct policy mandates and requires that Specialists "[f]ind a Manager or member of the security team (where applicable) to search [their] bags and packages before [they] left the store." See Apple Employee Conduct Manual. Additionally, the policy forbids Specialists and Managers from leaving the store "prior to having [their] personal package or bag searched by a member of management or the security team (where applicable)." Id.
- These policies are uniform throughout every Apple retail store and "apply to all 20. employees of Apple Inc. and participating subsidiaries in the United States." See Apple Employee Policies. Thus, these uncompensated wait times and security screenings unlawfully deprive Hourly Employees in Apple's retail stores throughout the country of the proper compensation due them.
- Waiting in lines to clock in, waiting in lines to check equipment in, and waiting in 21. line and undergoing security checks were significant, integral, indispensable, not de minimis tasks or requests and were done solely for Apple's benefit to allow Apple to track its employees' hours and to prevent employee pilferage.
- Apple did not compensate Kalin or the Hourly Employees for this time. 22.

- 23. Defendant knowingly and intentionally, as a matter of uniform policy and practice, failed to furnish Plaintiff and members of the Wage Statement Class with accurate and complete wage statements regarding their regular rates of pay, rates of overtime pay, total gross wages earned, and total net wages earned in violation of Labor Code Section 226.
- 24. Defendant's failure to furnish Plaintiff and members of the Wage Statement Class with complete and accurate itemized wage statements resulted in actual injury because such failures led to, among other things, the non-payment of all their regular and overtime wages and deprived them of the information necessary to identify the discrepancies in Defendant's reported data.

CLASS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 25. **Class Definition:** Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself and the following Classes pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of Federal Procedure and the FLSA.
- 26. **The California Unpaid Wages Class.** This consists of:

All Hourly Employees who worked in an Apple, Inc. retail store in the United States, who are or were employed within the three years preceding the filing of this action by the Defendant to the present and who were: (a) not compensated for off-the-clock time spent waiting to clock in, waiting to check in equipment, or waiting in security screening lines and undergoing personal package and bag searches before being allowed to leave the premises; and/or (b) were not fully compensated for this time worked over eight per day and/or over 40 hours per week at overtime rates.

Excluded from the California Unpaid Wages Class are Defendant, its legal representatives, officers, directors, assigns, and successors, and any individual who has or had a controlling interest in Apple. Also excluded are persons and entities who submit timely and otherwise proper requests for exclusion from the FLSA Class.

27. **The FLSA Class.** This consists of:

All Hourly Employees who worked in an Apple, Inc. retail store in the United States, who are or were employed within the three years preceding the filing of this action by the Defendant to the present and who were: (a) not compensated for off-the-clock time spent waiting to clock in, waiting to check in equipment, or waiting in security screening lines and undergoing personal package and bag searches before being allowed to leave the premises; and/or (b) were not fully compensated for this time worked over 40 hours per week at overtime rates.

Excluded from the FLSA Class are Defendant, its legal representatives, officers, directors, assigns, and successors, and any individual who has or had a controlling interest in Apple. Also excluded are persons and entities who submit timely and otherwise proper requests for exclusion from the FLSA Class.

- 28. **The Wage Statement Class.** This consists of members of the California Unpaid Wages Class for whom Defendant failed to pay all compensation owing them.
- 29. **The Waiting Time Penalty Class.** This consists of Defendant's formerly employed members of the California Unpaid Wages Class.
- 30. **Numerosity/Ascertainability.** The members of the Classes are so numerous that joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impracticable. The membership of the classes and subclasses are unknown to Plaintiff at this time, but Plaintiff estimates that the Classes number greater than 1,000 individuals as to each Class. The identity of such membership is readily ascertainable via inspection of Defendant's employment records.
- 31. Common Questions of Law and Fact Predominate/Well Defined Community of Interest. There are common questions of law and fact as to Plaintiff and all other similarly situated employees, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members including, without limitation to:
 - A. Whether Defendant violated the applicable Labor Code provisions including, but not limited to Sections 510 and 1194 by failing to pay for all regular and/or overtime hours worked;

