

COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF LAWSUIT

CASE NUMBER 1:17-cv-02049-JMF (S.D.N.Y.)

ZENITH DEY and LIBBY ABESAMIS, on behalf of themselves, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly-situated, Plaintiffs,

-against-

NEXT CLEANERS NY1, LLC, and NEXT CLEANERS, LLC, and NEXT AT 808 COLUMBUS, INC., and KAM SAIFI, individually, and GEORGE INAKAVADZE, individually, and ALEKSEY BEREZOV, individually, Defendants.

If you worked for NEXT CLEANERS NY1, LLC, or NEXT CLEANERS, LLC, or NEXT AT 808 COLUMBUS, INC., (collectively as “Next Cleaners”) or KAM SAIFI, GEORGE INAKAVADZE, and/or ALEKSEY BEREZOV, (collectively as “Defendants”), at any time between March 21, 2011 and the present, ***please read this Notice.***

Important: You are NOT being sued. This Notice is NOT a solicitation from a lawyer. The Court authorized this Notice.

- Plaintiffs, Zenith Dey and Libby Abesamis, are former employees of Defendants’ laundromat / dry cleaner store located at 808 Columbus Avenue, New York, New York, 10025.
- Plaintiffs brought this lawsuit against Defendants on behalf of themselves and all other current and former employees who worked for Defendants at that location any time between March 21, 2011 and the present. Plaintiffs claim that they worked in excess of forty hours per week and that Defendants did not pay them for all hours worked in excess of forty per week at the legal overtime rate and/or at the minimum wage rate for all hours worked, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York law. Defendants deny any wrongdoing and maintain that they paid all of their employees in accordance with federal and New York law.
- The Court has authorized the parties to send out this Notice. The Court has not decided who is right or who is wrong. However, your legal rights may be affected, and you have a choice to make now.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS LAWSUIT	
ASK TO BE	If you choose to be included in this collective action, you must complete the consent form at the end of this Notice. You may then share in any proceeds from a settlement or judgment if those bringing the claims are successful, but

INCLUDED	you give up any rights to separately sue the Defendants for the same legal claims asserted in this lawsuit.
DO NOTHING	By doing nothing, you will not be included in this lawsuit.

1. Why did I get this notice?

You are getting this notice because Defendants’ records show that you may have worked for them at some point between March 21, 2011 and the present, in a job or jobs similar to the ones held by Plaintiffs.

2. What is a collective action and who is involved?

In a collective action lawsuit, one or more persons can bring a lawsuit on behalf of others who have similar claims. The individuals who brought this lawsuit are called the Plaintiffs. The corporate entities and individuals that are being sued are called the Defendants. One court resolves the issues for everyone who decides to join the case.

3. What is this collective action lawsuit about?

Plaintiffs allege that Defendants’ compensation practices violated federal and New York law. Plaintiffs claim that they and others who worked for Defendants are entitled to unpaid overtime compensation and minimum wages, liquidated damages, attorneys’ fees, and costs.

Defendants deny any wrongdoing and/or liability and maintain that all of their employees were paid in accordance with federal and New York law.

4. What is the purpose and effect of this notice?

This notice is for the sole purpose of determining those persons who wish to be involved in this case.

If you elect to join this proceeding, you may share in any settlement or judgment if the Plaintiffs are successful. There are no assurances that any recovery will be awarded.

You should be aware that a claim under the FLSA must be brought within two years of the date the claim accrues, unless you can prove that your employer’s violation was “willful,” in which case the claim must be brought within three years.

5. How do I join this collective action lawsuit?

To participate in this lawsuit, you need to fill out the enclosed form called “Consent to Join Lawsuit” and mail it in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope to Plaintiffs’ Counsel, Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. Should the enclosed envelope be lost or misplaced, the Consent to Join form must be sent to:

Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C.
1010 Northern Boulevard, Suite 328
Great Neck, New York 11021
Tel: (516) 248-5550

You can also fax the Consent to Join form to (516) 248-6027 or scan and email it to mjb@employmentlawyernewyork.com

The signed Consent to Join form must be filed with the Court by Friday, November 24, 2017. If your signed Consent to Join form is not filed with the Court by Friday, November 24, 2017, you may not be allowed to participate in this lawsuit.

