# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RAFAEL COREAS, individually and on behalf all other employees similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

- against -

ARBER ALBAN CORP. d/b/a LA RONDINE PIZZA, A. KOKA, and JACK "DOE" (LAST NAME UNKNOWN)

Defendants.

Case No.

# COLLECTIVE ACTION COMPLAINT AND JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Plaintiff RAFAEL COREAS ("COREAS") on his own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their undersigned attorneys, Hang & Associates, PLLC, hereby files this complaint against the Defendants ARBER ALBAN CORP. d/b/a LA RONDINE PIZZA, A. KOKA, and JACK "DOE" (collectively "Defendants"), alleges and shows the Court the following:

# **INTRODUCTION**

1. This is an action brought by Plaintiff on his own behalf and on behalf of similarly situated employees, alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. ("FLSA") and the New York Labor Law, arising from Defendants' various willful and unlawful employment policies, patterns and/or practices.

2. Upon information and belief, Defendants have willfully and intentionally committed widespread violations of the FLSA and NYLL by engaging in a pattern and practice of failing to pay their employees, including Plaintiff, overtime compensation for all hours worked over forty (40) each workweek and the spread of hours premium.

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3. Plaintiff alleges pursuant to the FLSA, that he is entitled to recover from the Defendants: (1) unpaid overtime wages, (2) liquidated damages, (3) prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and (4) attorneys' fees and costs.

4. Plaintiff further alleges pursuant to New York Labor Law § 650 et seq. and 12 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations §§ 146 ("NYCRR") that he is entitled to recover from the Defendants: (1) unpaid overtime compensation, (2) unpaid "spread of hours" premium for each day they worked ten (10) or more hours, (3) compensation for failure to provide wage notice at the time of hiring and failure to provide paystubs in violation of the NYLL (4) liquidated damages equal to the sum of unpaid "spread of hours" premium and unpaid overtime pursuant to the NY Wage Theft Prevention Act; (5) prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and (6) attorney's fees and costs.

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This Court has original federal question jurisdiction over this controversy under 29 U.S.C. §216(b), 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and has supplemental jurisdiction over the New York Labor Law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

6. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c), because Defendants conduct business in this District, and the acts and omissions giving rise to the claims herein alleged took place in this District.

#### **PLAINTIFF**

7. Plaintiff Rafael Coreas is a resident of Queens and was employed as a cook and kitchen staff by Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza, located at 120-38 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, New York 11415, from February 5, 2007 to November 5, 2016.

#### **DEFENDANTS**

8. Upon information and belief, Defendant Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza owns and operates a restaurant in Kew Gardens, NY, located at 120-38 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, New York 11415.

9. Upon information and belief, Defendant Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza had gross sales in excess of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per year. Upon information and belief, Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza purchased and handled goods moved in interstate commerce.

10. Upon information and belief, Defendant A. Koka ("Koka") is the owner, officer, director and/or managing agent of Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza at 120-38 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, New York 11415. Defendant Koka participated in the day-to-day operations of La Rondine Pizza, acted intentionally and maliciously, is an employer pursuant to FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §203d, and regulations promulgated thereunder, 29 C.F.R. §791.2, NYLL §2 and the regulations thereunder, and is jointly and severally liable with Defendant Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza.

11. Upon information and belief, Defendant Koka owns the stock of Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza and manages and makes all business decisions including but not limited to the amount in salary the employee will receive and the number of hours employees will work. (See Exhibit 2).

12. Upon information and belief, Defendant Jack Doe, ("Doe") is the owner, officer, director and/or managing agent of Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza at 120-38 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, New York 11415. Defendant Doe participated in the day-to-day operations of La Rondine Pizza, acted intentionally and maliciously, is an employer pursuant to FLSA, 29

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U.S.C. §203d, and regulations promulgated thereunder, 29 C.F.R. §791.2, NYLL §2 and the regulations thereunder, and is jointly and severally liable with Defendant Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant Doe owns the stock of Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza and manages and makes all business decisions including but not limited to the amount in salary the employee will receive and the number of hours employees will work. (See Exhibit 2).

14. At all times relevant herein, Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza was, and continues to be, an "enterprise engaged in commerce" within the meaning of FLSA.

15. At all relevant times, the work performed by Plaintiff was directly essential to the business operated by Arber Alban Corp. d/b/a La Rondine Pizza.