- B. Whether Defendant failed to keep legally compliant records for the members of the Wage Statement Class pursuant to Labor Code 226;
- C. Whether Defendant failed to maintain accurate records for members of the Record Keeping Class;
- D. Whether Defendant's policies and/or practices for the amount of payment of final wages to members of the Waiting Time Class at the time of the termination of their employment were unlawful;
- 32. **Predominance of Common Questions.** Common questions of law and fact predominate over questions that affect only individual members of the Classes. The common questions set forth above are numerous and substantial and stem from Defendant's policies and/or practices applicable to each individual class member, such as their failure to pay for time waiting to clock-in, time waiting to check-in equipment, and/or time waiting in security lines. These common questions predominate over individual questions concerning each individual class member's showing as to his or her eligibility for recovery or as to the amount of his or her damages.
- 33. **Typicality:** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Classes because Plaintiff was employed by Defendant as an hourly, non-exempt employee in California and the United States during the statutes of limitation applicable to each claim alleged in the Complaint in this action. Plaintiff, like the members of the Classes, was deprived of all regular and overtime wages, was furnished with inaccurate and incomplete wage statements, and was not paid all wages owed at the time of Plaintiff's termination.
- 34. **Adequacy of Representation:** Plaintiff is fully prepared to take all necessary steps to represent fairly and adequately the interests of the members of the Classes. Moreover, Plaintiff's attorneys are ready, willing and able to fully and adequately represent the members of the Classes and Plaintiff. Plaintiff's attorneys have

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prosecuted numerous wage-and-hour class actions in state and federal courts in the past and are committed to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of the members of the classes.

Superiority: The California Labor Code is broadly remedial in nature and serves an important public interest in establishing minimum working conditions and standards in California. Similarly, the FLSA is remedial in nature and serves an important public interest in establishing minimum working conditions and standards through the United States. These laws and labor standards protect the working employee from exploitation by employers who have the responsibility to follow the laws and who may seek to take advantage of superior economic and bargaining power in setting onerous terms and conditions of employment. The nature of this action and the laws available to Plaintiff and members of the Classes make the class action format a particularly efficient and appropriate procedure to redress the violations alleged herein. If each employee were required to file an individual lawsuit, Defendant would necessarily gain an unconscionable advantage since they would be able to exploit and overwhelm the limited resources of each individual plaintiff with their vastly superior financial and legal resources. Moreover, requiring each member of the Classes to pursue an individual remedy would also discourage the assertion of lawful claims by employees who would be disinclined to file an action against their former and/or current employer for real and justifiable fear of retaliation and permanent damages to their careers at subsequent employment. Further, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual class members, even if possible, would create a substantial risk of inconsistent or varying verdicts or adjudications with respect to the individual class members against Defendant herein; and which would establish potentially incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant; and/ or legal determinations with respect to individual class members which would, as a practical matter, be

dispositive of the interest of the other class members not parties to adjudications or which would substantially impair or impede the ability of the class members to protect their interests. Further, the claims of the individual members of the class are not sufficiently large to warrant vigorous individual prosecution considering all of the concomitant costs and expenses attending thereto.

36. As such, the Rule 23 Classes identified above are maintainable as a Class under Rule 23(b)(l) and/or Rule 23(b)(3).

<u>First Claim for Relief - Failure To Pay Wages</u> (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the California Unpaid Wages Class)

- 37. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 36.
- 38. This cause of action is brought on behalf of the California Unpaid Wages Class pursuant to Labor Code Sections 204, 510, 1194, and 1198, which provide that hourly non-exempt employees are entitled to all overtime wages and compensation for hours worked and provide a private right of action for the failure to pay all compensation for regular and overtime work performed.
- 39. Plaintiff and members of the California Unpaid Wages Class worked hours for which they were not compensated, including overtime hours.
- 40. Defendant's policy and practice of failing to pay Plaintiff and members of the California Unpaid Wages Class for time spent waiting to clock in, time spent waiting to check in equipment, and/or time spent waiting in security lines violates California labor laws, and Plaintiff and members of the California Unpaid Wages Class are entitled to the unpaid wages owed, including interest thereon, statutory penalties, civil penalties, attorney's fees, and costs of suit.

