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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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OMAR BAUTISTA MORALES and JOSE LUIS YANEZ CORTES, *individually and on behalf of others similarly situated*,

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs,

-against-

MBG TAVERNS INC (D/B/A THE STOREHOUSE), MICHAEL GRALTON, and BERNARD GRALTON,

COLLECTIVE ACTION UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 216(b)

ECF Case

Defendants.----X

Plaintiffs Omar Bautista Morales and Jose Luis Yanez Cortes, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys, Michael Faillace & Associates, P.C., upon their knowledge and belief, and as against MBG Taverns Inc (d/b/a The Storehouse), ("Defendant Corporation"), Michael Gralton and Bernard Gralton, ("Individual Defendants"), (collectively, "Defendants"), allege as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. Plaintiffs are former employees of Defendants MBG Taverns Inc (d/b/a The Storehouse), Michael Gralton, and Bernard Gralton.

2. Defendants own, operate, or control an Irish-style sports bar, located at 69 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010 under the name "The Storehouse".

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3. Upon information and belief, individual Defendants Michael Gralton and Bernard Gralton, serve or served as owners, managers, principals, or agents of Defendant Corporation and, through this corporate entity, operate or operated the bar restaurant as a joint or unified enterprise.

Plaintiffs were employed as a cook and a sous-chef at the bar/restaurant located at 69
 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010.

5. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Plaintiffs worked for Defendants in excess of 40 hours per week, without appropriate overtime and spread of hours compensation for the hours that they worked.

6. Rather, Defendants failed to maintain accurate recordkeeping of the hours worked, failed to pay Plaintiffs appropriately for any hours worked, either at the straight rate of pay or for any additional overtime premium.

7. Further, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs the required "spread of hours" pay for any day in which they had to work over 10 hours a day.

8. Furthermore, Defendants repeatedly failed to pay Plaintiffs wages on a timely basis.

9. Defendants' conduct extended beyond Plaintiffs to all other similarly situated employees.

10. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants maintained a policy and practice of requiring Plaintiffs and other employees to work in excess of forty (40) hours per week without providing the overtime compensation required by federal and state law and regulations.

11. Plaintiffs now bring this action on behalf of themselves, and other similarly situated individuals, for unpaid overtime wages pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.* ("FLSA"), and for violations of the N.Y. Labor Law §§ 190 *et seq.* and 650 *et seq.* (the "NYLL"), and the "spread of hours" and overtime wage orders of the New York Commissioner of

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Labor codified at N.Y. COMP. CODES R. & REGS. tit. 12, § 146-1.6 (herein the "Spread of Hours Wage Order"), including applicable liquidated damages, interest, attorneys' fees and costs.

12. Plaintiffs seek certification of this action as a collective action on behalf of themselves, individually, and all other similarly situated employees and former employees of Defendants pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

13. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question) and the FLSA, and supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

14. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) because all, or a substantial portion of, the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this district, Defendants maintain their corporate headquarters and offices within this district, and Defendants operate an Irish-style sports bar located in this district. Further, Plaintiffs were employed by Defendants in this district.

PARTIES

Plaintiffs

15. Plaintiff Omar Bautista Morales ("Plaintiff Bautista" or "Mr. Bautista") is an adult individual residing in New York County, New York.

16. Plaintiff Bautista was employed by Defendants at The Storehouse from approximately February 2014 until on or about June 10, 2018.

17. Plaintiff Jose Luis Yanez Cortes ("Plaintiff Yanez" or "Mr. Yanez") is an adult individual residing in Kings County, New York.

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18. Plaintiff Yanez was employed by Defendants at The Storehouse from approximately January 2014 until on or about February 28, 2018.

19. Plaintiff Bautista and Plaintiff Yanez consent to being party plaintiffs pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and bring these claims based upon the allegations herein as a representative party of a prospective class of similarly situated individuals under 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

Defendants

20. At all relevant times, Defendants own, operate, or control an Irish-style sports bar, located at 69 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010 under the name "The Storehouse".