16. At all relevant times, Defendants knowingly and willfully failed to pay Plaintiff his lawfully earned overtime compensation and spread-of-hour premiums, and failed to provide him a wage notice at the time of hiring in violation of the NYLL.

17. Plaintiff has fulfilled all conditions precedent to the institution of this action and/ or conditions have been waived.

# **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

18. Defendants committed the following alleged acts knowingly, intentionally and willfully.

19. Defendants knew that the nonpayment of overtime pay, spread of hours pay, failure to provide the required wage notice at the time of hiring would injure Plaintiff and similarly situated employees and violate state and federal laws.

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20. From November 8, 2010 to November 5, 2016, Plaintiff was hired by Defendants to work as a cook and kitchen staff for Defendants' restaurant located at 120-38 Queens Blvd. Kew Gardens, NY 11415.

21. During this period, Plaintiff worked six days per week on the following schedule: 6:00pm to 3:00am on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 11:00am to 3:00am on Sunday; and 4:00pm to 3:00am on Tuesday. Plaintiff did not receive any breaks. Plaintiff therefore worked at least sixty- three hours (63) hours per week.

22. Regardless of Plaintiff's hours worked, he was paid a flat monthly rate: \$500 per week from November 8, 2010 to January 31, 2011; \$550 per week from February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012; \$600 per week from February 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013; \$650 per week from February 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014; \$700 per week from February 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015; \$750 per week from February 1, 2015 to October 22, 2016; \$800 per week from October 23, 2016 to November 6, 2016. Plaintiff was paid in cash.

23. Plaintiff was not required to utilize any means of recording or verifying their hours worked (e.g. punch clock, sign-in sheet, fingerprint or ID scanner).

24. Defendants did not compensate Plaintiff for overtime compensation according to state and federal laws.

25. Plaintiff was not compensated for New York's "spread of hours" premium for shifts that exceed ten (10) hours, two (2) days each week.

26. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff with a wage notices at the time of their hiring

27. Defendants committed the following alleged acts knowingly, intentionally and willfully.

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28. Defendants knew that the nonpayment of overtime and the "spread of hours" premium would economically injure Plaintiff and the Class Members by their violation of federal and state laws.

29. While employed by Defendants, Plaintiff was not exempt under federal and state laws requiring employers to pay employees overtime.

30. Plaintiff and the New York Class Members' workdays frequently lasted longer than10 hours.

31. Defendants did not pay Plaintiff and other Class members' New York's "spread of hours" premium for every day in which they worked over ten (10) hours.

32. Defendants failed to keep full and accurate records of Plaintiff's hours and wages.

33. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff and other Class members with written notices about the terms and conditions of their employment upon hire in relation to their rate of pay, regular pay cycle and rate of overtime pay. These notices were similarly not provided upon Plaintiff and other Class members' pay increase(s).

34. Defendants committed the foregoing acts against the Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective Plaintiff.

# **COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

35. Defendants knowingly and willfully operated their business with a policy of not paying Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees either the FLSA overtime rate (of time and one-half), or the New York State overtime rate (of time and one-half), in violation of the FLSA and New York Labor Law and the supporting federal and New York State Department of Labor Regulations.

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36. Defendants knowingly and willfully operated their business with a policy of not paying the New York State "spread of hours" premium to Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees.

37. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all other and former nonexempt employees who have been or were employed by the Defendants for up to the last three (3) years, through entry of judgment in this case (the "Collective Action Period") and whom failed to receive spread-of-hours pay and overtime compensation for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week (the "Collective Action Members"), and have been subject to the same common decision, policy, and plan to not provide required wage notices at the time of hiring, in contravention to federal and state labor laws.

38. Upon information and belief, the Collection Action Members are so numerous the joinder of all members is impracticable. The identity and precise number of such persons are unknown, and the facts upon which the calculations of that number may be ascertained are presently within the sole control of the Defendants. Upon information and belief, there are more than ten (10) Collective Action members, who have worked for or have continued to work for the Defendants during the Collective Action Period, most of whom would not likely file individual suits because they fear retaliation, lack adequate financial resources, access to attorneys, or knowledge of their claims. Therefore, Plaintiff submits that this case should be certified as a collection action under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §216(b).

39. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Collective Action Members, and have retained counsel that is experienced and competent in the field of employment law and class action litigation. Plaintiff has no interests that are contrary to or in conflict with those members of this collective action.

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40. This action should be certified as collective action because the prosecution of separate action by individual members of the collective action would risk creating either inconsistent or varying adjudication with respect to individual members of this class that would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interest of the other members not party to the adjudication, or subsequently impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

41. A collective action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, inasmuch as the damages suffered by individual Collective Action Members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation makes it virtually impossible for the members of the collective action to individually seek redress for the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as collective action.

42. Questions of law and fact common to members of the collective action predominate over questions that may affect only individual members because Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to all members. Among the questions of fact common to Plaintiff and other Collective Action Members are:

a. Whether the Defendants employed Collective Action members within the meaning of the FLSA;

b. Whether the Defendants failed to pay the Collective Action Members overtime wages for all hours worked above forty (40) each workweek in violation of the FLSA and the regulation promulgated thereunder;

d. Whether the Defendants failed to pay the Collective Action Members spread of hours payment for each day an employee worked over 10 hours;

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e. Whether the Defendants failed to provide the Collective Action Members with a wage notice at the time of hiring as required by the NYLL;

f. Whether the Defendants' violations of the FLSA are willful as that terms is used within the context of the FLSA; and,

g. Whether the Defendants are liable for all damages claimed hereunder, including but not limited to compensatory, punitive, and statutory damages, interest, costs and disbursements and attorneys' fees.

43. Plaintiff knows of no difficulty that will be encountered in the management of this litigation that would preclude its maintenance as a collective action.

44. Plaintiff and others similarly situated have been substantially damaged by Defendants' unlawful conduct.

# STATEMENT OF CLAIM

# **COUNT I**

# [Violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act—Overtime Wage Brought on behalf of the Plaintiffs and the FLSA Collective]

45. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

46. The FLSA provides that no employer engaged in commerce shall employ a covered employee for a work week longer than forty (40) hours unless such employee receives compensation for employment in excess of forty (40) hours at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he or she is employed, or one and one-half times the minimum wage, whichever is greater. 29 USC §207(a).

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47. The FLSA provides that any employer who violates the provisions of 29 U.S.C. §207 shall be liable to the employees affected in the amount of their unpaid overtime compensation, and in an additional equal amount as liquidated damages. 29 USC §216(b).

48. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective their overtime pay violated the FLSA.

49. At all relevant times, Defendants had, and continue to have, a policy of practice of refusing to pay overtime compensation at the statutory rate of time and a half to Plaintiff and Collective Action Members for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek, which violated and continues to violate the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§201, et seq., including 29 U.S.C. §§207(a)(1) and 215(a).

50. The FLSA and supporting regulations required employers to notify employees of employment law requires employers to notify employment law requirements. 29 C.F.R. §516.4.

51. Defendants willfully failed to notify Plaintiff and FLSA Collective of the requirements of the employment laws in order to facilitate their exploitation of Plaintiff's and FLSA Collectives' labor.

52. Defendants knowingly and willfully disregarded the provisions of the FLSA as evidenced by their failure to compensate Plaintiff and Collective Class Members the statutory overtime rate of time and one half for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) per week when they knew or should have known such was due and that failing to do so would financially injure Plaintiff and Collective Action members.

# COUNT II [Violation of New York Labor Law—Overtime Pay]

53. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

54. Pursuant to the New York Wage Theft Prevention Act, an employer who fails to pay proper overtime compensation shall be liable, in addition to the amount of any underpayments, for liquidated damages equal to the total of such under-payments found to be due the employee.

55. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the Rule 23 Class their overtime pay violated the NYLL.

56. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the Rule 23 Class was not in good faith.

# COUNT III [Violation of New York Labor Law—Spread of Time Pay]

57. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

58. The NYLL requires employers to pay an extra hour's pay for every day that an employee works an interval in excess of ten hours pursuant to NYLL §§190, et seq., and §§650, et seq., and New York State Department of Labor regulations §146-1.6.

59. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and Rule 23 Class spread-of-hours pay was not in good faith.

#### **COUNT IV**

# [Violation of New York Labor Law—Time of Hire Wage Notice Requirement]

60. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

61. The Defendants failed to furnish to the Plaintiff at the time of hiring a notice

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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 in accordance with section one hundred ninety-one of this article; 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; the telephone number of the employer, and anything otherwise required by law; in violation of the NYLL, § 195(1).

