### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

**JOHNATHAN DOBLER**, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated,

	Plaintiff,	Case No.:
V.		
DAY & NITI LLCd/b/a D	E ALL SERVICE FLA, AY& NITE,	
	Defendants.	
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#### **COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff, JOHNATHAN DOBLER ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and other similarly situated employees, brings this action for unpaid overtime compensation, and other relief under the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 216(b) (the "FLSA") against DAY & NITE ALL SERVICE FLA, LLC d/b/a DAY & NITE ("Defendant").

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant as a HVAC service technician and performed related activities for Defendant in and around Hillsborough County, Florida.
- 2. Defendant, DAY & NITE ALL SERVICE FLA, LLC, is a Florida corporation licensed to do business in Florida, that operates and conducts business in, among others, Hillsborough County, Florida, and is therefore within the jurisdiction of this Court.

#### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

3. This action is brought under the FLSA to recover from Defendant overtime compensation, liquidated damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

- 4. This court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1337 and the FLSA.
- 5. At all material times relevant to this action, Defendant was an enterprise covered by the FLSA, as defined by 29 U.S.C. §§203(r) and 203(s).
- 6. Defendant operates a HVAC, plumbing, and energy business serving southwest Florida. At all material times relevant to this action, Defendant had gross revenues of at least \$500,000.00 annually and employed employees engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce. Defendant's employees handle and otherwise work on goods that have been moved in or produced for commerce. For example, employees employed by Defendant handles or works on goods that have been moved or produced for commerce such as HVAC equipment, tools, parts, and other items which originated from outside the state of Florida.
- 7. As a service technician, Plaintiff was not exempt from the overtime requirement of the FLSA.
- 8. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant failed to comply with 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-209, because Defendant did not pay Plaintiff overtime wages for those hours worked in excess of forty (40) within a work week.
- 9. During his employment with Defendant, Plaintiff was not paid time and one-half his regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) within a work week during one or more weeks of employment.
- 10. By Plaintiff's estimates, he routinely worked more than 40 hours or more work week, including time worked after regular business hours.
- 11. Plaintiff was never paid at one and one half times his regular rate of pay for all hours worked over forty.
  - 12. Upon information and belief, many of the records, to the extent that any

exist, concerning the number of hours worked and amounts paid to Plaintiff are in the possession, custody and control of the Defendant.

- 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant did not rely on and Department of Labor Wage and Hour Opinions or the advice of an attorney in creating its pay policies.
- 14. Defendant knew or should have known with reasonable diligence that its conduct violated the Fair Labor Standards Act.
  - 15. All conditions precedent to this action have been met or have been waived.
- 16. Plaintiff has retained the undersigned law firm and is obligated to pay the firm a reasonable fee.

## COUNT I RECOVERY OF OVERTIME COMPENSATION

- 17. Plaintiff reincorporates and readopts all allegations contained within Paragraphs 1-16 above.
- 18. Plaintiff was entitled to be paid time and one-half his regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty (40) per work week.
- 19. During his employment with Defendant, Plaintiff regularly worked overtime hours but was not paid time and one-half compensation for the same.
- 20. As a result of Defendant's intentional, willful, and unlawful acts in refusing to pay Plaintiff time and one-half his regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty (40) per work week in one or more work weeks, Plaintiff has suffered damages and is incurring reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- 21. Defendant was aware Plaintiff performed non-exempt job duties but still refused to pay Plaintiff overtime for hours worked over forty (40).
- 22. Defendant did not maintain and keep accurate time records as required by the FLSA for Plaintiff.
  - 23. Defendant failed to post required FLSA informational listings as required by

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the FLSA.

24. Defendant's conduct was in reckless disregard of the overtime requirements

of the FLSA.

25. Defendant willfully violated the FLSA.

26. Plaintiff is entitled to liquidated damages.

27. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant for the payment of

all overtime hours at one and one-half the regular rate of pay for the hours worked by him

but Defendant failed to pay him, liquidated damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs

incurred in this action, and all further relief that this Court deems to be just and appropriate.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Plaintiff hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

MORGAN & MORGAN, P.A.

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS DAY&NITE ALL SERVICE FLA d/b/a DAY& NITE						
JOHNATHAN DOBLER, on behalf of himself and others similarly sit			situate						
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Marc R. Edelman, Esq. 201 N. Franklin St. #700 Morgan & Morgan Tampa, FL 33602 (813) 223-5505				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.  Attorneys (If Known)					
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