21. Upon information and belief, MBG Taverns Inc (d/b/a The Storehouse) is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York. Upon information and belief, it maintains its principal place of business at 69 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010.

22. Defendant Michael Gralton is an individual engaging (or who was engaged) in business in this judicial district during the relevant time period. Defendant Michael Gralton is sued individually in his capacity as owner, officer and/or agent of Defendant Corporation. Defendant Michael Gralton possesses operational control over Defendant Corporation, an ownership interest in Defendant Corporation, and controls significant functions of Defendant Corporation. He determines the wages and compensation of the employees of Defendants, including Plaintiffs, establishes the schedules of the employees, maintains employee records, and has the authority to hire and fire employees.

23. Defendant Bernard Gralton is an individual engaging (or who was engaged) in business in this judicial district during the relevant time period. Defendant Bernard Gralton is sued individually in his capacity as owner, officer and/or agent of Defendant Corporation. Defendant

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Bernard Gralton possesses operational control over Defendant Corporation, an ownership interest in Defendant Corporation, and controls significant functions of Defendant Corporation. He determines the wages and compensation of the employees of Defendants, including Plaintiffs, establishes the schedules of the employees, maintains employee records, and has the authority to hire and fire employees.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

Defendants Constitute Joint Employers

24. Defendants operate an Irish-style sports bar located in the Chelsea/Flatiron neighborhood of Manhattan in New York City.

25. Individual Defendants, Michael Gralton and Bernard Gralton, possess operational control over Defendant Corporation, possess ownership interests in Defendant Corporation, and control significant functions of Defendant Corporation.

26. Defendants are associated and joint employers, act in the interest of each other with respect to employees, pay employees by the same method, and share control over the employees.

27. Each Defendant possessed substantial control over Plaintiffs' (and other similarly situated employees') working conditions, and over the policies and practices with respect to the employment and compensation of Plaintiffs, and all similarly situated individuals, referred to herein.

28. Defendants jointly employed Plaintiffs (and all similarly situated employees) and are Plaintiffs' (and all similarly situated employees') employers within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.* and the NYLL.

29. In the alternative, Defendants constitute a single employer of Plaintiffs and/or similarly situated individuals.

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30. Upon information and belief, Individual Defendants Michael Gralton and Bernard Gralton operate Defendant Corporation as either an alter ego of themselves and/or failed to operate Defendant Corporation as an entity legally separate and apart from themselves, by among other things:

- a) failing to adhere to the corporate formalities necessary to operate Defendant Corporation as a Corporation,
- b) defectively forming or maintaining the corporate entity of Defendant Corporation,
 by, amongst other things, failing to hold annual meetings or maintaining appropriate corporate records,
- c) transferring assets and debts freely as between all Defendants,
- d) operating Defendant Corporation for their own benefit as the sole or majority shareholders,
- e) operating Defendant Corporation for their own benefit and maintaining control over this corporation as a closed Corporation,
- f) intermingling assets and debts of their own with Defendant Corporation,
- g) diminishing and/or transferring assets of Defendant Corporation to avoid full liability as necessary to protect their own interests, and
- h) Other actions evincing a failure to adhere to the corporate form.

31. At all relevant times, Defendants were Plaintiffs' employers within the meaning of the FLSA and New York Labor Law. Defendants had the power to hire and fire Plaintiffs, controlled the terms and conditions of employment, and determined the rate and method of any compensation in exchange for Plaintiffs' services.

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32. In each year from 2014 to 2018, Defendants, both separately and jointly, had a gross annual volume of sales of not less than \$500,000 (exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level that are separately stated).

33. In addition, upon information and belief, Defendants and/or their enterprise were directly engaged in interstate commerce. As an example, numerous items that were used in the bar/ restaurant on a daily basis are goods produced outside of the State of New York.

