529 Warren Ave N., Suite 201 Seattle, WA 98109 Phone: (206) 388-5887 Facsimile: (206) 577-3924

prevention in and around Seattle and King and Snohomish Counties. Plaintiffs allege Defendants have engaged in a systematic scheme of wage and hour abuse against themselves and other security officer employees in Washington, including in Seattle. These abuses include Defendants' willful failure to pay such employees their earned wages for all time worked, including overtime; willful failure to pay such employees at the applicable minimum wage / minimum compensation and overtime rates for all time worked; willfully making unlawful deductions from such employees' pay; failing to reimburse such employees for business expenses they advanced on behalf of Defendants; willfully failing to provide such employees with the rest and meal breaks to which they are entitled; willfully failing to ensure that such employees take the rest and meal breaks to which they are entitled; willfully failing to pay such employees for the missed rest and meal breaks to which they are entitled; and willful failure to pay such employees all wages due, and at the end of the established pay period, at the end of their employment.

Finally, Plaintiff Radulescu alleges Defendants terminated his employment in retaliation for his complaining about their willful failure to pay overtime as required by Washington and Seattle laws.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2.1 <u>Jurisdiction.</u> Defendants are within the jurisdiction of this Court. Defendants have conducted business and have employed Plaintiffs and other security officer employees in Washington, including within Seattle, Washington. They have obtained the benefits of the laws of the State of Washington and City of Seattle, and the Washington retail and labor markets. They have also obtained the benefits of City of Seattle retail and labor markets.
- 2.2 <u>Venue.</u> RCW 4.12.025 provides "the residence of a corporation defendant shall be deemed to be in any county where the corporation: (a) Transacts business; (b) has an office for the transaction of business; (c) transacted business at the time the cause of action arose; or (d) where any person resides upon whom process may be served upon the corporation." Venue

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES Page 2 of 21

is proper in King County because Defendants operate and transact business in Seattle, Washington, located in King County Washington.

- 2.3 Governing Law. The claims asserted on behalf of Plaintiffs and the proposed Class in this amended complaint are brought solely under Washington state and the City of Seattle laws and the causes of action and are governed exclusively by the laws of the City of Seattle and Washington State.
- No CAFA Jurisdiction. Federal jurisdiction is inappropriate under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(4)(A), because more than two-thirds of the members of the proposed class in the aggregate are citizens of Washington; Defendants are parties from whom significant relief is sought by members of the plaintiff Class; the alleged conduct of Defendants forms a significant basis for the claims asserted by the proposed plaintiff Class; at least one Defendant is a citizen of Washington; the principal injuries resulting from the alleged conduct were incurred in Washington; and, during the three-year period preceding the filing of this action, no other class action has been filed asserting same or similar factual allegations against the Defendants on behalf of the same or other persons. Alternatively, federal jurisdiction is inappropriate under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (d)(4)(B), because two-thirds or more of the members of the proposed plaintiff Class in the aggregate, and the primary Defendants, are citizens of the state of Washington.

III. PARTIES

- 3.1 <u>Plaintiff Andrew Radulescu</u>. Plaintiff Radulescu worked as an hourly paid security officer employee for Defendants from approximately April to June 2021. During his employment, Plaintiff Radulescu was a resident of Washington. Plaintiff Radulescu performed work for Defendants in and around Seattle, Washington. Defendants' paystubs to Plaintiff Radulescu identified both West Coast Security Inc. and West Coast Security Concepts.
- 3.2 <u>Plaintiff Justin Green</u>. Plaintiff Green worked as an hourly paid security officer employee for Defendants from approximately the fall of 2018 into January 2019. During his

Page 3 of 21 Phone: (206) 388-5887 Facsimile: (206) 577-3924

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

employment, Plaintiff Green was a resident of Washington. Plaintiff Green performed work for Defendants in and around Seattle, Washington. Defendants' paystubs to Plaintiff Cossey identified West Coast Security Concepts.

- 3.3 <u>Defendant West Coast Security</u>. Defendant West Coast Security is a Nevada Corporation doing business as West Coast Security, Inc., West Coast Security, and/or WC Security, Inc. in and around Seattle, King County, Washington. Upon information and belief, Defendant West Coast Security is headquartered in Washington and has employed Plaintiffs and the proposed Class in Seattle and the state of Washington and has exercised control over how and when those employees were paid. Defendant West Coast Security has affirmed that it has been operating since 2011.
- 3.4 <u>Defendant West Coast Security Concepts Inc.</u> Upon information and belief, Defendant West Coast Security Concepts Inc. has been a Nevada Corporation doing business in and around Seattle, King County, Washington. Upon information and belief, Defendant West Coast Security Concepts Inc. has been headquartered in Washington and has employed Plaintiffs and the proposed Class in Seattle and the state of Washington and has exercised control over how and when those employees were paid.
- 3.5 <u>Defendant Anthony Lombardi</u>. Upon information and belief, Defendant Anthony Lombardi has been an owner, officer, and/or principal of Defendants West Coast Security and West Coast Security Concepts Inc. On information and belief, Defendant Lombardi has been an "employer" of Plaintiffs and the proposed Class as defined by the wage laws at issue here. Upon information and belief, all actions taken by Defendant Lombardi were done in pursuit of financial gain, or livelihood, for himself individually, and also on behalf of and for the benefit of his marital community, if applicable.