62. Due to the Defendants' violation of the NYLL, § 195(1) each Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, \$50 for each workday that the violation occurred or continued to occur, up to \$5,000, together with costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to New York Labor Law. N.Y. Lab. Law §198(1-b).

# COUNT V [Violation of New York Labor Law—New York Pay Stub Requirement]

63. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

64. The NYLL and supporting regulations require employers to provide detailed paystub information to employees every payday. NYLL §195-1(d).

65. Defendants have failed to make a good faith effort to comply with the New York Labor Law with respect to compensation of each Plaintiff, and did not provide the pay stub on or after each Plaintiff's payday.

91. Due to Defendants' violations of New York Labor Law, Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, \$250 for each workday of the violation, up to \$5,000 for Plaintiff to get her with costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to New York Labor Law

N.Y. Lab. Law §198(1-d).

#### **COUNT VI**

# [Civil Damages for Deceptive Acts and Practices — Violations of New York General Business Law §349 Brought on Behalf of the Plaintiff]

66. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

67. NY General Business Law §349 provides that if any person willfully files a fraudulent information return with respect to payments purported to be made to any other person, such other person may bring a civil action for damages against the person so filing such a return.

- 68. Due to Defendants' violations of NY GBS Law §349, Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, his actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50), whichever is greater, or both such actions.
- 69. Plaintiff demands the right to examine, in person or by attorney, the minutes of the proceedings of shareholders and records of shareholders of Defendant Corporation to recover wages owed as employees of the corporation (<u>See</u> Exhibit 3).

# **Prayer For Relief**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the FLSA collective plaintiffs, respectfully requests that this court enter a judgment providing the following relief:

a) Authorizing plaintiff at the earliest possible time to give notice of this collective action, or that the court issue such notice, to all persons who are presently, or have been employed by defendants as non-exempt tipped or non-tipped employees. Such notice shall inform them that the civil notice has been filed, of the nature of the action, of their right to join this lawsuit if they believe they were denied proper hourly compensation and premium overtime wages;

b) Certification of this case as a collective action pursuant to FLSA;

c) Issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all similarly situated members of the FLSA opt-in class, apprising them of the pendency of this action, and permitting them to assert timely FLSA claims and state claims in this action by filing individual Consent to Sue forms pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and appointing Plaintiffs and his counsel to represent the Collective Action Members;

A declaratory judgment that the practices complained of herein are unlawful under
 FLSA and New York Labor Law;

e) An injunction against La Rondine Pizza, its officers, agents, successors, employees, representatives and any and all persons acting in concert with them as provided by law, from engaging in each of unlawful practices and policies set forth herein;

f) An award of unpaid overtime wages due under FLSA and New York Labor Law plus compensatory and liquidated damages in the amount of twenty five percent under NYLL §§190 et seq., §§650 et seq., and one hundred percent after June 26, 2009 under NY Wage Theft Prevention Act, and interest;

g) An award of unpaid "spread of hours" premium due under the New York Labor Law;

h) An award of damages for Defendants' failure to provide wage notice at the time of hiring as required under the New York Labor Law.

 i) An award of liquidated and/or punitive damages as a result of Defendants' knowing and willful failure to pay wages, minimum wages and overtime compensation pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216;

j) An award of liquidated and/or punitive damages as a result of Defendants' willful failure to pay overtime compensation, and "spread of hours" premium pursuant to New

York Labor Law;

k) An award of costs and expenses of this action together with reasonable attorneys' and expert fees pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b) and NYLL §§198 and 663;

1) The cost and disbursements of this action;

m) An award of prejudgment and post-judgment fees;

n) Providing that if any amounts remain unpaid upon the expiration of ninety days following the 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

o) Such other and further legal and equitable relief as this Court deems necessary, just, and proper.

#### JURY TRIAL DEMAND

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the Collective Action Members and members of the Class, demands a trial by jury on all questions of fact raised by the complaint.

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Dated: Flushing, New York November 8, 2016

# HANG & ASSOCIATES, PLLC.

/S/ JIAN HANG

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

#### CONSENT TO SUE UNDER FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

I am an employee currently or formerly employed by <u>Larondine Pizza Restaurant</u> and/or related entities. I consent to be a plaintiff in an action to collect unpaid wages. I agree that I am bound by the terms of the Contingent Fee Retainer signed by the named plaintiff in this case.

