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COMES NOW Plaintiff KILEIGH CARRINGTON ("CARRINGTON" or "Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and alleges for her Complaint as follows:

PARTIES, JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5 1. At all relevant times herein, CARRINGTON was an individual domiciled in the County of San Diego, State of California. CARRINGTON is now domiciled in 6 Clark County, State of Nevada.
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon allege that at all relevant times 2. 8 9 mentioned herein, Defendant STARBUCKS CORPORATION ("STARBUCKS" or "Defendant"), a Washington Corporation, was and is doing business 10 throughout the state, including the County of San Diego, State of California. 11
- 3. 12 Venue is proper because certain acts constituting the below violations were 13 committed in San Diego County, which is within the Southern District of California. 28 U.S.C. § 1391. 14
- Plaintiff is presently unaware of the true names, capacities and liability of 4. 15 Defendants named herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive. Accordingly, 16 17 Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities after the same have been ascertained. 18
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously 5. 19 named Defendants is responsible in some manner for the wrongs and damages 20 21 as herein alleged, and in so acting was functioning as the agent, servant, partner, and employee of the co-defendants, and in doing the actions mentioned below, 22 was acting within the course and scope of his or her authority as such agent, 23 servant, partner, and employee with the permission and consent of the co-24 25 defendants. Plaintiff's injuries as herein alleged were proximately caused by said Defendants. Wherever it is alleged herein that any act or omission was done or 26 committed by any specially named Defendant or Defendants, Plaintiff intends 27 thereby to allege and do allege that the same act or omission was also done and 28

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1		committed by each and every Defendant named as a DOE, both separately and							
2		in concert or conspiracy with the named Defendant or Defendants.							
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3	6.	Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each							
4		of them, including DOES 1 through 10, are and at all times herein mentioned							
5		were either individuals, sole proprietorships, partnerships, registered							
6		professionals, corporations, alter egos or other legal entities which were licensed							
7		to do and/or were doing business in the County of San Diego, state of California							
8		at all times relevant to the subject matter of this action.							
9	7.	Jurisdiction over Plaintiff's state law claims is based upon the Class Action							
10		Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. section 1332(d)(2)(A), because the amount in							
11		controversy exceeds five-million dollars (\$5,000,000.00), exclusive of interest							
12		and costs, and because the majority of the members of the proposed Classes are							
13		citizens of the state of California, whereas Defendant is a citizen of the state of							
14		Washington.							
15		CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS							
16	8.	Plaintiff brings Count I (violation of California Labor Code section 226.7) as a							
17		class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, on behalf of herself							
18		and the following persons:							
19		All current and former nonexempt employees of							
20		STARBUCKS CORPORATION who have worked in the state of California at any time within the last three years and who were not provided an additional hour of							
21		pay at their regular rate of pay on at least one shift in which they worked an initial shift segment in excess of							
22		five hours before, or without, being provided a meal							
23		period.							
24	9.	Plaintiff brings Count II (violation of California Business & Professions Code							
25		section 17200 et seq.) as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil							
26	Procedure 23, on behalf of herself and as the class representative of the following								
27		persons:							
28		All current and former nonexempt employees of STARBUCKS CORPORATION who have worked in the state of California at any time within the last four							
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1		vears and who were not provided an additional hour of
2		years and who were not provided an additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay on at least one shift in which they worked an initial shift segment in excess of five hours before, or without, being provided a meal
3		five hours before, or without, being provided a meal period.
4	10.	The state law claims, if certified for class-wide treatment, are pursued on behalf
5		of all similarly situated persons who do not opt-out of the class.
6	11.	Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of other similarly situated employees, seeks
7		relief on a class-wide basis challenging, among other California Labor Code
8		violations, STARBUCKS policies and practices of failing to provide lawful meal
9		periods and pay employees an additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay
10		on shifts in which they worked an initial shift segment in excess of five hours
11		before, or without, being provided a meal period. The number and identity of
12		other plaintiffs may be determined from STARBUCKS records, and potential
13		class members may easily and quickly be notified of the pendency of this action.
14	12.	Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of other similarly situated Count II
15		employees, seeks relief on a class-wide basis challenging, among other Business
16		& Professions Code section 17200 et seq. violations, STARBUCKS policies and
17		practices of failing to pay employees an additional hour of pay at their regular
18		rate of pay on shifts in which they work an initial shift segment in excess of five
19		hours before, or without, being provided a meal period in violation of
20		California's unlawful competition laws. The facts for these allegations are set
21		forth below in Count II, and the underlying facts for these unlawful violations are
22		set forth below in Count I. The number and identity of other plaintiffs may be
23		determined from STARBUCKS records, and potential class members may easily
24		and quickly be notified of the pendency of this action.
25	13.	The approximately 150,000 member Count I class is ascertainable via their
26		experience as current or former employees of STARBUCKS who experienced
27		its uniform meal period policies and practices.
28	14.	The approximately 175,000 member Count II class is ascertainable via their
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1		experience as current or former employees of STARBUCKS who experienced							
2		its uniform meal period policies and practices.							
3	15.	Plaintiff's claims satisfy the numerosity, commonality, typicality, adequacy and							
4		superiority requirements of a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil							
5		Procedure 23.							
6	16.	The Classes satisfy the numerosity standards. The Classes are believed to							
7		number in excess of 150,000 persons. As a result, joinder of all Class Members							
8		in a single action is impracticable. Class Members may be informed of the							
9		pendency of this class action through direct mail.							
10	17.	There are questions of law and fact common to the Classes that predominate over							
11		any questions affecting only individual members. The questions of law and fact							
12		common to the Classes arising from STARBUCKS actions include, without							
13		limitation, the following:							
14		A. Whether STARBUCKS uniform meal period policies and practices							
15		resulted in a failure to properly provide Class Members with statutorily-							
16		compliant meal periods in violation of, inter alia, the applicable California							
17		Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s) and California Labor Code							
18		sections 226.7 and 512;							
19		B. Whether STARBUCKS failed to properly pay Class Members an							
20		additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay (a "meal period penalty")							
21		on shifts in which Class Members worked an initial shift segment in							
22		excess of five hours before, or without, being provided a meal period in							
23		violation of, <i>inter alia</i> , Labor Code section 226.7; and							
24		C. Whether STARBUCKS uniform policies and practices constituted a							
25		violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200 et seq.							
26	18.	The questions set forth above predominate over any questions affecting only							
27		individual persons, and a class action is superior with respect to considerations							
28		of consistency, economy, efficiency, fairness and equity to other available							
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methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the state law claims.

 Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Classes, in that Class Members have been employed in the same or similar positions as Plaintiff and Class Members were subject to the same or similar unlawful policies and practices as Plaintiff.
 A class action is the appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. STARBUCKS has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Classes. The presentation of separate actions by individual Class Members would create a risk of inconsistent and varying adjudications, establish incompatible standards of conduct of STARBUCKS, and/or substantially impair or impede the ability of Class Members to protect their interests.

Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class because she is a member of the
Class and her interests do not conflict with the interests of Class Members whom
she seeks to represent. The interests of the Class Members will be fairly and
adequately protected by Plaintiff and the undersigned counsel, who have
extensive experience prosecuting complex wage and hour, employment and class
action litigation.

Maintenance of this action as a class action is a fair and efficient method for
adjudication of this controversy. It would be impracticable and undesirable for
each class member who suffered harm to bring a separate action. In addition, the
maintenance of separate actions would place a substantial and unnecessary
burden on the courts and could result in inconsistent adjudications, while a single
class action can determine, with judicial economy, the rights of all class
members.

- 23. Plaintiff asserts this litigation as a concerted action which seeks to improve the
 wages and/or working conditions for all of Defendant's employees who
 experience its illegal policies and/or practices.
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24. In or about August 2013, Plaintiff CARRINGTON commenced working for Defendant. Plaintiff's employment with Defendant continued until January 23, 2014. Plaintiff worked for Defendant–and experienced the violations alleged throughout this Complaint–in the County of San Diego. On multiple occasions, Plaintiff worked an initial, uninterrupted shift segment in excess of five hours before, or without, being provided a meal period and without subsequently being provided an additional hour of pay at her regular rate of pay (a "meal period penalty"). Throughout her employment with Defendant, Plaintiff performed her job in a capable and competent manner and was commended for doing so.