Second Claim for Relief - FLSA Violations (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the FLSA Class)

41. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 40.

- This claim is brought pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Sections 206 and 207.
- Plaintiff and members of the FLSA Class worked hours for which they were not compensated and/or worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek.
- Defendant's policy and practice of failing to pay Plaintiff and members of the FLSA Class for time spent waiting to clock in, time spent waiting to check in equipment, and/or time spent waiting in security lines violates the FLSA's wage and overtime requirements including, but not limited to 29 U.S.C. Sections 206
- Defendant's policies and practices constitute a willful violation of the FLSA, within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. Section 255.
- Plaintiffs and members of the FLSA Class are entitled to unpaid wages and/or overtime owing, including liquidated damages, attorney's fees, costs, and interest.

Third Claim for Relief - Waiting Time Penalties (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Waiting Time Penalty Class)

- Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 46.
- Labor Code Section 201 provides in relevant part:

If an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately...

- Defendant violated Section 201 as to members of the Waiting Time Penalty Class who were discharged by willfully failing to pay the wages earned and unpaid upon the termination of their employment, including unpaid wages for regular hours worked, unpaid overtime, unpaid meal premiums and/or unpaid rest period premiums in the manner required by Section 201.
- Labor Code Section 202 provides:

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

notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

- 51. Defendant violated Section 202 as to Plaintiff and members of the Waiting Time Penalty Class who quit by willfully failing to pay the wages earned and unpaid upon the termination of their employment, including unpaid wages for regular hours worked, unpaid overtime, unpaid meal premiums and/or unpaid rest period premiums in the manner required by Section 202.
- 52. Plaintiff and members of the Waiting Time Penalty Class are entitled to compensation pursuant to Labor Code Section 203, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit.

Fourth Claim for Relief - Wage Statement Violations (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Wage Statement Class)

- 53. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 52.
- 54. Defendant knowingly and intentionally, as a matter of uniform policy and practice, failed to furnish Plaintiff and members of the Wage Statement Class with accurate and complete wage statements regarding their hours worked, total gross wages earned, and total net wages earned in violation of Labor Code Section 226.
- 55. Defendant's failure to furnish Plaintiff and members of the Wage Statement Class with complete and accurate itemized wage statements resulted in actual injury because such failures led to, among other things, the non-payment of all their regular and overtime wages and deprived them of the information necessary to identify the discrepancies in Defendant's reported data.
- 56. Plaintiff and members of the Wage Statement Class are entitled to damages and/or penalties pursuant to Labor Code Section 226, including statutory penalties, civil penalties, reasonable attorney's fees, and costs of suit.

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Fifth Claim For Relief - Unfair Competition (On Behalf of Plaintiff and All Classes)

- 57. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 56.
- 58. In doing the acts alleged above, Defendant have engaged and continue to engage in unfair and/or unlawful business practices in California in violation of California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 *et seq*.
- 59. Defendant's unfair and/or unlawful business practices have deprived Plaintiff and members of the classes compensation and/or moneys to which they are legally entitled
- 60. Plaintiff and members of the Classes are entitled to restitution of all moneys withheld, acquired and/or converted by the Defendant pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17203 and 17208.
- 61. The acts complained of herein occurred within the last four years immediately preceding the filing of the Complaint in this action.
- 62. Plaintiff was compelled to retain the services of counsel to file this court action to protect Plaintiff's interests and those of the Classes and to enforce important rights affecting the public interest. Plaintiff is entitled to recover attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5.

