UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

MORGAN SPEARS, and)
ASHLEY COLON,)
individually, and on behalf of)
all similarly situated persons,)
) CIVIL ACTION
) FILE NO
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
FOCUSVISION)
WORLDWIDE, INC.,)
)
Defendant.)
)

COLLECTIVE ACTION COMPLAINT

This action is brought on behalf of Plaintiffs and all similarly situated persons employed by Defendant FocusVision Worldwide, Inc. ("FocusVision" or "Defendant") within the United States. Defendant willfully failed to pay Plaintiffs and other similarly situated employees proper overtime for all hours worked in excess of 40 per week, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 *et seq.* ("FLSA").

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is a collective action for unpaid overtime wages under the FLSA. Plaintiffs allege on behalf of themselves and other current and former Technicians employed by Defendant in the United States who choose to opt into this action pursuant to the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) (the "Collective Action") that they are (i) entitled to unpaid wages from Defendant for overtime work for which they did not receive proper overtime premium pay, as required by the FLSA, (ii) entitled to liquidated damages pursuant to the FLSA, and (iii) entitled to recover their attorneys' fees and costs.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This is an action for unpaid overtime under the FLSA. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, this Court has federal question jurisdiction over this Complaint.
- 3. Venue is proper in this district and division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to this Complaint occurred within the Northern District of Georgia.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff Morgan Spears ("Spears") has been employed as a Technician with Defendant from Spring 2013 through the filing of this Complaint. Spears' Consent to Join Form is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

- 5. Plaintiff Ashley Colon ("Colon") has been employed as a Technician with Defendant from June 2013 through the filing of this Complaint. Colon's Consent to Join Form is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 6. Defendant is a Delaware corporation. Its principal office is located at 1266 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut, 06092.
- 7. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant was licensed to, and did, transact business in this judicial district.
- 8. Defendant may be served with process via its registered agent, CT Corporation System, at 289 South Culver Street, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046-4805.

COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 9. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated employees pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
 - 10. Plaintiffs and similarly situated individuals are, or were:
 - a. employed by Defendant as Technicians at any time within the period beginning three years prior to filing this Complaint and ending with Defendant's reclassification of such persons from independent contractors to employees in or about April 2017 (the "relevant time period");

- b. classified by Defendant as independent contractors during the relevant time period; and
- c. worked more than 40 hours per week during some or all weeks within the relevant time period but did not receive overtime premium pay at one and one-half times their regular hourly rate as required by the FLSA.
- 11. Plaintiffs and similarly situated individuals fitting the above-described criteria are the Collective Action Class for purposes of this Complaint.
- 12. Collective Action Class members were referred to variously by Defendant as InterVu Technicians, CSRs, CSR Technicians, Technicians, or similar titles but, regardless of their titles, all Collective Action class members were similarly situated in terms of their job duties, compensation, misclassification as independent contractors, and nature of their employment relationship with Defendant. The term Technician is used in this Complaint for convenience to describe all Collective Action Class members and does not exclude from Collective Action Class membership persons who are similarly situated to Plaintiffs and other Collective Class members except in regard to having a difference in job title.

- 13. The Collective Action Class is so numerous that individual joinder of all members is impracticable and would not further the intent of 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). The precise number of persons within the Collective Action Class is unknown, and the information permitting a determination of the number of Collective Action Class members lies within the sole possession of Defendant. However, there are, upon information and belief, at least 50 members of the Collective Action Class, most of whom would not be likely to file individual suits because they lack adequate financial resources, access to attorneys, and/or knowledge of their claims, and because Defendant's wrongful classification of Collective Action Class members as "independent contractors" may mislead members to believe they have no legal ability to recover overtime wages.
- 14. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Collective Action Class and have retained counsel that is experienced and competent in the fields of wage and hour law and collective action litigation.
- 15. Questions of law and fact common to the members of the Collective Action Class predominate over questions that may affect only individual members because Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to all members of the Collective Action Class.

- 16. Members of the Collective Action Class are similarly situated under the FLSA because, *inter alia*:
 - a. They held the same or materially similar positions with Defendant during the relevant period;
 - b. They had the same or materially similar job duties during the relevant time period;
 - c. Defendant classified them as independent contractors during the relevant time period;
 - d. They worked more than 40 hours per week during one or more weeks within the relevant time period;
 - e. Defendant failed to pay them overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 17. Defendant is a market research technology company. It has offices in multiple locations around the world.
- 18. Among Defendant's business offerings is the hosting and facilitation of online focus groups and other online research discussions.
- 19. Collective Action Class members' primary job duty was to perform technical setup and support for online focus groups and discussions Defendant

hosted. Their duties included tasks such as using a computer and phone to establish online connections among focus group participants via Defendant's focus group-hosting software and to correct technical issues that might arise during the focus group (such as reconnecting a participant whose connection dropped).