Throughout the term of her employ, Plaintiff and all other class members were
 and are currently denied the benefits and protections of the California labor Code,
 due to the institutionalized policies and practices of Defendant, standard as to all
 Defendant's non-exempt employees in the state of California.

COUNT I VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE (Brought against STARBUCKS and DOES 1-10 by Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated)

- Plaintiff re-asserts and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through
 25.
- 27. Plaintiff alleges that STARBUCKS violated, and continues to violate, the
 California Labor Code in various respects. The specific allegations of California
 Labor Code violations are as follows:
 - A. STARBUCKS uniform policies and practices unlawfully failed to provide Class Members with statutorily-compliant meal periods in violation of, *inter alia*, the applicable California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order(s) and California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512; and
 - B. STARBUCKS failed to properly pay Class Members an additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay on shifts in which Class Members

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worked an initial shift segment in excess of five hours before, or without, being provided a meal period in violation of, *inter alia*, Labor Code section 226.7.

- 4 28. Because of STARBUCKS failures as alleged herein, Plaintiff and all other class
 5 members did not receive compensation for all hours worked for STARBUCKS,
 6 and have been damaged.
- Moreover, under applicable state law, "No employer shall employ any person 7 29. for a work period of more than 5 (five) hours without a meal period of not less 8 than 30 minutes. . . . " 8 Cal. Code Regs. § 11050 (11)(A)(emphasis added); see 9 also Lab. Code § 512(a). Unless the employee is relieved of all duty during a 10 thirty (30) minute meal period, the meal period shall be considered an "on duty" 11 12 meal period and counted as time worked. 8 Cal. Code Regs. § 11050(11)(C). An 13 employer who fails to provide meal periods as required by an applicable Wage Order must pay the employee one additional hour of pay at the employee's 14 regular rate of pay for each workday that the meal or rest period was not 15 provided. Lab. Code § 226.7(b); 8 Cal. Code Regs. § 11050 (11)(D). An 16 17 employer is obligated to record employee meal periods. 8 Cal. Code Regs. § 11070(7)(A)(3). If an employer's records show no meal period for a given shift 18 over five hours, "a rebuttable presumption arises that the employee was not 19 relieved of duty and no meal period was provided. Safeway, Inc. v. Sup. Ct. 20 21 (2015) 238 Cal.App. 4th 1138, 1160.
- 30. Within the operative time period, STARBUCKS failed provide Plaintiff and all
 Class Members statutorily compliant meal periods or meal period payments,
 causing these individuals to suffer injuries and damages as a result. These
 violations were the result of STARBUCKS uniform policies and practices. For
 example, STARBUCKS possessed a policy and practice of not paying employees
 an additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay on shifts in which they
 worked "slightly more" than five hours without first, if at all, being provided a

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meal period.

- 31. Defendant willfully failed and refused to pay Plaintiff and all other Class Members one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday that a meal period was not provided, as required by Labor Code section 226.7 and IWC Wage Order 5 (11)(D) and (12)(B).
- 32. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon allege that the examples set forth above are typical of all nonexempt employees. As a direct result of Defendant's willful failure and refusal to comply with the California Labor Code, Plaintiff and other Class Members have suffered injury, loss, and harm all to their damages in a sum according to proof. On behalf of the Class, Plaintiff hereby seeks compensatory damages, back pay (or penalty), pre-judgment interest, and other remedies set forth below.

