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Lawsuit against Intertek USA for overtime pay violations – FLSA lawsuit seeks class-action status

HOUSTON Former employees of Intertek USA Inc., a global inspection and certification company, have filed a lawsuit on behalf of all other current and former inspectors for minimum wage and overtime violations. Kennedy Hodges, LLP, estimates that hundreds of individuals in Texas and throughout the country may have been victims of Intertek’s federal wage law violations.

Kennedy Hodges, LLP, filed the lawsuit on behalf of its clients today against Intertek USA Inc. The company owns and operates 1,000 laboratories and offices in 100 countries, but one thing the company apparently doesn’t have is a legal payroll practice. In a prior lawsuit filed against the company a federal judge from New Jersey granted a motion for summary judgment holding that Intertek’s use of the “fluctuating workweek” does not comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Many of Intertek’s employees who were subject to that payroll practice did not become part of that suit. This new lawsuit, filed by Robert Barnard and Bryan Ahrens, seeks to recover their overtime wages, liquidated or double damages and attorney’s fees.

The employees filing the lawsuit are also asking for the case to be certified as a collective action under the Fair Labor Standards Act. That would allow current and former employees to become part of the suit. At this time, more than 20 other employees have come forward with a complaint about wage theft.

Intertek USA provides laboratory testing, cargo inspection and certification services for clients around the world and the company employs inspectors nationwide to perform these tasks. However, the lawsuit alleges that Intertek permitted its non-exempt inspectors to work over 40 hours per week, but did not compensate them at a rate of one-and-one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours over 40. Many of these employees were working up to 90 hours in a single week.

The suit explains that the company’s use of a “fluctuating work week” pay method resulted in a reduced overtime payment to the employees and a minimum wage violation. The employees seek to recover compensation for the federally mandated minimum wage rate, their unpaid overtime compensation, liquidated damages, and attorney’s fees and costs as required by the FLSA.

In Texas alone, Intertek operates in cities including (but not limited to): Houston, San Antonio, Elmendorf, Plano, Nederland, Baytown, Corpus Christi, Deer Park, Freeport, Pasadena, Texas City, La Porte, Odessa and The Woodlands. Their

Galvin B. Kennedy and his firm have represented hundreds of employees in wage claims against large and small corporations who have violated the minimum wage and overtime laws. The law firm of Kennedy Hodges helps employees obtain their honest day's pay for an honest day's work.

The law firm of Kennedy Hodges, LLP, handles minimum wage and overtime claims, personal injury, trucking accidents, medical malpractice, and defective product claims nationwide.

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