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AK+G joins in Class Action suit against Marriott International's Hotel in Long Beach

April 19, 2016: Alexander Krakow + Glick LLP joined forces with the Law Offices of Kyle Todd to file a class action lawsuit on behalf of workers at the Long Beach Renaissance Hotel, operated by defendants Marriott International and Renaissance Operating Company for denial of rest breaks and overtime pay. The lawsuit was filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. The Long Beach Renaissance Hotel is owned by Sunstone Hotel Investors.

Workers in the banquet, housekeeping, and food service departments allege that the Renaissance violated their rights by regularly denying them legally mandated meal and rest breaks while failing to pay overtime for missing those breaks. Housekeepers were also required to purchase cleaning supplies without reimbursement.

AK+G's Michael Morrison said: "we intend to prove that the workers at the Long Beach Renaissance Hotel have been subjected to violations which are all too common in the hotel industry—off the clock work, denial of meal and rest periods, and not being reimbursed for all business expenses. Hotel workers, especially in Southern California, are a vulnerable population due to the fact that many are immigrants and most, if not all, are low-wage earners. But they are valuable contributors to our economy, and deserve to be paid every dollar that they have earned."

The lawsuit comes on the heels of efforts by Long Beach hotel workers to end workplace abuse in the Long Beach hotel industry. Workers and community supporters are urging Long Beach City Council to pass *Claudia's Law*, legislation that seeks to protect workers in Long Beach hotels from sexual harassment as well as providing fair pay for heavy workloads.

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