COUNT II

VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17200 (Brought against STARBUCKS and DOES 1-10 by Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated)

- 33. Plaintiff re-asserts and re-alleges the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through32.
- 34. STARBUCKS actions, including, but not limited to, the failure to provide lawful meal periods or meal period penalties, constitute fraudulent and/or unlawful and/or unfair business practices in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law, codified under California Business & Professions Code section 17200 *et seq.* ("UCL").
- 35. Plaintiff is a former employee and direct victim of Defendant's illegal and/or
 unfair business acts and practices referenced in this complaint, has lost money as
 a result of such practices, and is suing both in her individual capacity and on
 behalf of Defendant's current and former California-based nonexempt employees
 who share a common or general interest in restitution as a result of the illegal

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- 36. The member class is ascertainable via their experience as Defendant's current or
 former California-based nonexempt (as designated by Defendant) employees.
 Class members share a community of interest and an injury-in-fact as Defendant
 has violated California compensation laws, thereby depriving the class members
 of money earned by them. Based on the facts set forth above, it would be
 impracticable to proceed in individual actions.
- 8 37. Plaintiff has suffered an injury-in-fact pursuant to Business & Professions Code
 9 section 17204, and has lost money as a result of Defendant's illegal and/or unfair
 10 practices.
- 38. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of an ascertainable class who share a community of interest pursuant to Business & Professions Code section 17203 and Code of Civil Procedure section 382, who share a common or general interest in restitution as a result of the illegal and/or unfair practices, in that those individuals on whose behalf the action is brought have also lost money as a result of Defendant's practices, as set forth above, and that it would be impracticable to proceed as an individual plaintiff action.
- 39. As set forth above, during the course of Plaintiff's employment, Defendant committed acts of illegal and unfair competition, as defined by Bus. & Prof.
 Code § 17200, by failing to comply with fundamentally protective California labor laws including, *but not limited to*, Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512, as well as California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 5-2001.
- 40. Business & Professions Code section 17200 *et seq*. prohibits any unlawful, unfair
 or fraudulent business act or practice.
- 25 41. Plaintiff's allegations herein are based upon Defendant's institutional business
 26 acts and practices.

42. Defendant's acts and practices, as described herein above, are unlawful and unfair, in that they violate the Labor Code and IWC wage order(s).

1	43.	As a direct result of Defendant's unlawful and unfair business acts and practices,						
2		Plaintiff and all other Class Members have been denied wages earned and the						
3		right to collect unemployment insurance benefits, and have therefore been						
4		damaged in an amount to be proven. Accordingly, Plaintiff prays for restitution						
5		in an amount to be proven, and injunctive relief.						
6	44.	Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges, that Defendant's unlawful						
7		and unfair business practices, alleged above, are continuing in nature and are						
8		widespread.						
9	45.	On behalf of the ascertainable class, Plaintiff respectfully requests an injunction						
10		against Defendant to enjoin it from continuing to engage in the illegal conduct						
11		alleged herein.						
12	46.	On behalf of the ascertainable class, Plaintiff respectfully requests restitution.						
13	47.	Plaintiff has incurred and continues to incur legal expenses and attorneys' fees.						
14		Plaintiff is presently unaware of the precise amount of these expenses and fees						
15		and prays leave of court to amend this first amended complaint when the amounts						
16		are more fully known.						
17	PRAYER FOR RELIEF							
18		WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on her own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly						
19	situa	ted, prays for relief as follows:						
20	1.	An order enjoining STARBUCKS from pursuing the fraudulent and/or unlawful						
21		and/or unfair policies, acts and practices complained of herein;						
22	2.	An order certifying that Counts I and II of the action may be maintained as an						
23		"opt-out" class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23;						
24	3.	Compensatory and statutory damages, penalties and restitution, as appropriate						
25		and available under each cause of action, in an amount to be proven at trial based						
26		on, <i>inter alia</i> , the unpaid balance of compensation owed by STARBUCKS;						
27	4.	Attorney's fees and costs;						
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5. Pre- and post-judgment interest; and						
6. Such other and further reli	6. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.					
DEMA	AND FOR JURY TRIAL					
Plaintiff hereby requests that this matter be heard and decided by trial by jury.						
Dated: December 21, 2016	SULLIVAN LAW GROUP, APC					
	/s/ Clint S. Engleson					
	<u>/s/ Clint S. Engleson</u> William B. Sullivan Clint S. Engleson					
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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Sullivan Law Group, APC 2330 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101 619-702-6760				Attorneys (If Known)		6CV3074	DMS KSC	<u>`</u>		
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