Individual Plaintiffs

34. Plaintiffs are former employees of Defendants who were employed as a cook and a sous-chef.

35. Plaintiffs seek to represent a class of similarly situated individuals under 29 U.S.C.216(b).

Plaintiff Omar Bautista Morales

36. Plaintiff Bautista was employed by Defendants from approximately February 2014 until on or about June 10, 2018.

37. Defendants employed Plaintiff Bautista as a cook.

38. Plaintiff Bautista regularly handled goods in interstate commerce, such as food and other supplies produced outside the State of New York.

39. Plaintiff Bautista's work duties required neither discretion nor independent judgment.

40. Throughout his employment with Defendants, Plaintiff Bautista regularly worked in excess of 40 hours per week.

41. From approximately February 2014 until on or about February 2018, Plaintiff Bautista worked from approximately 8:00 a.m. until on or about 5:00 p.m., Sundays through Thursdays (typically 45 hours per week).

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42. From approximately February 2018 until on or about June 10, 2018, Plaintiff Bautista worked from approximately 9:00 a.m. until on or about 6:00 p.m., Sundays through Thursdays (typically 45 hours per week).

43. From approximately February 2014 until on or about November 2017 and then from approximately March 16, 2018 until on or about June 10, 2018, Defendants paid Plaintiff Bautista his wages in a combination of check and cash.

44. From approximately December 2017 until on or about March 15, 2018, Defendants paid Plaintiff Bautista his wages by check.

45. From approximately February 2014 until on or about November 2017, Defendants paid Plaintiff Bautista a fixed salary of \$750 per week.

46. From approximately December 2017 until on or about June 10, 2018, Defendants paid Plaintiff Bautista \$16 per hour (but only for 40 hours).

47. Plaintiff Bautista's pay did not vary even when he was required to stay later or work a longer day than his usual schedule.

48. For example, Defendants required Plaintiff Bautista to work an additional 1 hour past his scheduled departure time at least once a month and did not pay him for the additional time he worked.

49. Defendants never granted Plaintiff Bautista any breaks or meal periods of any kind.

50. Nevertheless, Defendants deducted \$22.50 every week from Plaintiff Bautista's weekly paycheck for meals he never ate.

51. Defendants took improper and illegal deductions of Plaintiff Bautista's wages.

52. No notification, either in the form of posted notices or other means, was ever given to Plaintiff Bautista regarding overtime and wages under the FLSA and NYLL.

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53. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff Bautista an accurate statement of wages, as required by NYLL 195(3).

54. In fact, Defendants adjusted Plaintiff Bautista's paystubs so that they reflected inaccurate wages and hours worked.

55. Defendants did not give any notice to Plaintiff Bautista, in English and in Spanish (Plaintiff Bautista's primary language), of his rate of pay, employer's regular pay day, and such other information as required by NYLL §195(1).

Plaintiff Jose Luis Yanez Cortes

56. Plaintiff Yanez was employed by Defendants from approximately January 2014 until on or about February 28, 2018.

57. Defendants employed Plaintiff Yanez as a sous-chef.

58. Plaintiff Yanez regularly handled goods in interstate commerce, such as food and other supplies produced outside the State of New York.

59. Plaintiff Yanez's work duties required neither discretion nor independent judgment.

60. Throughout his employment with Defendants, Plaintiff Yanez regularly worked in excess of 40 hours per week.

61. From approximately January 2014 until on or about January 14, 2015, Plaintiff Yanez worked from approximately 9:00 a.m. until on or about 5:00 p.m., 6 days a week (typically 48 hours per week).

62. From approximately January 15, 2017 until on or about February 28, 2018, Plaintiff Yanez worked from approximately 9:00 a.m. until on or about 6:00 p.m., 4 days a week and from approximately 9:00 a.m. until on or about 8:00 p.m., 1 day a week (typically 47 hours per week).

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63. Throughout his employment, Defendants paid Plaintiff Yanez his wages in a combination of check and cash.