IV. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

4.1 <u>Class Definition</u>: Under Civil Rule 23(a) and (b)(3), Plaintiffs bring this case as a class action against Defendants on behalf of a Class defined as follows:

All persons who have worked as security agent or officer employees for any or all of the Defendants in Washington at any time from August 9, 2018 to 90 days before the date of final disposition of this action.

Excluded from the Class are any entity in which Defendants have a controlling interest or that has a controlling interest in Defendants, and Defendants' legal representatives, assignees, and successors. Also excluded are the judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family.

- 4.2 <u>Numerosity</u>. Plaintiffs believe that more than forty persons have worked as security agent or officer employees for Defendants in Washington during the proposed Class period. These Class members are so numerous that joinder of them is impracticable. Moreover, the disposition of the claims of the Class in a single action will provide substantial benefits to all parties and the Court.
- 4.3 <u>Commonality</u>. There are numerous questions of law and fact common to Plaintiffs and Class members. These questions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to properly compensate Plaintiffs and Class members for all time worked;
 - Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to properly compensate Plaintiffs and Class members for all time worked in excess of forty hours per week;
 - Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of making unlawful deductions to the wages of Plaintiffs and Class members;
 - d. Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to reimburse Plaintiffs and Class Members for business expenses;
 - e. Whether Defendants are joint employers and/or jointly and severally liable for the unlawful acts set forth herein;

1	f.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to keep
2		true and accurate time records for all hours worked by Plaintiffs and Class
3		members;
4	g.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to
5		provide Plaintiffs and Class members with a ten-minute rest break for
6		every four hours of work;
7	h.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of requiring
8		Plaintiffs and Class members to work more than three consecutive hours
9		without a rest break;
10	i.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to
11		ensure Plaintiffs and Class members have taken the rest breaks to which
12		they are entitled;
13	j.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to pay
14		Plaintiffs and Class members an additional ten minutes of compensation
15		for each missed rest break;
16	k.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to
17		provide Plaintiffs and Class members with a thirty-minute meal break for
18		every five hours of work;
19	1.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to
20		ensure that Plaintiffs and Class members have taken the meal breaks to
21		which they are entitled;
22	m.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to pay
23		Plaintiffs and Class members an additional thirty minutes of compensation
24		for each missed meal break;
25		
26		

	1		
1	n.	Whether Defendants have engaged in a common course of failing to pay	
2		Plaintiffs and Class members all wages due, and at the end of the	
3		established pay period, at the end of their employment;	
4	0.	Whether Defendants have violated RCW 49.12.020;	
5	p.	Whether Defendants have violated WAC 296-126-092;	
6	q.	Whether Defendants have violated WAC 296-126-040;	
7	r.	Whether Defendants have violated WAC 296-128-010;	
8	S.	Whether Defendants have violated WAC 296-128-020;	
9	t.	Whether Defendants have violated RCW 49.46.090;	
10	u.	Whether Defendants have violated RCW 49.46.120;	
11	v.	Whether Defendants have violated RCW 49.46.130;	
12	W.	Whether Defendants have violated RCW 49.48.010;	
13	X.	Whether Defendants have violated RCW 49.52.050 as to the alleged	
14		violations set forth herein;	
15	y.	Whether Defendants have violated RCW 49.52.060;	
16	Z.	Whether Defendants have violated SMC 14.19 et seq.;	
17	aa	Whether Defendants have violated SMC 14.20 et seq.;	
18	bb	. The nature and extent of Class-wide injury and the measure of	
19		compensation for such injury.	
20	4.4 <u>Typicality</u> . Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Plaintiffs resided		
21	in Washington throughout their employment with Defendants and performed all work for them		
22	as security agents/officers in Washington, including in Seattle in excess of two hours for at least		
23	one two-week period in which Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs for all hours worked, and/or		
24	failed to pay Plaintiffs at the correct minimum wage / compensation and/or overtime pay rate		
25	and/or otherwise engaged in the unlawful wage and hour practices alleged herein. Plaintiffs thu		
26			

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES Page 7 of 21

are members of the Class. Plaintiffs' claims, like the claims of the Class, arise out of the same common courses of conduct by Defendants and are based on the same legal and remedial theories.

