

**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR  
FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

*Kelley v. California Protection and Investigation Services, Inc., et al.,*  
Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV31470

The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice, Read it carefully!

This is not junk mail, spam, advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit (“Action”) against Defendant California Protection and Investigation Services, Inc. (“Defendant”) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former non-exempt employee of Defendant (“Plaintiff”) and seeks payment of back wages and other relief for a class of all non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant in California (“Class Members”) during the Class Period (November 27, 2020 through October 13, 2025) and penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”) (Lab. Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*) for all non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant in California (“Aggrieved Employees”) during the PAGA Period (September 26, 2023 through October 13, 2025).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on Defendant’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$«Estimated\_Individual\_Class\_Payment» (less tax withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$«Estimated\_Individual\_PAGA\_Payment». The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant’s records, you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you did not work during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on Defendant’s records showing that you worked «Class\_Workweeks» workweeks during the Class Period and you worked «PAGA\_Pay\_Periods» pay periods during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks and/or pay periods during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date, *See* Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval of the Settlement. Your legal rights are affected whether you do or do not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiffs attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two options under the Settlement:

1. **Do Nothing.** You do not have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and still be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to directly assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against Defendant.

2. **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting a written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator (named on page 5, below) in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment, You will, however, preserve your right to directly pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendant, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement,

Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

## SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

**You Do Not Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement.** If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to directly assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this Settlement (“Released Claims”).

**You Can Opt-Out of the Class Settlement, but not the PAGA Settlement.** The Opt-Out Deadline is May 4, 2026. If you don’t want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt- out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice.

**You Cannot Opt-out of the PAGA Portion of the Proposed Settlement.** Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue PAGA Released Claims (defined below).

**Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement, but not the PAGA Settlement.** Written objections must be submitted by May 4, 2026. All Class Members who do not opt- out (“Participating Class Members”) can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court’s decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff. Other than the PAGA portion of this Settlement, you can object to any aspect of this Settlement. See Section 7 of this Notice.

**You Can Participate at the Final Approval Hearing.** The Court’s Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on August 25, 2026. You do not have to attend, but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court’s virtual appearance platform, Participating Class Members can also verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.

**You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods.** Written challenges must be submitted by May 4, 2026. The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number of Workweeks and number of Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant’s records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it, if at all, by May 4, 2026. See Section 4 of this Notice.

### 1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former non-exempt employee of Defendant. The Action accuses Defendant of violating California

labor laws for (1) failure to pay minimum wage for all hours worked, (2) failure to pay overtime compensation, (3) failure to provide meal periods, (4) failure to provide rest periods, (5) failure to indemnify necessary business expenses, (6) waiting time penalties, and (7) wage statement violations. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the PAGA. Plaintiff is represented by attorneys (“Class Counsel”) in the Action. Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

## **2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?**

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Defendant violated any laws. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator to help resolve the Action by negotiating an end to the Action by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a Judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations of law or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable, and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine whether to finally approve the Settlement.

## **3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?**

### **Defendant Will Pay \$560,000.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (“Gross Settlement Amount”).**

Defendant has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement Amount into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement Amount to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel’s attorney’s fees and expenses, the Administrator’s expenses, and penalties to be paid to the LWDA. Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Defendant will fund the Gross Settlement not later than 15 days after the Judgment entered by the Court becomes final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.

**Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement Amount.** At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Court will decide these amounts at the Final Approval Hearing:

- Up to \$186,666.67 (one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount) to Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees and up to \$30,000.00 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
- Up to \$5,000.00 as a Class Representative Service Payment to Plaintiff for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Service Payment will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff’s Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
- Up to \$7,750.00 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

- Up to \$25,000.00 for PAGA Penalties, 65% of which would be allocated to the LWDA as an LWDA PAGA Payment and 35% of would be allocated to the Aggrieved Employees as Individual PAGA Payments based on the number of pay periods they worked for Defendant in California for at least one day during the PAGA Period (the “PAGA Pay Periods”).

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

**Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members.** After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the “Net Settlement Amount”) by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.

**Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members.** Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages (“Wage Portion”) and 80% to penalties and interest (“Non-Wage Portion”). The Wage Portions are subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendant will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portions. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

**Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks.** The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the “Void Date”). If you do not cash it by the Void Date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be paid to a non-profit organization or foundation (“Cy Pres”). The Court has approved Legal Aid at Work as the Cy Pres recipient.

**Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs).** You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than May 4, 2026, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a you or your representative setting forth your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (“Non-Participating Class Members”) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against Defendant.

**You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement.** Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the facts alleged in the Action during the PAGA Period.

**The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval.** It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline to enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void and, in turn, Defendant will not pay any money and Class Members/Aggrieved Employees will not release any claims against Defendant.

**Administrator.** The Court has appointed a neutral company, ILYM Group, Inc. (the “Administrator”), to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member challenges over Workweeks/Pay Periods, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

**Participating Class Members’ Release.** After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement Amount and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for wages and penalties during the Class Period and PAGA Period based on the facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Defendant and all other Released Parties from (i) all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts alleged in the Complaint, including claims for: (1) failure to pay minimum wage for all hours worked, (2) failure to pay overtime compensation, (3) failure to provide meal periods, (4) failure to provide rest periods, (5) failure to indemnify necessary business expenses, (6) waiting time penalties, and (7) wage statement violations. Except as set forth in Section 5.2 of the Settlement Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers’ compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

**Aggrieved Employees’ PAGA Release.** After the Court’s judgment is final, and Defendant has paid the Gross Settlement, all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendant, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against Defendant or its related entities based on the facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement for the PAGA Period.

All Aggrieved Employees release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, Defendant and all other Released Parties, from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts alleged in the Complaint and the PAGA Notice, including for (1) failure to pay minimum wage for all hours worked, (2) failure to pay overtime compensation, (3) failure to provide meal periods, (4) failure to provide rest periods, (5) failure to indemnify necessary business expenses, (6) waiting time penalties, and (7) wage statement violations.

#### **4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENTS?**

**Individual Class Payments.** The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.

**Individual PAGA Payments.** The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$8,750.00 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.

**Workweek/Pay Period Challenges.** The number of Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant’s records, are

stated on the first page of this Notice. You have until May 4, 2026 to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Defendant's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Defendant's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members and Aggrieved Employees) and Defense Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You cannot appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

## **5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?**

**Participating Class Members.** The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check, to the extent possible, to every Participating Class Member (*i.e.*, every Class Member who does not opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Otherwise, two checks will be sent.

**Non-Participating Class Members.** The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Settlement (*i.e.*, every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

## **6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?**

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing you submit communicating your request to be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Kelley v. California Protection and Investigation Services, Inc., et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV31470, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by May 4, 2026, or it will be invalid. Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

## **7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?**

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 court days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Payment. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website (<https://www.ilymgroup.com/>) or the Court's website (<https://www.lacourt.ca.gov/>).

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Settlement or the Motion for Final Approval may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is May 4, 2026. Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action, *Kelley v. California Protection and Investigation Services, Inc., et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV31470, and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment with Defendant and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. A Participating Class Member may appear at the Final Approval Hearing to object to the Settlement without having submitted a written objection to the Administrator in advance. See Section 8 of this Notice for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

## **8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?**

You can, but do not have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on August 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 17 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, located at Spring Street Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Class members may appear at the final approval hearing in person or remotely using the LACourtConnect portal (<https://lacc.lacourt.org/>). Class members who wish to appear remotely are encouraged to contact class counsel at least three days before the hearing, if possible, so that potential technology or audibility issues can be avoided or minimized. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement Amount will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually. Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It is possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Court's website beforehand to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

## **9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

The Settlement Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Settlement Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to the Administrator's website at <https://www.ilymgroup.com/>. You can also telephone or send the Administrator an email using the contact information listed below, or consult the Los Angeles County Superior Court website by going to <https://www.lacourt.ca.gov/>.

**DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OR TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE OR THE SETTLEMENT.**

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**10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK(S)?**

If you lose or misplace your settlement check(s) before cashing it/them, the Administrator will replace it/them as long as you request a replacement before the Void Date on the face of the original check(s). If your check is already void you should consult the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the money.

**11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?**

To receive your check(s), you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.



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