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13	CHRISTIANA BUSH, on behalf of herself,	Case No. 5:17-cv-05605-BLF
14	all others similarly situated, and the general public,	Assigned For All Purposes to the Honorable
15	F ****,	Beth Labson Freeman, Courtroom 3
13	Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION
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17	VS.	FIFTH AMENDED COMPLAINT
18	VACO LLC, a Tennessee limited liability	1. Failure to Provide Meal Periods (Lab.
	company; GOOGLE, INC., a Delaware	Code §§ 204, 223, 226.7, 512, and 1198);
19	corporation; and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive,	2. Failure to Provide Rest Periods (Lab.
20		Code §§ 204, 223, 226.7, and 1198);
	Defendants.	3. Failure to Pay Hourly Wages (Lab. Code
21		§§ 223, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1997.1,
22		and 1198);
		<ul><li>4. Failure to Indemnify (Lab. Code § 2802);</li><li>5. Failure to Provide Accurate Written Wage</li></ul>
23		Statements (Lab. Code § 226(a));
24		6. Failure to Timely Pay All Final Wages
		(Lab. Code §§ 201-203);
25		7. Unfair Competition (Bus. & Prof. Code §§
26		17200, et seq.);
		8. Failure to Pay Employees for All Hours
27		Worked (29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq.);
28		HIDY TOTAL DESCASIONS
ا ک		JURY TRIAL DEMANDED



Plaintiff Christiana Bush (referred to as "Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself, all others similarly situated, and the general public, complains and alleges as follows:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiff brings this class and representative action against Defendants Vaco LLC, Google, Inc., and Does 1 to 50, inclusive (collectively referred to as "Defendants") for alleged violations of the Labor Code and Business and Professions Code. As set forth below, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants failed to provide her and all other similarly situated individuals with meal periods, failed to provide them with rest periods, failed to pay premium wages for missed meal and/or rest periods, failed to pay them for all hours worked, failed to pay overtime wages at the correct rate, failed to pay double time wages at the correct rate, failed to reimburse them for all necessary business expenses, failed to provide them with accurate written wage statements, and failed to timely pay them all of their final wages following separation of employment. Based on these alleged violations, Plaintiff now brings this class and representative action to recover unpaid wages, restitution, and related relief on behalf of herself, all others similarly situated, and the general public.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 1331.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. section 1392(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claims alleged in this complaint occurred in this District.
- 4. The Court has personal jurisdiction over this matter because Defendants' conduct substantial business activity in this District, and because many of the unlawful acts described in this complaint occurred in this District and gave rise to the claims alleged.

### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff Christiana Bush ("Plaintiff") is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, an individual residing in Mountain View, California.
  - 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant Vaco



LLC ("Vaco") is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a Tennessee limited liability company doing business in the State of California.

- 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that Defendant Google, Inc. ("Google") is, and at all relevant times mentioned herein, a Delaware corporation doing business in the State of California.
- 8. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names, capacities, relationships, and extent of participation in the conduct alleged herein, of the defendants sued as Does 1 to 50, inclusive, but is informed and believes that said defendants are legally responsible for the conduct alleged herein and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege both the true names and capacities of the Doe defendants when ascertained.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each defendant acted in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent of the other defendants, carried out a joint scheme, business plan or policy in all respects pertinent hereto, and that the acts of each defendant are legally attributable to each of the other defendants.

### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 10. This action has been brought and may be maintained as a class action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23 because there is a well-defined community of interest among the persons who comprise the readily ascertainable classes defined below and because Plaintiff is unaware of any difficulties likely to be encountered in managing this case as a class action.
- 11. <u>Action</u>: The Action is defined as the suit filed on August 24, 2017 with the Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 17CV314988, on behalf of Plaintiff Christina Bush, all others similarly situated against Defendants.
- 12. **Relevant Time Period**: The relevant time period is defined as the time period beginning four years prior to the filing of the Action until judgment is entered.
  - 13. The class and sub-class members are defined as follows:
  - <u>Google Expedition Class</u>: All persons employed directly by Google and/or through any staffing agencies, including but not limited to Vaco LLC, who worked in schools to promote Google Expedition s in the United States during the **Relevant Time Period**.



Google Expedition California Sub-Class: All persons employed directly by Google and/or through any staffing agencies (including Vaco LLC) who worked in schools to promote Google Expedition in California during the **Relevant Time Period**.

Order Audit Operation Specialist Class: All persons employed directly by Google and/or through any staffing agencies, including, but not limited to Vaco LLC, in the United States during the **Relevant Time Period**.

Order Audit Operation Specialist California Sub-Class: All persons employed directly by Google and/or through any staffing agencies (including Vaco LLC) who input data into Google system concerning which movies and television shows to go live in California during the Relevant Time Period.

Content Bug Technician Class: All persons employed directly by Google and/or through any staffing agencies, including, but not limited to Vaco LLC, in the United States during the Relevant Time Period.

Content Bug Technician California Sub-Class: All persons employed directly by Google and/or through any staffing agencies (including Vaco LLC) who conducted quality assurance for YouTube Live in California during the Relevant Time Period.

<u>UCL Class</u>: All Google Expedition Class, Order Audit Operation Specialist Class and Content Bug Technician Class members employed by Defendants in California during the Relevant Time Period.

- 14. **Reservation of Rights:** Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23, Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or modify the class definitions with greater specificity, by further division into sub-classes, and/or by limitation to particular issues.
- 15. <u>Numerosity</u>: The class members are so numerous that the individual joinder of each individual class member is impractical. While Plaintiff does not currently know the exact number of class members, Plaintiff is informed and believes that the actual number exceeds the minimum required for numerosity under California law.
- 16. <u>Commonality and Predominance</u>: Common questions of law and fact exist as to all class members and predominate over any questions which affect only individual class members. These common questions include, but are not limited to:
- A. Whether Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to provide employees with their meal periods;
- B. Whether Defendants maintained a policy or practice of failing to provide employees with their rest periods;



- C. Whether Defendants failed to pay premium wages to class members when they have not been provided with required meal and/or rest periods;
- D. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum and/or overtime wages to class members as a result of policies that fail to provide meal periods in accordance with California law?
- E. Whether Defendants failed to reimburse class members for all necessary business expenses incurred during the discharge of their duties;
- F. Whether Defendants failed to provide class members with accurate written wage statements as a result of providing them with written wage statements with inaccurate entries for, among other things, amounts of gross and net wages, and total hours worked;
- G. Whether Defendants applied policies or practices that result in late and/or incomplete final wage payments;
- H. Whether Defendants are liable to class members for waiting time penalties under Labor Code section 203;
- I. Whether class members are entitled to restitution of money or property that Defendants may have acquired from them through unfair competition.
- 17. **Typicality:** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the other class members' claims. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants have a policy or practice of failing to comply with the <u>Labor Code</u> and the <u>Business and Professions Code</u> as alleged herein.
- 18. Adequacy of Class Representative: Plaintiff is an adequate class representative in that she has no interests that are adverse to, or otherwise conflict with, the interests of absent class members and is dedicated to vigorously prosecuting this action on their behalf. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the other class members.
- 19. Adequacy of Class Counsel: Plaintiff's counsel are adequate class counsel in that they have no known conflicts of interest with Plaintiff or absent class members, are experienced in wage and hour class action litigation, and are dedicated to vigorously prosecuting this action on behalf of Plaintiff and absent class members.



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