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7 8	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING		
9	ERIN DAVIS, individually and on behalf of		
10	others similarly situated,	No.	
11	Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT	
12	V.		
13 14	INTEGRITY TRAFFIC OR, LLC, a foreign limited liability company, and DAVID FLEISCHMAN, individually,		
15	Defendants.		
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17	I NATUDE	OF ACTION	
18	I. NATURE OF ACTION		
19	1.1. Plaintiff Erin Davis brings this class action to hold Defendant Integrity Traffic		
20	OR, LLC ("Integrity Traffic" or "the Company") accountable for its violations of the Minimum		
21	Wage Act, chapter 49.46 RCW ("MWA"), the Industrial Welfare Act, chapter 49.12 RCW		
22	("IWA"), the Wage Rebate Act, chapter 49.52 RCW ("WRA"), and the Prevailing Wages on		
23	Public Works Act, chapter 39.12 RCW ("PWA"). On behalf of herself and similarly situated		
24	workers, Davis seeks to vindicate workplace rights, including the right to be paid for all hours		
25	worked, the right to be compensated for missed meal periods, and the right to be paid prevailing		
26	wages on public works.		

1	II. PARTIES & JURISDICTION		
2	2.1. The Superior Court of Washington has jurisdiction over Davis's claims		
3	pursuant to RCW 2.08.010.		
4	2.2. Venue in King County is appropriate pursuant to RCW 4.12.025, as Integrity		
5	Traffic transacts business in King County, Washington, and some of the transactions giving		
6	rise to the claims asserted in this case took place in King County.		
7 8	2.3. Plaintiff Erin Davis is a resident of Olympia, Washington and a formerly		
9	hourly-paid employee of Integrity Traffic.		
10	2.4. Defendant Integrity Traffic OR, LLC is an Oregon limited liability company		
11	that does business in the State of Washington and in King County.		
12	2.5. Integrity Traffic is an "employer" within the meaning of the MWA, the IWA,		
13	the WRA, and the PWA.		
14 15	2.6. Defendant David Fleischman is the Branch Manager for Integrity Traffic's		
15 16	Washington facility.		
10	2.7. Fleischman is an "employer" within the meaning of the MWA, the IWA, the		
18	WRA, and the PWA.		
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20	3.1. Integrity Traffic is in the business of providing full-service traffic control.		
21	3.2. The company dispatches workers to job sites across western Washington in		
22	company trucks, loaded with company equipment.		
23	3.3. Integrity Traffic employed Davis from approximately January 2023 to February		
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3.4. During her employment with Integrity Traffic, Davis worked as a Flagger and 1 2 Lead Flagger and performed tasks such as those described in WAC 296-127-01329 3 ("Flaggers"). For most of her tenure, she was assigned a company truck, in which she 4 transported equipment and personnel for Integrity Traffic. 5 3.5. Davis seeks to represent all hourly-paid current and former employees who 6 worked for Integrity Traffic at any time during the three years preceding the filing of this 7 complaint or thereafter as a Flagger, Lead Flagger, Traffic Control Supervisor or similar job 8 9 classification ("Class Members"). 10 In addition, for claims related to unpaid travel time, Davis seeks to represent all 3.6. 11 workers described in the preceding paragraph who, at any time during their employment, drove 12 a company truck ("Subclass Members"). 13 **Failure to Pay Prevailing Wages** 14 3.7. Class Members worked on public works projects within the definition of RCW 15 39.04.010 and the PWA. 16 17 3.8. Even so, the Company did not pay Class Members at the prevailing wage rate 18 for work on all such projects. 19 3.9. As Branch Manager for Integrity Traffic's Washington facility, Defendant 20 Fleischman was responsible for the failure to pay prevailing wages on public works projects. 21 3.10. Integrity Traffic and Fleischman know the Company is not paying Class 22 Members at the rates required by the PWA but continue to engage in such practices. 23 **Failure to Provide Meal Breaks** 24 25 3.11. Integrity Traffic makes no effort to ensure Class Members receive 30-minute 26 meal periods for every five hours worked. On job sites where Integrity Traffic dispatches only

one or two Class Members at a time, Class Members do not receive meal periods and receive no additional compensation for the missed breaks.

3.12. As Branch Manager for Integrity Traffic's Washington facility, Defendant Fleischman was responsible for the practices described above.

3.13. Defendants' failure to pay for missed meal breaks is not accidental or the result of a bona fide dispute over the amount of wages owed but is willful and knowing.

## **Unpaid Work – Class Members**

3.14. Class Members are not paid for all hours worked, including as follows:

3.15. Integrity Traffic instructs Class Members to clock-in at the job site when the job is scheduled to begin (e.g., 9:00 a.m.), even when work is performed prior to that time, such as, loading and unloading the truck, setting cones, preparing the site, and similar work tasks.

3.16. At the end of a scheduled job, the Company instructs Class Members to clockout based on an estimate of the time needed to gather and load equipment from the site, even when the work takes longer to complete.

