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Female Workers launch sexual harassment lawsuit against Marriott's Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach

April 28, 2016: Today, female workers at the Renaissance Hotel in Long Beach will file a lawsuit against their employer and a Banquet Captain, David Flores, for sexual harassment and failure to prevent and remedy harassment.

The lawsuit is being filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court by hotel employees Luz Cuevas, a banquet server, and Teresa Evangelista, a lobby attendant. Marriott International and Renaissance Hotel Operating Company are named as defendants in this suit.

The complaint is being filed on behalf of these female workers by J. Bernard Alexander, Michael S. Morrison and Ana Mendoza of Alexander Krakow + Glick LLP, a Santa Monica law firm that exclusively represents employees. The action seeks to end the sexual harassment that primarily Latina and Spanish speaking female workers claim is prevalent in the Renaissance workplace. This harassment includes numerous instances of women being subjected to physical, verbal and emotional harassment by male supervisors and co-workers.

The filing of this action is occurring during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), which is dedicated to increasing awareness, across the country, of sexual assault and educating communities on prevention.

Lobby attendant Evangelista said, "Me and my fellow female employees have been forced to endure graphic sexual comments, inappropriate touching and sexual advances by coworkers and supervisors for years. We've complained many times to human resources and management, but nothing has been done. We are tired of being treated like this and receiving no help. As women trying to make a living, this conduct takes an enormous physical and emotional toll on us. We have tried to overcome our fears, in choosing to file this lawsuit to protect ourselves."

AK+G's J. Bernard Alexander, III said: "We intend to prove that for years, these female workers at the Long Beach Renaissance Hotel, who are primarily Latina and Spanish speaking, have been subjected to clear violations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. Despite its receipt of numerous complaints, the hotel has taken no genuine interest in ensuring a safe workplace environment for its female employees. The male-dominant behavior that these women have had been forced to endure as a condition of earning an honest living is vulgar and disgusting. By this lawsuit, we intend to hold the Renaissance accountable, and put a stop to this conduct."

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