- 20. During the relevant time period, Defendant classified the Collective Action Class members are "independent contractors."
- 21. Defendant compensated Collective Action Class members on an hourly basis.
- 22. Collective Action Class members tracked their work hours and submitted them to Defendant as invoices on a regular basis. Defendant's hourly compensation of Collective Action class members was based on the hours submitted on these invoices.
- 23. Collective Action Class members frequently worked more than 40 hours per week during the relevant time period, sometimes working in excess of 60 hours per week.
- 24. Defendant paid Collective Action Class members only their regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of 40 per week during the relevant time period. Defendant did not pay Collective Action Class members one and one-half times their regular rate for overtime hours.

- 25. The software Defendant used for the focus group hosting was proprietary to Defendant. Collective Action Class members did not develop or write the software used to facilitate the focus groups.
- 26. Defendant did not require Collective Action Class members to have special training or certifications prior to joining Defendant.
- 27. Defendant provided Collective Action Class members the training necessary to the performance of their jobs after it hired them.
- 28. Collective Action Class members made little, if any, investment of their own in Defendant's business enterprise. The overwhelming majority of the investment in Defendant's business (such as office space, software development, the costs of personnel other than Collective Action Class members) was made by Defendant, not by Collective Action Class members.
- 29. Defendant maintained substantial control over the Collective Action Class members' daily work tasks. For example, Defendant assigned the focus group(s) each Collective Action Class member would support each day; Defendant issued Collective Action Class members specific instructions pertaining to each focus group (such as the participants' identities, the types of online connections to set up, and the start time of the focus group). After the focus group concluded,

Defendant required Collective Action Class members to submit, on a standard form, a summary of any technical issues that had occurred.

- 30. Defendant's managerial employees and/ or its customers determined the parameters and substantive content of the online focus groups for which Collective Action Class members provided technical services. For example, decisions such as who would participate in the focus groups, the products that would be evaluated during the focus groups, the topics discussed, the substantive manner in which the discussion would be conducted, and the substantive information provided to the focus group participants, were not made by Collective Action Class members, but rather by Defendant's managers or its customers.
- 31. Defendant directed Collective Action Class members to provide advance notice if they would be unable to work.
- 32. Collective Action Class members were an integral part of Defendant's business. Throughout the relevant time period, other employees of Defendant did not have the same primary duty as Collective Action Class members. Defendant's business was hosting online focus groups, and no employees of Defendant except Collective Action class members performed the technical setup and support of those focus groups.

- 33. Without the Collective Action Class members, Defendant's online focus group hosting business would have been unable to function.
- 34. Collective Action Class members' wages from Defendant depended on the number of hours they worked. Managerial skill was not a factor in Collective Action members' compensation because, *inter alia*, they did not supervise any other employees, their job duties were assigned and controlled by Defendant, and they were compensated based on the number of hours they worked.
- 35. In or about April 2017, Defendant reclassified Collective Action Class members from independent contractors to employees.
- 36. As part of this reclassification, Defendant began restricting Collective Action Class members' work hours to 40 or fewer per week.
- 37. Defendant did not materially change Collective Action Class members' job duties in connection with reclassifying them. After being reclassified as employees, Collective Action Class members performed the same, or substantially the same, duties as they did when classified as independent contractors.
- 38. Defendant knew throughout the relevant time period that Collective Action Class members worked more than 40 hours per week because Collective

Action Class members regularly reported their work hours to Defendant and Defendant compensated Collective Action Class members on an hourly basis.

- 39. Defendant's compensation policy of not paying one and one-half times the regular rate for Collective Action Class members' overtime hours was a standard policy of Defendant. It was not an informal or locally decided practice.
- 40. Defendant maintained at least four offices during the relevant time period through which Collective Action Class members worked. These offices were in Fresno, California; Portland, Oregon; Stamford, Connecticut; and Atlanta, Georgia.
- 41. Upon information and belief, individuals fitting the Collective Action Class definition worked at all four of Defendant's offices within the relevant time period because, *inter alia*:
 - a. The focus group-hosting services Defendant provides are done online, and the focus group's substantive participants frequently participate from locations throughout the country or even internationally, making the geographic location of the Collective Action Class member immaterial to the process;
 - b. A Collective Action Class member can set up and monitor a focus group from any location using Defendant's software and basic

computer and phone equipment, including from either inside one of Defendant's offices and from remote locations such as while Collective Action Class members work from their homes, as some did;