- 4.5 Adequacy. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiffs have retained competent and capable attorneys who have significant experience in complex and class action litigation, including employment law. Plaintiffs and their counsel are committed to prosecuting this action vigorously on behalf of the Class and have the financial resources to do so. Neither Plaintiffs nor their counsel have interests that are contrary to or that conflict with those of the Class.
- 4.6 <u>Predominance</u>. Defendants have engaged in a common course of wage and hour abuse toward Plaintiffs and members of the Class. The common issues arising from this conduct that affects Plaintiffs and members of the Class predominate over any individual issues. Adjudication of these common issues in a single action has important and desirable advantages of judicial economy.
- 4.7 <u>Superiority</u>. Plaintiffs and Class members have suffered and will continue to suffer harm and damages as a result of Defendants' unlawful and wrongful conduct. Absent a class action, however, most Class members likely would find the cost of litigating their claims prohibitive. Class treatment is superior to multiple individual suits or piecemeal litigation because it conserves judicial resources, promotes consistency and efficiency of adjudication, provides a forum for small claimants, and deters illegal activities. There will be no significant difficulty in the management of this case as a class action. The Class members are readily identifiable from Defendants' records.

V. SUMMARY OF FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS FOR CLASS CLAIMS

5.1 <u>Common Course of Conduct</u>: <u>Failure to Provide Proper Rest Breaks</u>. Defendants have engaged in a common course of willfully failing to provide Plaintiffs and Class members with a paid ten-minute rest break for every four hours of work. Defendants have engaged in a

Page 8 of 21

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES Page 9 of 21 $\,$

5.19 Defendants have engaged in a common course of conduct of willfully failing to properly pay Plaintiffs and Class members for all hours worked, including by failing to pay at least the applicable minimum wage / compensation rate for the first 40 hours worked in a workweek, and by paying for at least a portion of overtime hours worked at their regular rate of pay, as opposed to time and one-half the regular rate.

5.20 Defendants have engaged in a common course of conduct of failing to pay Plaintiffs and Class members for all time worked, including time spent working off-the-clock, working through meal and rest breaks, and failing to pay for all time worked on Plaintiffs' and Class members' final paychecks.

5.21 Defendants have had actual or constructive knowledge of the facts set forth in Paragraphs 5.17-5.20.

5.22 <u>Common Course of Conduct</u>: Failure to pay all wages accrued at the time of termination. Defendants have engaged in a common course of conduct of willfully failing to pay Plaintiffs and Class members all wages earned, and at the end of the established pay period, upon termination — including willfully failing to pay all such wages upon termination. Indeed, Defendants failed to pay for all recorded time worked.

5.23 Defendants have had actual or constructive knowledge of the facts set forth in Paragraphs 5.1-5.22.

VI. SUMMARY OF FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS FOR PLAINTIFF RADULESCU'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS

- 6.1 Defendants hired Plaintiff Radulescu in April 2021.
- 6.2 In early May 2021, Plaintiff Radulescu worked in excess of 40 hours in one workweek. However, Defendants only paid Plaintiff Radulescu his regular rate of pay for all hours worked that workweek. Defendants failed to pay him one and one-half times his regular rate for the hours he worked in excess of forty that workweek. Plaintiff Radulescu worked in excess of 2 hours in Seattle for the pay-period that included that workweek.
 - 6.3 Plaintiff Radulescu's paycheck for that pay period was issued on May 25, 2021.

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES Page 11 of 21 $\,$

Ph Facs

529 Warren Ave N., Suite 20 Seattle, WA 98109 Phone: (206) 388-5887 Facsimile: (206) 577-3924

Page 14 of 21

SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

IX. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Unlawful Deductions/Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses) On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 9.1 Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 9.2 Defendants made unlawful deductions from Plaintiffs' and the Class wages, including but not limited to, deductions for uniforms, tools, licenses, and other expenses which were all for the benefit of Defendants and/or without prior authorization by Plaintiffs or the Class members, and/or otherwise in violation of Washington and Seattle laws.
 - 9.3 Defendants made deductions that were for the benefit of the Defendants.
- 9.4 Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiffs and the Class for business-related expenses they incurred on behalf of Defendants, including but not limited to costs for purchasing uniform items, tools, firearms, gas for Defendants' vehicles, gas and mileage for use of their own vehicles while performing work for Defendants' business, and other such items.
- 9.5 By the actions alleged above, Defendants violated Washington laws. As a result of the unlawful acts of Defendants, Plaintiff and the Class have been deprived of compensation. Pursuant to RCW 49.52.060. RCW 49.48.010 and RCW 49.46.090, Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to recover attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

X. FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Unpaid Wages on Termination: RCW 49.48 et seq.) On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 10.1 Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 10.2 RCW 49.48.010 provides that "when any employee shall cease to work for an employer, whether by discharge or by voluntary withdrawal, the wages due him on account of his employment shall be paid to him at the end of the established pay period." The statute further states that it shall be unlawful for "any employer to withhold or divert any portion of an employee's wages."