64. From approximately January 2014 until on or about June 14, 2017, Defendants paid Plaintiff Yanez a fixed salary of \$800 per week.

65. From approximately June 15, 2017 until on or about February 28, 2018, Defendants paid Plaintiff Yanez a fixed salary of \$1200 per week.

66. Plaintiff Yanez's pay did not vary even when he was required to stay later or work a longer day than his usual schedule.

67. For example, Defendants required Plaintiff Yanez to work an additional 3 hours past his scheduled departure time one day a week and did not pay him for the additional time he worked.

68. Defendants never granted Plaintiff Yanez any breaks or meal periods of any kind.

69. No notification, either in the form of posted notices or other means, was ever given to Plaintiff Yanez regarding overtime and wages under the FLSA and NYLL.

70. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff Yanez an accurate statement of wages, as required by NYLL 195(3).

71. In fact, Defendants adjusted Plaintiff Yanez's paystubs so that they reflected inaccurate wages and hours worked.

72. Defendants did not give any notice to Plaintiff Yanez, in English and in Spanish (Plaintiff Yanez's primary language), of his rate of pay, employer's regular pay day, and such other information as required by NYLL §195(1).

Defendants' General Employment Practices

73. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants maintained a policy and practice of requiring Plaintiffs (and all similarly situated employees) to work in excess of 40 hours a week

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without paying them appropriate spread of hours pay and overtime compensation as required by federal and state laws.

74. Plaintiffs were victims of Defendants' common policy and practices which violate their rights under the FLSA and New York Labor Law by, *inter alia*, not paying them the wages they were owed for the hours they worked.

75. Defendants habitually required Plaintiffs to work additional hours beyond their regular shifts but did not provide them with any additional compensation.

76. Defendants' time keeping system did not reflect the actual hours that Plaintiffs worked.

77. Defendants willfully disregarded and purposefully evaded recordkeeping requirements of the FLSA and NYLL by failing to maintain accurate and complete timesheets and payroll records.

78. Defendants paid Plaintiffs their wages in a combination of check and cash.

79. Defendants failed to post at the workplace, or otherwise provide to employees, the required postings or notices to employees regarding the applicable wage and hour requirements of the FLSA and NYLL.

80. Upon information and belief, these practices by Defendants were done willfully to disguise the actual number of hours Plaintiffs (and similarly situated individuals) worked, and to avoid paying Plaintiffs properly for their full hours worked.

81. Defendants engaged in their unlawful conduct pursuant to a corporate policy of minimizing labor costs and denying employees compensation by knowingly violating the FLSA and NYLL.

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82. Defendants' unlawful conduct was intentional, willful, in bad faith, and caused significant damages to Plaintiffs and other similarly situated former workers.

83. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs and other employees with accurate wage statements at the time of their payment of wages, containing: the dates of work covered by that payment of wages; name of employee; name of employer; address and phone number of employer; rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; gross wages; deductions; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage; net wages; the regular hourly rate or rates of pay; the overtime rate or rates of pay; the number of regular hours worked; and the number of overtime hours worked, as required by NYLL §195(3).

84. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs and other employees, at the time of hiring and on or before February 1 of each subsequent year, a statement in English and the employees' primary language, containing: the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage, including tip, meal, or lodging allowances; the regular pay day designated by the employer; the name of the employer; any "doing business as" names used by the employer; the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; and the telephone number of the employer, as required by New York Labor Law §195(1).

FLSA COLLECTIVE ACTION CLAIMS

85. Plaintiffs bring their FLSA overtime compensation and liquidated damages claims as a collective action pursuant to FLSA Section 16(b), 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), on behalf of all similarly situated persons (the "FLSA Class members"), i.e., persons who are or were employed by Defendants or any of them, on or after the date that is three years before the filing of the complaint in this case (the "FLSA Class Period").