Sixth Claim for Relief - Penalties Pursuant to the Private Attorney General Act

- 63. Plaintiff re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 62.
- 64. Pursuant to Labor Code Sections 2698, *et seq.*, the Private Attorney General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), Plaintiff is entitled to recover civil penalties on behalf of himself and other persons who are or were employed by the alleged violator and against whom one or more of the alleged violations was committed.
- 65. One or more of the alleged violations alleged herein was committed against Plaintiff, and Plaintiff is therefore an "aggrieved employee" under Labor Code Section 2699(c), which provides in relevant part:

| 1 | | (c) For purposes of this part, "aggrieved employee" means any person |
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| 2 | | who was employed by the alleged violator and against whom one or more of the alleged violations was committed. |
| 4 | 66. | As alleged above, Defendant have committed Labor Code violations against |
| 5 | | Plaintiff, members of the Classes, and other aggrieved employees. |
| 6 | 67. | Plaintiff's attorney gave written notice by certified mail to the Labor and |
| 7 | | Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and to the Defendant identifying |
| 8 | | violations alleged herein. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of said notice. |
| 9 | 68. | Labor Code Section 2699(g) provides that any "employee who prevails in any |
| 10 | | action shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs." |
| 11 | | Plaintiff has incurred attorney's fees and costs in pursuing this claim. |
| 12 | | <u>PRAYER</u> |
| 13 | | WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment for himself and for all others on |
| 14 15 | whose | e behalf this suit is brought against Defendant as follows: |
| 16 | 1. | For an order certifying the proposed Classes; |
| 17 | 2. | For an order appointing Plaintiff as representative of the Classes; |
| 18 | 3. | For an order appointing Counsel for Plaintiff as Counsel for the Classes; |
| 19 | 4. | For compensatory damages according to proof; |
| 20 | 5. | For liquidated damages according to proof; |
| 21 | 6. | For statutory damages according to proof; |
| 22 | 7. | For civil penalties according to proof; |
| 23 | 8. | For restitution according to proof; |
| 24 | 9. | For injunctive relief according to proof; |
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CONSENT OF PLAINTIFF TAYLOR KALIN RE CONSENT TO SUE

- I, Taylor Kalin, declare:
- 1. I am a Plaintiff in the above-captioned action. I have personal knowledge of the following and would and could competently testify thereto if called as a witness.
- 2. I hereby consent to be joined in this suit against Apple, Inc. under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206 et seq., for unpaid wages and other relief available under the Act.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: No 8th 2013

Taylor Kalin

Exhibit 1



THE DION-KINDEM LAW FIRM

EMAIL: PETER@DION-KINDEMLAW.COM

October 1, 2013

Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Labor & Workforce Development Agency 801 K Street, Suite 2101 Sacramento, California 95814

Apple, Inc.
1 Infinite Loop
Cupertino, CA 95014

C T Corporation System 818 W Seventh St Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Notice of California Labor Code violations

To Whom It May Concern:

We and The Blanchard Law Group, APC represent Taylor Kalin. Pursuant to the provisions of Labor Code Sections 2699, *et seq.*, please be advised that during the course of Mr. Kalin's employment, Apple, Inc. violated the provisions of the California Labor Code as set forth in Addendum 1 hereto

Sincerely,

THE DION-KINDEM LAW FIRM

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| | D. | Apple violated Labor Code Sections 201 and 202 by failing to pay Kalin and Hourly Employees all wages earned and unpaid at the time of the termination of their employment. | |
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I. APPLE, INC.

Apple Inc. ("Apple") is a California multinational corporation headquartered in Cupertino, California that designs, develops, and sells consumer electronics, computer software and personal computers. Apple is the world's second-largest information technology company by revenue and the world's third-largest mobile phone maker. As of May 2013, Apple maintained 408 retail stores in fourteen countries. Apple is the largest publicly traded corporation in the world by market capitalization, with an estimated value of US\$415 billion as of March 2013. As of September 29, 2012, Apple had 72,800 permanent full-time employees and 3,300 temporary full-time employees worldwide.

II. THE EMPLOYEE PARTIES.

A. Taylor Kalin.

Taylor Kalin ("Kalin") is a California resident. Within the last year, Kalin was an employee of Apple who worked at the Apple retail store in San Francisco, California as a non-exempt "Specialist." Kalin's employment with Apple terminated on or about November 12, 2012.

B. Aggrieved Employees.

Pursuant to Labor Code Sections 2698, *et seq.*, the Private Attorney General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), Kalin is entitled to recover civil penalties on behalf of himself and other persons who are or were employed by the alleged violator and against whom one or more of the alleged violations was committed.

