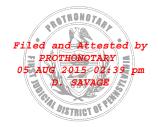
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CORINNE BROACH,	Plaintiff,		PHILADELPHIA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
V.	i iainuiri,	· : (	CLASS ACTION
SALMAN CORP.,	Defendant.	• : : :	NON-JURY TRIAL

## <u>COMPLAINT -- CLASS ACTION</u> 10 — Contract: Other

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ASSOCIACION DE LICENCIADOS DE FILADELFIA Servicio De Referencia E Informacion Legal 1101 Market Street, 11th Floor Filadelfia, Pennsylvania 19107 (215) 238-1701 Plaintiff Corinne Broach brings this class action lawsuit against Defendant Salman Corp., seeking all available relief under the Pennsylvania Minimum Wage Act ("PMWA"), 43 P.S. §§ 333.101, et seq.

### PARTIES

1. Plaintiff resides at 2947 Rutledge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134.

2. Defendant is a corporation headquartered at 101 Greenwood Avenue, Suite 204, Jenkintown, PA 19046.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants.

4. Venue in this Court is proper because, <u>inter alia</u>, Defendant regularly conduct business in Philadelphia County.

### FACTS

5. Defendant owns and operates a "Comfort Keepers" homecare franchise that provides, <u>inter alia</u>, homecare and companionship services to elderly and/or disabled customers in Southeastern Pennsylvania, including within Philadelphia County.

6. Defendant employs workers who provide homecare and companionship services to Defendant's customers. These workers are referred to herein as "homecare workers."

7. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a homecare worker from approximately May 2014 until approximately June 2015.

8. The PMWA entitles employees to overtime compensation "not less than one and one-half times" the employee's regular pay rate for hours worked over 40 per week. See 43 P.S. § 333.104(c). This entitlement extends to Plaintiff and other

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homecare workers. <u>See Bayada Nurses, Inc. v. Commonwealth</u>, 8 A.2d 866 (Pa. 2010); <u>Grajales v. Safe Haven Quality Care</u>, LLC, 2013 Pa. Dist. & Cnty. Dec. LEXIS 128 (Dauphin Cty. Com. Pl. Sept. 5, 2013).

9. Notwithstanding <u>Bayada</u> and its progeny, Defendant has failed to pay Plaintiff and other homecare workers overtime premium compensation for hours worked over 40 per week.

10. For example, Plaintiff regularly worked over 40 hours per week. Yet, Defendant did not pay Plaintiffs any overtime premium compensation for her overtime work. Instead, Defendant paid Plaintiff at her straight-time hourly or job rate for all work hours, including hours worked over 40 per week.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

11. Plaintiff brings this lawsuit as a class action on behalf of herself and all individuals who, during any time within the past three years, were employed by Defendant as homecare workers.

12. This action is properly maintained as a class action pursuant to Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure 1702, 1708, and 1709.

13. The class is so numerous that joinder of all individual members is impracticable.

14. Defendant's conduct with respect to Plaintiff and the class raises questions of law and fact that are common to the entire class.

15. Plaintiff's claims and Defendant's anticipated defenses are typical of the claims or defenses applicable to the entire class.

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16. Plaintiff's interests in pursuing this lawsuit are aligned with the interests of the entire class.

17. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect class members' interests because they and their experienced and well-financed counsel are free of any conflicts of interest and are prepared to vigorously litigate this action on behalf of the entire class.

18. A class action provides the fairest and most efficient method for adjudicating the legal claims of all class members.

#### COUNT I

19. All previous paragraphs are incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

20. Defendant is an employer covered by the PMWA's overtime pay mandate, and Plaintiff and the class members are employees entitled to the PMWA's protections.

21. The PMWA requires Defendant to pay Plaintiff and other class members overtime premium compensation "not less than one and one-half times" the regular pay rate for all hours worked over 40 per week. *See* 43 P.S. § 333.104(c).

22. Defendant violated the PMWA by failing to pay Plaintiff and other class members overtime premium compensation for all hours worked over 40 per week.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of herself and the class, seek the following relief:

A. Unpaid overtime wages to the fullest extent permitted under the law;

B. Prejudgment interest to the fullest extent permitted under the law;

C. Litigation costs, expenses, and attorney's fees to the fullest extent permitted under the law; and

D. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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Date: August 5, 2015

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For Plaintiff and the Putative Class

# **VERIFICATION**

CORINNE BROACH, hereby state: I,

1. I am a plaintiff in this action;

- I verify that the statements made in the accompanying Complaint are true 2. and correct to the best of my knowledge information and belief; and
- 3. I understand that the statements in the Complaint are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Dated: 8-5-15

Counc Berach Signature Corinne Broach Print Name