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86. At all relevant times, Plaintiffs and other members of the FLSA Class were similarly situated in that they had substantially similar job requirements and pay provisions, and have been subject to Defendants' common practices, policies, programs, procedures, protocols and plans including willfully failing and refusing to pay them the required overtime pay at a one and one-half their regular rates for work in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek under the FLSA and willfully failing to keep records under the FLSA.

87. The claims of Plaintiffs stated herein are similar to those of the other employees.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF THE OVERTIME PROVISIONS OF THE FLSA

88. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

89. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were Plaintiffs' employers (and employers of the putative FLSA Class members) within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act. 29 U.S.C. § 203(d). Defendants had the power to hire and fire Plaintiffs (and the FLSA Class members), controlled the terms and conditions of employment, and determined the rate and method of any compensation in exchange for their employment.

90. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were engaged in commerce or in an industry or activity affecting commerce.

91. Defendants constitute an enterprise within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act. 29 U.S.C. § 203 (r-s).

92. Defendants, in violation of 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1), failed to pay Plaintiffs (and the FLSA Class members) overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty hours in a work week.

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93. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiffs (and the FLSA Class members), overtime compensation was willful within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 255(a).

94. Plaintiffs (and the FLSA Class members) were damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF THE OVERTIME PROVISIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE LABOR LAW

95. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

96. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were Plaintiffs employers within the meaning of the N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 2 and 651. Defendants had the power to hire and fire Plaintiffs, controlled the terms and conditions of their employment, and determined the rates and methods of any compensation in exchange for their employment.

97. Defendants, in violation of N.Y. Lab. Law § 190 *et seq.*, and supporting regulations of the New York State Department of Labor, failed to pay Plaintiffs overtime compensation at rates of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty hours in a work week.

98. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiffs overtime compensation was willful within the meaning of N.Y. Lab. Law § 663.

99. Plaintiffs were damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF THE SPREAD OF HOURS WAGE ORDER OF THE NEW YORK COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

100. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

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101. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs one additional hour's pay at the basic minimum wage rate before allowances for each day Plaintiffs' spread of hours exceeded ten hours in violation of NYLL §§ 650 *et seq.* and 12 N.Y.C.R.R. §§ 146-1.6.

102. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiffs an additional hour's pay for each day Plaintiffs' spread of hours exceeded ten hours was willful within the meaning of NYLL § 663.

103. Plaintiffs were damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF THE NOTICE AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW YORK LABOR LAW

104. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

105. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs with a written notice, in English and in Spanish (Plaintiffs' primary language), containing: the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage, including tip, meal, or lodging allowances; the regular pay day designated by the employer; the name of the employer; any "doing business as" names used by the employer; the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; and the telephone number of the employer, as required by NYLL §195(1).

106. Defendants are liable to each Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF THE WAGE STATEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE NEW YORK LABOR LAW

107. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

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108. With each payment of wages, Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs with an accurate statement listing each of the following: the dates of work covered by that payment of wages; name of employee; name of employer; address and phone number of employer; rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; gross wages; deductions; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage; net wages; the regular hourly rate or rates of pay; the overtime rate or rates of pay; the number of regular hours worked; and the number of overtime hours worked, as required by NYLL 195(3).

109. Defendants are liable to each Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

UNLAWFUL DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES IN VIOLATION

OF THE NEW YORK LABOR LAW

110. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

111. At all relevant times, Defendants were Plaintiffs' employers within the meaning of the N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 2 and 651.

112. Defendants made unlawful deductions from wages of Plaintiffs (and the FLSA class) including, but not limited to, deductions for meal breaks Plaintiffs were not permitted to and did not take.

113. The deductions made from wages of Plaintiffs' and the members of the FLSA class were not authorized or required by law.

114. Through their knowing and intentional efforts to take unauthorized deductions from the wages of Plaintiffs' and the members of the FLSA class, Defendants willfully violated NYLL, Article 6, §§ 190 *et seq.*, and supporting New York State regulations.