6. If I choose to join this lawsuit, will I have to participate in any legal proceedings?

If you choose to join this lawsuit, you may be required to provide information and answer questions relating to your employment with the Defendants. You may be required to testify at a deposition or at trial, respond to written questions, and produce documents relevant to the case. For this reason, if you join the lawsuit, you should preserve all documents relating to your employment with the Defendants currently in your possession. Plaintiffs’ attorneys will assist you with these requirements.

7. What happens if I do nothing at all?

You will not be included in the resolution of any federal claims brought in this lawsuit and you will not be affected by any settlement or judgment of any federal claims rendered in this case, whether favorable or unfavorable. The limitations period on your claim continues to run.

8. Can I participate in this collective action lawsuit regardless of my immigration status?

Yes. You have a right to participate in this Lawsuit regardless of your immigration status.

9. If I join, will there be any impact on my employment?

No. Federal law prohibits Defendants from discharging or in any other manner retaliating against you because you join this case or have in any other way exercised your rights under federal law.

10. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

Plaintiffs are represented by Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. If you choose to join this Lawsuit, Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. will represent you on a contingency fee basis, meaning that you

will not owe any attorneys' fees unless Plaintiffs are successful and win the case or obtain a settlement, in which case the Court will determine the amount of attorney's fees to be paid.

You do not have to be represented by Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. and may instead hire another attorney of your choosing, at your own expense, or represent yourself *pro se* without the assistance of a lawyer. If you intend to retain your own lawyer or to represent yourself, you should indicate this on the "Consent to Join Lawsuit" form. If you send back your form but do not indicate that you intend to retain your own lawyer or to represent yourself, the Court will assume that you want Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. to represent you.

11. This Notice has been authorized by the Court

This notice and its contents have been authorized by District Judge Jesse M. Furman of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, located in New York, New York. The Court has not yet ruled on whether Plaintiffs' claims or Defendants' defenses have any merit.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE OR CALL THE COURT OR THE CLERK OF THE COURT ABOUT THIS NOTICE.

Although the Court has approved the sending of this Notice, the Court expresses no opinion on the merits of the Lawsuit. If you have any questions, you may contact Plaintiffs' attorneys, Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C, by telephone at (516) 248-5550 or in writing at Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C, 1010 Northern Boulevard, Suite 328, Great Neck, New York 11021, or by email at mjb@employmentlawyernewyork.com.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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-against-

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Defendants.

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CONSENT TO JOIN FORM

IF YOU RECEIVED THIS FORM AND WANT TO JOIN THIS LAWSUIT, PLEASE COMPLETE THESE TWO STEPS:

1. COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS CONSENT TO JOIN LAWSUIT FORM; AND
2. USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ADDRESS BELOW NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017.

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Great Neck, New York 11021

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I consent to join the collective action; and I elect to be represented by [choose ONE]:

____ Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C.
I authorize Plaintiffs and Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. to act on my behalf in all matters relating to this action, including any settlement of my claim.

____ Another attorney of my choosing, who shall promptly file a notice of appearance on my behalf.

____ Myself *pro se* without the assistance of an attorney.

If you do not select any of the representation options above but send back your form to Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C., you will automatically be represented by Plaintiffs' lawyers, Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. Moreover, failure to select a representation option above will authorize Plaintiffs and Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. to act on your behalf in all matters relating to this action, including any settlement of your claims. You are permitted to proceed with alternative counsel of your own choosing at your own expense or to represent yourself *pro se* without the assistance of an attorney.

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number

Email Address

Start Date of Employment

End Date of Employment