One or more of the alleged violations set forth below was committed against Kalin, and Kalin is therefore an "aggrieved employee" under Labor Code Section 2699(c), which provides in relevant part:

(c) For purposes of this part, "aggrieved employee" means any person who was employed by the alleged violator and against whom one or more of the alleged violations was committed.

For the purposes of this matter, the Aggrieved Employees include, but are not limited to, Kalin and all non-exempt employees who were employed by Apple as non-exempt Specialists, Lead Specialists and Expert Specialists ("Specialists") and non-exempt Managers, Senior Managers, Developmental Managers and Business Managers ("Managers,") and provided services in California. Specialists and Managers are collectively referred to as Hourly Employees.

A Specialist's duties include customer support relating to retail sales of Apple products and accessories. Specialists are also required to have knowledge of and be able to perform light diagnostic checks on Apple hardware and software. A Manager's duties include overseeing the Specialists and tending to customer-related needs. Specialists and Managers are non-exempt hourly paid employees who are entitled to overtime compensation.

III. LABOR LAW VIOLATIONS.

Apple has engaged and continues to engage in illegal and improper wage practices that have deprived Apple Hourly Employees throughout California and the United States of millions of dollars in wages and overtime compensation.

A. Apple did not pay its Hourly Employees for time spent waiting in line to clock in at the beginning of the shift and when they returned from their meal breaks.

Kalin and other Hourly Employees were required to clock-in using Apple's computers. Kalin typically was required to arrive 15 minutes before his shift was scheduled to begin because there was typically a line of employees waiting to clock in on time and he never knew how long the line would be. On Launch days it would take up to 30 minutes to clock in because of the lines. Similarly, when Hourly Employees returned from their meal periods, they were required to wait in line to clock in.

Apple did not compensate Kalin or the other Hourly Employees for the time they were required to spend waiting in line to clock in. Apple therefore violated and continue to violate Labor Code Sections 1182.12, 1197, 510, and Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the applicable Wage Order.

B. Apple did not pay its Hourly Employees for time spent after clocking out for meal breaks and at the end of their shift for checking in equipment and undergoing security checks.

Kalin and other Hourly Employees were required to use company devices at work. Kalin and other Hourly Employees were required by Apple to check the devices out at the beginning of their shift and check the devices back in at beginning of the meal period if they left the premises and at the end of the shift, after the employees had clocked out. Because many Hourly Employees were required to do this, the check-in time could take anywhere from five to 45 minutes.

After the devices were checked in, Kalin and other Hourly Employees were required to undergo personal package and bag searches before they were permitted to leave the store for their uncompensated meal breaks and before they were permitted to leave the store after they had clocked out at the end of their shifts.

These security checks were significant, integral, indispensable, not a de minimis task or request and were done solely for Apple's benefit to prevent employee pilferage. By way of example, during any week of his employment, Mr. Taylor waited in line to undergo a "personal package and bag search" for at least 5 to 10 minutes without compensation prior to leaving for all of his uncompensated meal breaks and for at least 10 minutes prior to leaving at the end of all of his shifts once he had already clocked out.

Apple did not compensate Kalin or the Hourly Employees for this time. Apple therefore violated and continues to violate Labor Code Sections 1182.12, 1197, 510, and Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the applicable Wage Order.

C. Apple failed to reimburse employees for business expenses.

Labor Code Section 2802 states that "an employer shall indemnify his or her employees 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."

Kalin and other Hourly Employees were encourgaged to use their own personal Apple devices on the floor because Apple did not have enough devices that could demo on the floor. They also made calls on their devices to Apple Support for Apple's customers as well as made appointments for the "Genious Bar" for customers. Apple did not reimburse Kalin and Houlry Employees for this business use in violation of Section 2802.

D. Apple violated Labor Code Sections 201 and 202 by failing to pay Kalin and Hourly Employees all wages earned and unpaid at the time of the termination of their employment.

Labor Code Section 201 provides:

If an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately...

Apple violated Section 201 as to Hourly Employees who were discharged by willfully failing to pay the wages earned and unpaid upon the termination of their employment, including unpaid wages for regular hours worked, unpaid overtime, unpaid meal premiums and/or unpaid rest period premiums.