3.17. The Company occasionally dispatches Class Members from one job site to another, such as when a project finishes early. When this occurs, the Company does not compensate Class Members for time spent traveling between job sites.

3.18. Integrity Traffic requires Class Members to attend safety meetings on certain Saturdays (typically the third Saturday of the month) at the Shop but does not pay them for more than one hour of work, even when meetings run longer.

3.19. As a result of the practices described above, Class Members are not paid for all
hours worked.

3.20. Defendants have disregarded employee complaints about the chronic undercounting of hours.

3.21. As Branch Manager for Integrity Traffic's Washington facility, Defendant Fleischman was responsible for the practices described above that resulted in the underpayment of hours worked.

3.22. Defendants' failure to pay for all hours worked is not accidental or the result of a bona fide dispute over the amount of wages owed but is willful and knowing.

## **Additional Unpaid Work – Subclass Members**

3.23. In addition to the above undercounting of hours, Integrity Traffic does not properly compensate Subclass Members (workers assigned company trucks) for time spent driving company vehicles. Instead, it pays Subclass Members for time spent traveling from home or its Tacoma Shop to a job site (and back) only when a project is located more than 30 miles away. Previously, that threshold was 50 miles, meaning that the wage theft has increased over time.

Subclass Members are not permitted to use company trucks for personal use but 3.24. are required to clean and maintain them according to Company standards. For example, Class Members assigned trucks are required to wash them once per week and inspect them once per month on their own time and without compensation.

3.25. As a result of the practices described above, Subclass Members are not paid for all hours worked.

3.26. As Branch Manager for Integrity Traffic's Washington facility, Defendant Fleischman was responsible for such practices.

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3.27. Defendants have disregarded employee complaints about the chronic undercounting of hours, including drive time.

3.28. Defendants' failure to pay for all hours worked is not accidental or the result of a bona fide dispute over the amount of wages owed but is willful and knowing.

## IV. CLASS ALLEGATIONS

4.1. The action is properly maintainable under Civil Rule 23(a) and (b)(3).

4.2. The Class and Subclass described above is sufficiently numerous that joinder of all members is impractical, as required by Civil Rule 23(a)(1).

4.3. Pursuant to Civil Rule 23(a)(2), there are common questions of law and fact for the Class and Subclass, including but not limited to: whether Defendants kept accurate time records as required by WAC 296-128-010; whether Class Members engaged in unpaid preliminary and postliminary work; whether Defendants' practices resulted in underpayment of wages; whether Defendants failed to provide thirty-minute meal periods to Class Members on shifts lasting more than five hours; whether the failure to provide meal periods violates WAC 296-126-092; whether Integrity Traffic owes Class Members additional wages for missed meal periods; whether flagging work performed by Class Members on public works projects is covered by the PWA; whether Integrity Traffic failed to pay Class Members the proper prevailing wage rate(s) on public works projects; whether Defendants' practice of refusing to pay Subclass members for all time spent driving to job sites violates the MWA; and whether Defendants acted willfully and with an intent to deprive Class and Subclass Members of their pay, meal periods, and prevailing wages. 4.4. Pursuant to Civil Rule 23(a)(3), Davis's claims, as well as Defendants' anticipated affirmative defenses thereto, are typical of the claims of all members of the Class and Subclass.

4.5. Davis and her counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and Subclass required by Civil Rule 23(a)(4).

4.6. Pursuant to Civil Rule 23(b)(3), class certification is appropriate here because questions of law or fact common to the members of the Class and Subclass predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and because a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

## V. LIABILITY

5.1. <u>Failure to Pay Prevailing Wages.</u> Defendants' failure to compensate Davis and the Class Members at the correct prevailing wage rates and overtime rates on public works projects constitutes a violation of Washington law, including RCW 39.12.020, 49.46.130, and 49.28.010.

5.2. <u>Meal Break Violations.</u> Defendants' failure to provide legally sufficient meal breaks constitutes a violation of the IWA and its implementing regulation, WAC 296-126-092.

5.3. <u>Failure to Pay All Hours Worked</u>. Defendants' failure to accurately record and pay for all hours worked violates the MWA, RCW 49.46, and denies Davis and the Class and Subclass Members regular and overtime compensation due to them.

5.4. <u>Willful Withholding of Wages.</u> Defendants' failure to pay for all hours worked, to pay wages for missed meal periods, and to pay at the correct prevailing wage rates on public works projects was willful and knowing and thus constitutes a violation of the WRA, RCW 49.52.050 and .070.

1		VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF
2	6.1.	Davis respectfully requests the Court grant Davis and members of the Class and
3	Subclass the following relief:	
4	a.	Certification of this case as a class action pursuant to CR 23(a) and (b)(3);
5	b.	Damages for lost wages in amounts to be proven at trial;
6	c.	Compensation for missed meal periods in amounts to be proven at trial;
7	d.	Exemplary damages pursuant to RCW 49.52.070;
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9	e.	Attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to RCW 49.46.090, 49.48.030, and 49.52.070;
10	f.	Prejudgment interest; and
11	g.	Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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13 14	DATED this 16th day of September, 2024.	
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