

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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ANTONIO RAMOS MARIN
and ARTURO LOPEZ,
on behalf of themselves, individually,
and on behalf of all others similarly-situated,

Docket No.: 17-cv-05020
MAS-TJB

Plaintiffs,

-against-

MEZZECANTINA LLC
and MICHAEL KRIKORIAN, individually,

Defendants.
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COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF LAWSUIT

If you worked for Mezzecantina LLC and Michael Krikorian, (together as “Defendants”), as a non-managerial kitchen worker at any time between July 10, 2014 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, Antonio Ramos Marin and Arturo Lopez, are former employees of Defendants, where they worked as non-managerial kitchen workers.
- Plaintiffs brought this lawsuit against Defendants on behalf of themselves and all other current and former non-managerial kitchen workers who worked for Defendants at any time between July 10, 2014 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, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, New Jersey Wage and Hour Law, and the New Jersey Wage Payment Law. Defendants deny any wrongdoing and maintain that they paid all of their employees in accordance with federal and New Jersey 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

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

1. Why did I get this notice?

You are getting this notice because Defendants’ records show that you may have worked for them as a non-managerial kitchen worker at some point between July 10, 2014 and the present.

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 entity and individual 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 state law. Plaintiffs claim that they and others who were or are employed by Defendants as non-managerial kitchen workers are entitled to unpaid overtime wages, liquidated damages, attorneys’ fees, and costs.

Defendants deny any wrongdoing and maintain that they paid all of their employees in accordance with federal and New Jersey 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 case, 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 postmarked by Friday, February 16, 2018. If your signed Consent to Join form is not postmarked by Friday, February 16, 2018, 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 will most likely 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 this lawsuit and you will not be affected by any settlement or judgment rendered in this case, whether favorable or unfavorable. The limitations period on your claims 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?

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 Michael A. Shipp of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, located in Trenton, New Jersey. 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.

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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, FEBRUARY 16, 2018.

3.

Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. 1010 Northern Blvd., Suite 328 Great Neck, New York 11021	You can also fax the Consent to Join form to (516) 248-6027 or scan and email it to mjb@employmentlawyernewyork.com
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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 Antonio Ramos
Marin and Arturo Lopez 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 Plaintiff's lawyers, Borrelli & Associates, P.L.L.C. Moreover, failure to select a representation option above will authorize Antonio Ramos Marin, Arturo Lopez 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