Labor Code Section 202 provides:

If an employee not having a written contract for a definite period quits Kalin's or her employment, Kalin's or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours previous notice of Kalin's or her intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to Kalin's or her wages at the time of quitting. . . .

Apple violated Section 202 as to Kalin and Hourly Employees who quit by willfully failing to pay the wages earned and unpaid upon the termination of their employment, including unpaid wages for regular hours worked, unpaid overtime, unpaid meal premiums and/or unpaid rest period premiums.

E. Apple violated Labor Code Section 203 by failing to pay Kalin and Hourly Employees the wages owing pursuant to Labor Code Sections 201 and 202.

Labor Code Section 203 provides:

If an employer willfully fails to pay, without abatement or reduction, in accordance with Sections **201**, 201.3, 201.5, **202**, and 205.5, any wages of an employee who is discharged or who quits, the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an action therefor is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than 30 days. An employee who secretes or absents himself or himself to avoid payment to him or her, or who refuses to receive the payment when fully tendered

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to him or her, including any penalty then accrued under this section, is not entitled to any benefit under this section for the time during which he or she so avoids payment. (Emphasis added).

Apple violated Section 203 as to Kalin and other Hourly Employees by failing to pay the wages owing to them under Section 201 or 202. Defendants' failure to pay all final wages was willful within the meaning of Labor Code Section 203.

F. Apple violated Apple's obligations under Labor Code Section 226(a) and the applicable Wage Order regarding records and the provision of accurate wage statements.

Apple violated Section 226(a)(1) as to Kalin and other Hourly Employees by failing to provide them statements of wages that accurately showed gross wages actually earned by failing to show all wages earned, including wages for regular hours worked and overtime hours worked.

Apple violated Section 226(a)(2) by failing to provide Kalin and other Hourly Employees statements of wages that accurately showed the total hours worked by Kalin and other Hourly Employees.

Apple violated Section 226(a)(5) by failing to provide Kalin and other Hourly Employees with statements of wages that accurately showed net wages actually earned by failing to show all wages earned, including wages earned for regular hours worked, overtime hours worked, meal period wages, and/or rest period wages.

Apple violated Section 226(a)(9) by failing to provide Kalin and other Hourly Employees with statements of wages that accurately showed the applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by failing accurately to show the actual number of regular hours worked at the applicable hourly rate and by failing accurately to show the actual overtime hours worked at the applicable overtime hourly rate.

California Labor Code Section 1174 requires California employers to keep records showing the names and addresses of all employees employed, and to keep at a central location in the State of California or at the plants or establishments which employees are employed, payroll records showing the hours worked daily by and the wages paid to all employees employed at the respective plants or establishments.

IWC Wage Order No. 4, Section 7(A)(3) further requires employers to keep accurate time records showing when the employee begins and ends each work period. Under Section 7(A)(5), employers must also record each employee's total hours worked and applicable rates of pay, and must make such information "readily available" to the employee upon request.

Defendants' policies and/or practices of failing to pay correct wages for all hours worked and failing to include all required and accurate information on the wage statements have caused these individuals to suffer and they will continue to suffer actual economic harm from the violations set forth above, as they have been, and will continue to be, precluded from accurately monitoring the wages to which they are entitled, have been required to retain counsel and other experts or consults to evaluate and calculate unpaid wages, and have suffered delays in receiving the wages and interest that are due and owing to them.

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By willfully failing to maintain the records required by California Labor Code § 1174(c), or accurate and complete records required by § 1174(d), Defendants are also liable for a civil penalty of \$500 for each violation under Section 1174.5, which provides:

Any person employing labor who willfully fails to maintain the records required by subdivision (c) of Section 1174 or accurate and complete records required by subdivision (d) of Section 1174, or to allow any member of the commission or employees of the division to inspect records pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1174, shall be subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500).

IV. APPLE IS LIABLE FOR PENALTIES PURSUANT TO PAGA.

By virtue of Apple's violations, Apple is liable for penalties pursuant to Labor Code Section 2699 and Sections 210, 256, 558, 1174.5, 1197.1, 226, and 226.3, *inter alia*

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