- c. Collective Action Class members' communications with their supervisors at Defendant are largely or entirely done using e-mail or other electronic means, or phone; for example: Defendants' assignments of particular focus groups to each Collective Class Member, Defendant's issuance of the parameters and start times of the focus groups, Collective Action Class members' submission to Defendant of their post-focus group technical reports, and Collective Action Class members' submission of their work hours are all done electronically;
- d. Defendant has recently begun hiring Technicians to work in its Sofia,
 Bulgaria office; these technicians have been trained to perform their
 jobs by members of the Collective Action Class and have materially
 the same duties, even though located in Bulgaria, as did Plaintiffs,
 who worked via the Atlanta office;

- e. Defendant's compensation plan (including, specifically, the policy of not paying time and one-half for Collective Action Class members' overtime hours) was, upon information and belief, applied to all Collective Action Class members regardless of their location.
- 42. On information and belief, Defendant's unlawful conduct described herein is pursuant to a corporate policy or practice of minimizing labor costs by violating the FLSA.
- 43. Defendant was, or reasonably should have been, aware that federal law require it to pay employees performing non-exempt duties overtime at a rate of one and one-half their regular rate for all hours worked in excess of 40 per week.
- 44. Defendant's failure to pay members of the Collective Action Class overtime at a rate of one and one-half their regular rate for all hours worked in excess of 40 per week was willful and in bad faith.

COUNT I Willful Failure Pay Overtime in Violation of the FLSA

- 45. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs of the Complaint as if fully restated here.
- 46. Defendant engaged in a widespread pattern, policy and practice of violating the FLSA by failing to pay members of the Collective Action Class

overtime at a rate of one and one-half times their regular rate for hours worked in excess of 40 per week.

- 47. At all relevant times, members of the Collective Action Class were engaged in commerce within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206(a) and 207(a).
- 48. The overtime wage provisions set forth in the FLSA apply to Defendant and protect the members of the Collective Action Class.
- 49. At all relevant times, Defendant was an employer engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206(a) and 207(a).
- 50. At all relevant times, Defendant employed members of the Collective Action Class within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 51. At all relevant times, Defendant has had gross revenues in excess of \$500,000.00.
- 52. Plaintiffs consent in writing to be a party to this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 53. As a result of Defendant's willful failure to compensate members of the Collective Action Class at a rate of one and one-half times their regular rate for

hours worked in excess of 40 per week, Defendant has violated the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 et seq., including 29 U.S.C. §§ 207(a)(1) and 215(a).

- 54. The foregoing conduct, as alleged, constitutes a willful violation of the FLSA within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 255(a). Because Defendant's violations of the FLSA were willful, a three-year statute of limitations applies, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 255.
- 55. Defendant did not make a good faith effort to comply with the FLSA with respect to its compensation of Plaintiffs and the members of the Collective Action Class.
- 56. Due to Defendant's FLSA violations, Plaintiffs and the members of the Collective Action Class are entitled to recover from Defendant their unpaid overtime wages for all of the hours they worked in excess of 40 per week, an additional and equal amount as liquidated damages for Defendant's willful violations of the FLSA, prejudgment interest, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of litigation.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and all members of the Collective Action Class who join this action demand a **TRIAL BY JURY** and the following relief:

- a. Designation of this action as a collective action and prompt issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all Collective Action Class members, apprising them of the pendency of this action, permitting them to assert timely FLSA claims in this action by filing individual Consents to Join pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) and tolling of the statute of limitations;
- b. A declaratory judgment that the practices complained of herein are unlawful under the FLSA;
- c. An award of unpaid overtime compensation due under the FLSA;
- d. An award of liquidated damages as a result of Defendant's willful failure to pay overtime compensation;
- e. An award of prejudgment and post-judgment interest;
- f. An award of costs and expenses of this action together with reasonable attorneys' and expert fees; and
- g. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.Respectfully submitted September 6, 2017.

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I. (a) PLAINTIFF(S)	DEFENDANT(S)
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(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)	COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED
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If this case does not proceed collectively, then I also consent to become a party-plaintiff in any subsequent action to assert FLSA claims for unpaid wages and liquidated damages against FocusVision Worldwide, Inc. and/or any affiliated entity or joint employer.

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