Rekhi & Wolk, P.S.

10.3 Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and the Class all wages due, and at the end of the established pay period, at the end of their employment. This includes, but is not limited to, making unlawful deductions from Plaintiffs' and Class members' final paychecks, failing to pay Plaintiffs and Class members for all wages earned in the final pay period, failing to pay Plaintiffs and Class members for all wages earned in prior pay periods, and failure to pay Plaintiffs and Class members their final paycheck at the end of the established pay period.

10.4 By the actions alleged above, Defendants violated the provisions of RCW 49.48.010. As a result of Defendants' unlawful acts, Plaintiffs and the Class have been deprived of compensation in amounts to be determined at trial. Pursuant to RCW 49.48.030 are entitled to recover of such amounts, including interest thereon, attorneys' fees, and costs.

XI. FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Wage Theft Under SMC 14.20 et seq.) On Behalf of Plaintiffs and the Class

- 11.1 Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 11.2 SMC 14.20.020 provides that, for employees who work in Seattle, employers shall pay all compensation owed to any such employee by reason of employment on an established regular pay date at no longer than monthly payment intervals. Defendants did not pay Plaintiffs and the Class who have worked for Defendants in Seattle all compensation Defendant owed to them by reason of employment.
- 11.3 Under SMC 14.20.010, compensation is defined, in part, to include "for reimbursement for employer expenses, [and that] an employer shall indemnify the employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of the employee's duties ..."
- 11.4 By failing to pay all compensation to Plaintiffs and the Class for all work performed, failing to pay Plaintiffs and the Class at the correct minimum wage/minimum compensation and overtime rates, failing to reimburse Plaintiffs and the Class for business expenses, making

unlawful deductions from Plaintiffs' and the Classes' wages, and engaging in all of the other

1

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	
26	

XIII. SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Wrongful Discharge in Violation of Public Policy) On behalf of Plaintiff Radulescu

- 13.1 Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs.
- 13.2 RCW 49.46.100(2) provides that "[a]ny employer who discharges or in any other manner discriminates against any employee because such employee has made any complaint to his or her employer . . . that he or she has not been paid wages in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, or that the employer has violated any provision of this chapter . . . shall be deemed in violation of this chapter and shall, upon conviction therefor, be guilty of a gross misdemeanor."
- 13.3 RCW 49.46.100(2) is a source of public policy that condemns retaliation by an employer against an employee who asserts his rights under the Minimum Wage Act, chapter 49.46 RCW.
- 13.4 RCW 49.46.130 provides that "no employer shall employ any of his or her employees for a workweek longer than forty hours unless such employee receives compensation for his or her employment in excess of the hours above specified at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he or she is employed."
- 13.5 RCW 49.46.130 is a source of public policy that condemns the failure of employers to pay non-exempt employees one and one half times their regular rate of pay for hours worked in excess of forty per week.
- 13.6 RCW 49.52.050(2) provides that any employer who "[w]ilfully and with intent to deprive the employee of any part of his or her wages, shall pay any employee a lower wage than the wage such employer is obligated to pay such employee by any statute . . . [s]hall be guilty of a misdemeanor."
- 13.7 RCW 49.52.050(2) is a source of public policy that condemns the failure to pay wages in accordance with Washington law.

1	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND DATED this 14th day of June, 2023.			
2	REKHI & WOLK, P.S.	DONOVAN EMPLOYMENT LAW		
3	By: s/ Gregory A. Wolk	By: s/ William R. Donovan		
4	Hardeep S. Rekhi, WSBA No. 34579 Gregory A Wolk, WSBA No. 28946	William Robert Donovan, Jr., WSBA No. 44571 4500 Ninth Ave NE, Suite 300		
5	529 Warren Ave N., Suite 201	Seattle, WA 98105		
6	Seattle, WA 98109 Telephone: (206) 388-5887	Telephone: (206) 743-9234 E-Mail: bob@donovanemploymentlaw.com		
7	Facsimile: (206) 577-3924 E-Mail: hardeep@rekhiwolk.com	Attorney for Plaintiffs		
8	greg@rekhiwolk.com	Anomey for 1 tunings		
9	Attorneys for Plaintiffs			
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				
21				
22				
23				
24				
25				
26				

Phone: (206) 388-5887 Facsimile: (206) 577-3924