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115. Plaintiffs were damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF THE TIMELY PAYMENT PROVISIONS

OF THE NEW YORK LABOR LAW

116. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege all paragraphs above as though set forth fully herein.

117. Defendants did not pay Plaintiffs on a regular weekly basis, in violation of NYLL

§191.

118. Defendants are liable to each Plaintiff in an amount to be determined at trial.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court enter judgment against Defendants by:

(a) Designating this action as a collective action and authorizing prompt issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all putative class members apprising them of the pendency of this action, and permitting them to promptly file consents to be Plaintiffs in the FLSA claims in this action;

(b) Declaring that Defendants violated the overtime wage provisions of, and associated rules and regulations under, the FLSA as to Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class members;

(c) Declaring that Defendants violated the recordkeeping requirements of, and associated rules and regulations under, the FLSA with respect to Plaintiffs' and the FLSA Class members' compensation, hours, wages, and any deductions or credits taken against wages;

(d) Declaring that Defendants' violations of the provisions of the FLSA were willful as to Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class members;

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(e) Awarding Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class members damages for the amount of unpaid overtime compensation and damages for any improper deductions or credits taken against wages under the FLSA as applicable;

(f) Awarding Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class members liquidated damages in an amount equal to 100% of their damages for the amount of unpaid overtime compensation, and damages for any improper deductions or credits taken against wages under the FLSA as applicable pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b);

(g) Declaring that Defendants violated the overtime wage provisions of, and rules and orders promulgated under, the NYLL as to Plaintiffs;

(h) Declaring that Defendants violated the spread-of-hours requirements of the NYLL and supporting regulations as to Plaintiffs;

(i) Declaring that Defendants violated the timely payment provisions of the NYLL as to Plaintiffs;

(j) Declaring that Defendants violated the notice and recordkeeping requirements of the NYLL with respect to Plaintiffs' compensation, hours, wages and any deductions or credits taken against wages;

(k) Declaring that Defendants' violations of the provisions of the NYLL and spread of hours wage order were willful as to Plaintiffs;

(1) Awarding Plaintiffs damages for the amount of unpaid overtime compensation, and for any improper deductions or credits taken against wages, as well as awarding spread of hours pay under the NYLL as applicable

(m) Awarding Plaintiffs damages for Defendants' violation of the NYLL notice and recordkeeping provisions, pursuant to NYLL §§198(1-b), 198(1-d);

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(n) Awarding Plaintiffs liquidated damages in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of overtime compensation and spread of hours pay shown to be owed pursuant to NYLL § 663 as applicable; and liquidated damages pursuant to NYLL § 198(3);

(o) Awarding Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class members pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as applicable;

(p) Awarding Plaintiffs and the FLSA Class members the expenses incurred in this action, including costs and attorneys' fees;

(q) Providing that if any amounts remain unpaid upon the expiration of ninety days following issuance of judgment, or ninety days after expiration of the time to appeal and no appeal is then pending, whichever is later, the total amount of judgment shall automatically increase by fifteen percent, as required by NYLL § 198(4); and

(r) All such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues triable by a jury.

Dated: New York, New York

July 16, 2018

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July 16, 2018

BY HAND

TO: Clerk of Court,

I hereby consent to join this lawsuit as a party plaintiff. (Yo, por medio de este documento, doy mi consentimiento para formar parte de la demanda como uno de los demandantes.)

Name / Nombre: Legal Representative / Abogado: Jose Luis Yanez Cortes Michael Faillace & Associates, P.C.

Signature / Firma:

Date / Fecha:

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BY HAND

June 12, 2018

TO: Clerk of Court,

I hereby consent to join this lawsuit as a party plaintiff. (Yo, por medio de este documento, doy mi consentimiento para formar parte de la demanda como uno de los demandantes.)

Name / Nombre:

Omar Bautista Morales

Legal Representative / Abogado:

Signature / Firma:

Date / Fecha:

Michael Faillace & Associates, P.C.

12 de junio 2018

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