<u>Rafael</u> <u>Core</u>as Full Legal Name (Print)

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# **EXHIBIT 2**

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENFORCE SHAREHOLDER LIABILITY FOR SERVICESRENDERED

TO: A. Koka

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of New York, you are hereby notified that Rafael Coreas, and others similarly situated intend to charge you and hold you personally liable, jointly and severally, as one of the ten largest shareholders of Arber Alban Corp. for all debts, wages, and/or salaries due and owing to them as laborers, servants and/or employees of the said corporations for services performed by them for the said corporations within the six (6) years preceding the date of this notice and have expressly authorized the undersigned, as their attorney, to make this demand on their behalf.

Dated: November 8, 2016

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENFORCE SHAREHOLDER LIABILITY FOR SERVICESRENDERED

TO: Jack "Doe"

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of New York, you are hereby notified that Rafael Coreas, and others similarly situated intend to charge you and hold you personally liable, jointly and severally, as one of the ten largest shareholders of Arber Alban Corp. for all debts, wages, and/or salaries due and owing to them as laborers, servants and/or employees of the said corporations for services performed by them for the said corporations within the six (6) years preceding the date of this notice and have expressly authorized the undersigned, as their attorney, to make this demand on their behalf.

Dated: November 8, 2016

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# EXHIBIT 3

# DEMANDBY EMPLOYEES TO INSPECT SHARE RECORDS AND MINUTES PURSUANT TO SECTION 624 OF THE NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW

# TO: ARBER ALBAN CORP. d/b/a LA RONDINE PIZZA 120-38 Queens Blvd, New York 11415

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Rafael Coreas and others similarly situated as employees of the above corporations who intend to demand, pursuant to the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of New York, payment of debts, wages and/or salaries due and owing to them as laborers, servants and/or employees of the above corporations for services performed by them for the above corporations within the six (6) years preceding the date of this notice from the ten largest shareholders of the above corporations, and who have expressly authorized the undersigned, as their attorney, to make this demand on their behalf.

HEREBY DEMAND the right to examine, in person or by agent or attorney, during usual business hours, the minutes of the proceedings of the shareholders and records of shareholders of the above corporations and to make extracts there from on or after five (5) days from receipt of this notice.

Dated: November 8, 2016

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. *(SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)* 

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# Case 1:16-cv-06219 Document 1-1 Filed 11/08/16 Page 2 of 2 PageID #: 25 CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, counsel for \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

- monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

# **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1**

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks:

# **RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)**

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

# NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)

- Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk 1.) County: No
- If you answered "no" above: 2.) a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? No

b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? Yes

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County?

(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

# **BAR ADMISSION**

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. Yes No

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? (If yes, please explain)

Yes

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X	No

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: /s/ Jian Hang

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AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York

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RAFAEL COREAS, individually and on behalf of all other employees similarly situated,

Plaintiff(s)

v.

Civil Action No.

ARBER ALBAN CORP. d/b/a LA RONDINE PIZZA, A. KOKA, and JACK "DOE" (LAST NAME UNKNOWN)

Defendant(s)

# SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) ARBER ALBAN CORP.; A. KOKA; JACK "DOE 120-38 QUEENS BOULEVARD KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK 11415

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Hang & Associates, PLLC

136-18 39th Ave., Suite 1003 Flushing, New York 11354 Tel: (718) 353-8588

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

> DOUGLAS C. PALMER CLERK OF COURT

Date: 11/08/2016

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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# **PROOF OF SERVICE**

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

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	□ I personally served	the summons on the individual at	(place)				
			on (date)	; or			
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		, a person	of suitable age and discretion who res	sides there,			
	on (date), and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or						
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	designated by law to	accept service of process on behal	f of (name of organization)				
			on (date)	; or			
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	<b>Other</b> ( <i>specify</i> ):						
	My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00			
	I declare under penalt	y of perjury that this information is	s true.				
Date:							
			Server's signature				
			Printed name and title				

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

Server's address

# **ClassAction.org**

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>La Rondine Pizza, Owners Sued Over FLSA Wage Violations</u>